

**INTRODUCTION - GRADUATION PARADE**  
**6 May 2022 - 1545 HOURS**

1545- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY'S REVIEW WILL BEGIN  
MOMENTARILY. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND OUR GUESTS OF THE GUIDELINES FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY TOMORROW MORNING. THE DOORS TO MCALISTER FIELD HOUSE WILL OPEN AT 7:30 AM. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO DEAS HALL WHERE THE SENIORS WILL ASSEMBLE. FOR YOUR SAFETY THERE WILL BE ADDED SECURITY MEASURES. OVERSIZED BAGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE FIELD HOUSE AND THERE WILL BE NO STORAGE AREA FOR THESE ITEMS.**

**THE CLEAR BAG POLICY IS IN EFFECT.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER, THE FOLLOWING  
ITEMS ARE **NOT** ALLOWED AT EVENTS**

- Bags, backpacks, hard-sided containers or items **larger than 8" x 11"** (diaper bags are permitted if infant is present)
- Food or drink, with the exception of bottled water or medical needs
- Artificial noise makers, air horns or megaphones
- Large signs, flags, poles, banners or laser pointers
- Firearms, explosives or other weapons
- Drugs or alcohol, or persons found under the influence
- Animals, unless assistance dogs

**PLEASE LEAVE THEM IN YOUR VEHICLE. WE GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR COOPERATION.**

**[Read when instructed]**

GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. ON BEHALF OF GENERAL GLENN M. WALTERS, PRESIDENT OF THE CITADEL, HIS WIFE, GAIL, OUR BOARD OF VISITORS, AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORP OF CADETS, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE CITADEL AND THIS AFTERNOON'S GRADUATION PARADE. KNOWN AS THE LONG GRAY LINE, TODAY'S PARADE IS IN HONOR OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF [2022](#) AND MARKS THE OFFICIAL TRANSFER OF COMMAND TO THE CLASS OF [2023](#).

THE CORPS OF CADETS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HERE ATTENDING THIS WEEK'S COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES.

**[BRIEF PAUSE...]**

THE CITADEL'S MISSION IS TO EDUCATE AND PREPARE GRADUATES TO BECOME PRINCIPLED LEADERS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE BY INSTILLING THE CORE VALUES OF THE CITADEL IN A CHALLENGING INTELLECTUAL ENVIRONMENT. THESE CORE VALUES ARE **HONOR, DUTY, AND RESPECT.**

**SEQUENCE OF EVENTS - GRADUATION PARADE**  
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SOUND ATTENTION (Adj Directs)

SOUND ADJUTANT'S CALL (Adj Directs)

**{Commanders will march their units on the Field in accordance with Paragraphs 3 & 4, Commandant Memo}**

RESPONDING TO “ADJUTANT’S CALL,” THE CORPS OF CADETS NOW MOVES TO ITS POSITION ON THE FINAL LINE FORMING FOR PARADE. “ADJUTANT’S CALL,” SOUNDED ON A TRUMPET OR BUGLE, HAS OPENED PARADES OF THE AMERICAN FORCES FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS. **(PAUSE)**

WHILE THE MARCHING UNITS ARE FORMING FOR THE CEREMONY, I WILL BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND ASSOCIATED WITH SOME OF THE MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES YOU WILL OBSERVE THIS AFTERNOON. THE TRADITION OF PARADING TROOPS CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THE TIME OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT. FOR THE MOST PART, DRILL PROCEDURES AND MOVEMENTS ON THE PARADE FIELD IN THE PAST WERE IDENTICAL TO THE TACTICAL MANEUVERS EMPLOYED ON THE BATTLEFIELD. THE TRADITIONS OF UNITED STATES MILITARY REVIEWS AND PARADES BEGAN AT VALLEY FORGE.

AT THAT TIME, BRIGADES OF SOLDIERS WERE FORMED IN ORDER OF BATTLE. MODERN DAY CEREMONIES ARE CONDUCTED TO RENDER HONORS, PRESERVE TRADITION, AND FOSTER ESPRIT DE CORPS. PARADES WERE ORIGINALLY THE WORKING FORMATION OF THE ARMY WHICH BEGAN AND ENDED EACH DAY; WHEREAS, THE REVIEWS WERE FORMAL DRESS OCCASIONS. THE REVIEW YOU WILL SEE TODAY IS A CONTINUATION OF A TWO HUNDRED YEAR OLD TRADITION AND DOES NOT DIFFER GREATLY FROM THE

