

THE CITADEL
The Military College of South Carolina
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**THE COLONEL McMILLAN '38 POLICY ON THE NOMINATION AND AWARD OF
POSTHUMOUS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**

1. PURPOSE

This policy is named in honor of Lieutenant Colonel George Bray McMillan '38, USAAF. He was one of five Citadel combat aces in one of the most famous military flying units of all time. Colonel McMillan is now befittingly recognized as a distinguished alumnus of The Citadel.

The Board of Visitors is empowered to confer posthumous undergraduate degrees on persons of good standing. This Policy sets forth the process and criteria for nomination and awarding of a posthumous undergraduate degree.

2. REFERENCE

S.C. Code Ann. 59-121-50
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

3. DEFINITION

A posthumous undergraduate degree is an academic degree for which a college or university has waived the usual requirements of completing a course of study.

4. POLICY

- A. An undergraduate student may be awarded a degree posthumously on the recommendation of faculty, staff, Board of Visitors member, alumni, friend, or family member, subject to meeting all required conditions. To be eligible to receive a degree posthumously, the student, at the time of death, must have been in good standing at the college in all of the following areas: GPA, discipline, and honor.
- B. Additional criteria for posthumous undergraduate degree eligibility:

For non-service members, the nomination must be made within two years of the last term of enrollment., and the nominee must have completed at least 75 percent of degree requirements of which 37 of the last 43 credits must be from The Citadel.

For servicemembers, the student must have been Killed in Action (KIA), Died of Wounds Received in Action (DWRIA), or died as a result of hostile or terrorist action after The Citadel's initial accreditation by the South Carolina Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, January 1, 1924 (the date accredited by SACSCOC).

- C. The Registrar, the Provost, the President and the Board of Visitors will approve the nomination prior to award.
- D. The degree will be designated “awarded posthumously” on the certificate and presented to the family of the deceased by The President.

5. COMPLIANCE

If this policy is not followed for awarding the posthumous degree, the degree may be revoked or not awarded.

6. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis by the Office of the Provost.

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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//signed, SCS 31 January 2022
Provost and Dean of the College, The Citadel
Brigadier General, SCM

