For those of you who are not aware, The Citadel is in the process of implementing The Green Zone on campus. In short, The Green Zone is a training program that will provide staff and faculty insight to what we, as veterans, deal with. We are not cadets, we don’t have a set schedule to adhere to, we are for all intents and purposes just regular college students.

At the same time, we deal with problems, day in and day out, that regular students do not have to deal with as well. We have jobs, families, bills, medical appointments, and just life in general.

The Green Zone is going to allow staff and faculty, on a voluntary basis, to act as a go to person if a veteran is having trouble in the classroom. Do not expect the person to have the answer to all your questions, that is not the intention of this program at all, but allow them to be that open ear if you are having issues. Within the training, they will be provided with information for both on and off campus resources, if you should need it, as well as making you feel included and welcome on this campus.

We feel this is a good step in the right direction to include veterans into the many facets of The Citadel. For most of us, we have the desire to feel included among our peers. Some of us want to come to school, do our work, get our degree, and go about our life, and that is perfectly fine. For others, we want to leave a positive mark, to make it so the next group of veterans want to share their skills and experiences.

Lastly, we want The Green Zone to help eliminate this notion that Veterans and PTSD are synonymous with one another. Understanding that some of our brothers and sisters are troubled by this, and we support them. There seems to be a negative connotation for all veterans when it is even mentioned. We want to end this stigma, help those who have it, and we want The Citadel’s support in helping us achieve these goals for all of us who are in need of help.

As a member of this community, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your service to this country. Regardless, of how long you served, the courage you presented to do what was necessary for this country is unprecedented. The sacrifice made by you is to never go unrecognized. You all stand as staples in society and as fountains of knowledge and experience. Especially here at The Citadel, the direction that can be provided to the cadets looking to join the military is an overlooked commodity. Reach out to your fellow students, be the leader that you were in the service, and be proud of who you are and what you’ve done for this nation. Thank you again for all you’ve done and thank those veterans who you come into contact with.

-J.B.
October 23rd, 2019, marked the first time in five years that a group strictly consisting of Citadel Veteran students and Ms. Sally Levitt, participated in Leadership Day. Teaming up with Fresh Start Visions, a non-profit that helps ex-offenders get on the straight-and-narrow, the veterans assisted in moving furniture, pressure washing, and clearing out a lot of trees and brush. We hope to continue this trend to show our presence in the community, as well as at The Citadel.

When soldiers have been baptized in the fire of a battle-field, they have all one rank in my eyes. Napoleon Bonaparte

Veterans Day Breakfast

On Friday, November 8th, 2019, The Daniel Library is hosting its annual Veterans Day Breakfast. This gracious extension has been enjoyed by many veterans over the past 8 years and is a warm welcome to those veterans who have just started their college career here. It is a fantastic time to get to know the library staff, fellow veterans, and those members of the staff and faculty who are also veterans. Please come out, enjoy some breakfast, enjoy the company of our kind, and forget about studying for a bit.

Veterans Day Deals

In celebration of Veterans Day, take advantage of local deals business offer in honor of your service. It could be a free meal at a restaurant, discounted membership at a wholesale store, and various other offers. The community wants to give back to you so don’t shy away from these great offers. Local deals may vary but some companies offer deals nationwide. For more information feel free to look up deals in the area or check out: https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/67508/veterans-day

Thank You Veterans

Veterans Day - November 11
Warrior Surf Foundation

Warrior Surf Foundation was founded of Folly Beach in May of 2015. Their program is available to Veterans / active service members with psychological and/or physical disabilities. Psychological disabilities include, but are not limited to, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, and related mood or anxiety disorders, as well as post-service transition challenges, moral injury, survivor’s guilt, and TBI. Physical disabilities include, but are not limited to, physical disabilities.

Veteran Assistance Programs

Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center
109 Bee St. Charleston, SC
(843)577-5011
If you have a DBID card

Goose Creek VA Health Clinic
2418 NNPTC Cir.
Goose Creek, SC
(843)-577-5011 ext. 3100

Veteran Crisis Line:
1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)
838-255 (SMS/Texting)

Crisis Text Line:
741-741 (24/7)

Tri-county Veteran Support Network:
843-410-3616

Career Center

The Career Center can help you with a plethora of tasks from resume building, identifying career values and skills, interview skills, and help build your professional network with career fairs and LinkedIn. The Citadel Career Center educates and empowers students to become active participants in their professional success. They encourage early career exploration, they provide weekly opportunities for employer engagement and they support development of proactive job search skills for the purpose of securing competitive employment or admission to graduate school at graduation.

Breathe, be present in your thoughts and actions, and enjoy each second of where you are in your journey.

-Alan Watts
Humor is the truth; wit is an exaggeration of the truth.

-Stan Laurel

Military Humor

A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realizes he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon further and shouts: "Excuse me, can you tell me where I am?"
The man below says: "Yes, you're in a hot air balloon, hovering 30 feet above this field."

"You must be an NCO," says the balloonist. "I am" replies the man. "How did you know?"
"Well," says the balloonist, "Everything you have told me is technically correct, but it's no use to anyone."
The man below says "You must be an Officer". "I am" replies the balloonist, "But how did you know?"
"Well," says the NCO, "You don't know where you are, or where you're going, but you expect me to be able to help. You're in the same position you were before we met, but now it's my fault."

Celebrity on Campus

To those of you who may not know, we have a celebrity veteran student on campus. Nicholas Beveridge is looking to pursue a career in the medical field. Perhaps becoming the real life Dr. Strange.