PARADE SEQUENCES OUTLINED IN GENERAL FRIEDRICH WILHELM BARON VON STEUBEN'S (SHTOY-BENS) DRILL MANUAL KNOWN AS THE BLUE BOOK AND PRACTICED BY THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE CADET REGULATIONS TO THIS DAY ARE STILL REFERRED TO AS THE "BLUE BOOK." THE PRESENCE OF THE REGIMENTAL BAND REPRESENTS THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THAT THE DRUM, FIFE, AND OTHER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS HAVE PLAYED THROUGHOUT MILITARY HISTORY FOR SIGNALING IN CAMP OR ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

**(Read as the Colors reach their position along the line)**

NOW APPROACHING THE CENTER OF THE FORMATION IS THE REGIMENTAL COLOR GUARD BEARING THE NATIONAL, STATE, AND REGIMENTAL COLORS. THE PRESENCE OF THESE COLORS AT THE CENTER OF THE FORMATION REPRESENTS THEIR HISTORICAL LOCATION AT THE FOREFRONT OF A REGIMENT DURING THE HEAT OF BATTLE, SERVING BOTH AS A POINT FOR THE UNIT TO DRESS ON AND RALLY AROUND. THE REGIMENTAL COLOR OF THE CORPS OF CADETS BEARS EIGHT BATTLE STREAMERS, ONE FOR EACH ENGAGEMENT THE CORPS PARTICIPATED IN DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

THE REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT, **CADET MAJOR JAYDEN BOSSIAN** IS NOW MOVING TO HIS POSITION. THE ADJUTANT'S WALK, PERFORMED AT AN EXAGGERATED CADENCE, IS DESIGNED TO MOVE HIM RAPIDLY TO A POSITION WHERE HE CAN PRESENT THE CORPS TO THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER.

**(Regt Cmdr commands FORWARD MARCH when Adjutant faces the front. Regt Cmdr and Staff halt on the marked position on the Parade Field.)**

**{Read as Regt Cmdr is just beyond the PT pad.}**

THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, **CADET COLONEL KATHRYN CHRISTMAS**, AND MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENTAL STAFF ARE TAKING THEIR POSITIONS ALONG WITH THE CORPS OF CADETS FOR TODAY'S REVIEW.

**{Regt Cmdr will march the Staff to position at the Center of the Field.}**

BRING YOUR BATTALIONS TO PRESENT ARMS **(Adj executes an about face and directs, then Faces About and Salutes)**

**(Read as 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn goes to Present Arms)**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE RISE FOR THE PLAYING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. DURING THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM GUESTS ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO REFRAIN FROM TALKING AND FOR GENTLEMEN TO REMOVE HEADGEAR AND TO PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE. OUR GUESTS ARE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN IN SINGING THE ANTHEM.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

**(Read after National Anthem)**

PLEASE BE SEATED.

BRING YOUR BATTALION TO ORDER ARMS **(Adj Directs after coming to Order Arms and Facing About)**

SIR, THE PARADE IS FORMED **(Adj Faces About, Salutes, and Reports after all units are at Order Arms)**

RECEIVE THE REPORT **(Regt Cmdr Returns the Salute and Directs)**

REPORT **(Adj Faces About and Commands)**

SIR, ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR **(Adj Faces About, Salutes, and Reports when all units have reported)**

PUBLISH THE ORDERS **(Regt Cmdr returns the Adjutant's Salute and directs,**

ATTENTION TO ORDERS **(Adj Faces About and Directs)**

OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY \_\_\_\_\_

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BATTALION AND COMPANY COMMANDERS, EXECUTE YOUR CHANGE OF COMMAND **(Adj Directs)**

**(Read after Adj directs Bn Cmdrs)**

THE CURRENT BATTALION AND COMPANY COMMANDERS ARE NOW CHANGING COMMAND WITH THE RISING 2023 BATTALION AND COMPANY COMMANDERS.

**{Graduating Battalion Commanders will execute their respective Change of Command in accordance with Paragraph 4, Commandant's Memo}**

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**GRADUATING FIRST CLASS (pause) CENTER (Adj Directs when all Bns have completed the Change of Command)**

**{At the preparatory command Center, Graduating First Class will Face to the Right/Left and Graduating Co Cmdrs and Plt ldrs will move in accordance with Paragraph 5, Commandant Memo}**

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**MARCH (Adj Directs when all First Class is in position)**

**{On the command March, all Graduating First Class will move to the First Class Line as indicated by Figure #6, Commandant Memo. The Adjutant and the Graduating Regt Staff will move to the First Class Line and leave a space in the center for the Graduating Regt Cmdr. All rising Company Commanders will assume their command positions}**

**(Read when First Class is all on line and faced to the front)**

THE MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING FIRST CLASS ARE NOW ON LINE IN FRONT OF THE CORPS OF CADETS IN PREPARATION TO MARCH ACROSS THE FIELD WHERE THEY WILL TAKE THE PASS IN REVIEW. **(pause)**

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**OFFICERS, RETURN . . . . . SWORDS (Regt Cmdr directs when Graduating First Class has closed on line and faced to the front)**

**(Read when Rising Regt Cmdr is in position with the Graduating Regt Cmdr)**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AT THE CENTER OF THE PARADE GROUND

CADET COLONEL KATHRYN CHRISTMAS, REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, CLASS OF 2022, IS

PASSING THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER'S SWORD TO CADET SERGEANT MAJOR BRANDON

JOHNSON, REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, CLASS OF 2023. THIS EXCHANGE CARRIES A

SIGNIFICANT MEANING. THE SWORD, KNOWN AS "THE BURROWS SWORD," WAS ONCE

CARRIED BY THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, CLASS OF 1940. THE LATE COLONEL JAKE

BURROWS, UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED, PRESENTED HIS PERSONAL SWORD TO THE

CORPS OF CADETS IN SEPTEMBER OF 2007. IT WILL BE CARRIED EACH YEAR BY THE CURRENT REGIMENTAL COMMANDER AND PASSED EACH SPRING TO A NEW GENERATION OF CITADEL LEADERSHIP.

**{The Graduating and Rising Regimental Commanders will execute the Change of Command in accordance with Paragraph 6, Commandant Memo}**

**[At the conclusion of the regimental change of command the graduating and rising regimental commanders will center face to the Chapel. They march together toward the First Class line. Once there the rising commander passes through to the staff.]**  
**(Read when Graduating Regimental Commander is in position on the First Class Line)**

CLASS OF 2022, FORWARD, **(Pause)** MARCH. **(Pause)**

THE CLASS OF 2023 ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE CADET REGIMENT.  
**{Graduating First Class will Mark Time when they reach the white line next to rope barrier.}**

**(Read when all are on line)**

GRADUATING FIRST CLASS...HALT **(small pause)**  
CLASS OF 2022 **(pause)** ABOUT **(pause)** FACE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE CLASS OF 2022, OVER 657 CADETS STRONG. **(pause for applause)**

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**BRING YOUR BATTALIONS TO PRESENT ARMS (New Regt Cmdr Directs after Seniors Face About. When all Bns are at Present Arms, the new Regt Cmdr will Face About and salute the senior class)**

**(Read when Regt Cmdr salutes)**

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORPS OF CADETS IS NOW RENDERING ITS FINAL SALUTE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2022.

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**BRING YOUR BATTALIONS TO ORDER ARMS (New Regt Cmdr comes to Order Arms, Faces About, and directs as soon as the narrator finishes speaking, then remains facing the line of troops)**  
**(Read as 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn goes to Order Arms.)**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PLEASE RISE FOR THE CITADEL ALMA MATER.

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**ALMA MATER (Band plays the Alma Mater)**

**(Read after Alma Mater)**

PLEASE BE SEATED.

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**PASS IN REVIEW (OLD Regt Cmdr directs NEW Regt Cmdr)**

**{Regt Cmdrs exchange salutes and NEW Regt Cmdr executes About Face.}**

**PASS-IN-REVIEW (NEW Regt Cmdr Directs)  
(Read at this time)**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE FINAL EVENT OF TODAY’S CEREMONY WILL BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORPS OF CADETS PASSING IN REVIEW. WE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN BEHIND THE ROPE BARRIERS UNTIL ALL CADET UNITS HAVE LEFT THE FIELD. AS THE NATIONAL COLORS APPROACH YOUR POSITION PLEASE RISE AND RENDER APPROPRIATE HONORS.

**{All unit leaders will command Eyes Right when their units turn on the Pass-in-Review line and remain at Eyes Right until their respective unit has passed the line of Graduating First Class. As the home company passes, each first class cadet will take one step to the next white line, halt, and salute. After the company has passed, step backward to the line nearest the rope. As the Colors pass, a “Ripple Salute” will be executed by the cadets in the Reviewing Line (members of Company “I” will execute the second count of the hand salute after the Colors pass before they salute Company “I”).}**

**(Read when the Band turns to leave the field)  
CLASS OF 2022, DISMISSED.**