

# Citadel Family Association

# ALL IN THE FAMILY

Special Issue

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## Welcome to the CFA

Spoken like a true mother, an excerpt from "Norwood Grinalds, Mother of the Corps," in the Fall 2000 issue of *All in the Family*:

*For those of you who are watching this life passage for the first time, it can be a heart thumping experience. These young people of ours are packing up for an adventure no less daunting for them than boarding Endurance, with Sir John Shackelton in 1916 for Antarctica, was for his raw-boned, seasoned crew. The turning away from comforts of home, the surge of adrenaline when stepping into this boat of passage that has carried other initiates on other days to The Citadel, marks a moment of maturity and vigor that will be etched, as in stone, into their personal histories.*

*An interesting phenomenon occurs when your cadet arrives at The Citadel. Whereas once you perhaps felt in the dark about what was really going on at the core of your children's thought process, now, as the point of discipline and authority in their day-to-day lives shifts to their faculty, squad leaders, and Corps commanders, you amazingly become their confidante. Roles are reversed. We are like a strong rope, made of three cords – the cadet, the faculty/staff, and the parent. If we work together, we will run the race and win the prize.*

The Citadel Family Association is composed primarily of parents or guardians of current cadets. Its mission is threefold:

- (1) To provide information to and support for the families of current cadets;
- (2) To provide the families with a forum for discussion of common interests; and
- (3) To take reasonable steps to support College initiatives.

From your knob's first day, **August 16, 2003**, you belong to a support system that is just a phone call/e-mail away to helping you understand the workings of the system of The Citadel. The invitation to the beach house, after you have said your good-byes, is another way we try to show you "we're with you, we're behind you, we are you" as you meet new parents, enjoy the beautiful ocean, and feel a sense of peace that your child has chosen an awesome journey of challenges and opportunities that will build confidence and leadership to follow them on through life.

Your membership in The Citadel Family Association is automatic and free. There are no membership dues, only four meetings each year. Our only "requirement" is that you experience the membership. This is strictly a volunteer based group. There are parents who volunteer to be representatives for each company so that if you need to speak on "parents' terms" and need a sounding board, it's only a phone call away. If you look at the "Nice To Have List" that comes with the orientation package, that was compiled by the CFA. Our newsletter *All in the Family* is published quarterly by a CFA parent and she is always interested in what type of additional information that would be helpful to you.

If you have not had the opportunity to become involved with the CFA, we encourage you to do so. We invite your input, your involvement, and your information. Please visit the Citadel Family Association home page at [www.citadel.edu/CFA](http://www.citadel.edu/CFA) or use the link from The Citadel home page for updated information.

## Who to Call

*My hands were sweaty, my heart beat fast, my stomach was in knots, and I was terrified I would burst into tears at any moment. Well, that was Matriculation Day and the following week. How nice it would have been to have a parent in my child's company whom I could talk to and from whom I could get answers to my many "new" questions. —Lynda Dunn, Tango 2003*

**Alpha** Brian & Dianne Cahill  
2004 / 803-865-2395

**Bravo** Mike & Linda Shute  
2004 / 856-935-9127

**Charlie** Michael & Sherry Cariens  
2005 / 803-808-1523

**Delta** Marion & Debra Shaw  
2005 / 843-365-1544

**Echo** Peter & Sarah Beth Mallory  
2005 / 706-882-3284

**F-Troop** Ed & Cindy Piper  
2004 / 910-455-6942

**Golf** Heyward & Dee Mattox  
2006 / 803-803-4890

**Hotel** Chris & Meg Zaro  
2007 / 610-933-8488

**India** Ben & Carol Salvatini  
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**Kilo** Ray & Barbara Martin  
2004 / 770-448-0983

**Lima** Dwight & Sherry Stewart  
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**Oscar** John & Mary Braeunig  
2004 / 864-250-9032

**Romeo** Randy & Elaine Cuthbertson  
2005 / 843-579-0415

**Tango** Teresa & Finbar O'Reilly  
2005 / 843-762-3685

**Palm. Battery** Maxcy & Chris Lynn  
2004 / 864-573-8900

**Band** Bill & Cydney Kastner  
2006 / 843-766-3526

Garden spot

By Norwood Grinalds



If I could share one part of my life here at The Citadel with you, it would be the joy of my contact with the cadets. Nothing pleases me more than having a visit from one of them. Occasionally, the doorbell will ring and a cadet, standing erect, will ask, "Ma'am, did you really mean it when you said we could come over for a soda and a game of Chinese Checkers?" "Absolutely! Come right in." What joy!

By the middle of September all knobs, by companies, will have been to the President's house for dessert. No officers—not even General Grinalds—or upperclass cadets are allowed to be at the quarters, and the knobs get their first opportunity since arriving at The Citadel to relax and talk at will. I invite several of the staff wives to serve as hostesses and we set up ice cream sundae bars and 10,000 cookies. The cadets eat and talk and laugh for an hour and a half until their company officers arrive at the front of the quarters to march them back to the barracks.



### Hearty Cooking

Every day I make a large, heart-shaped chocolate chip cookie equivalent to five dozen cookies. All cadets are special, but I find one who needs a boost, perhaps has a health problem, a disappointment, or bad news from home. If I don't find that cadet on a given day, I give it to a cadet who has made a contribution to the chapel program, been cited for a remarkable deed, or has smiled at me.

I love these cadets, and I love living here at The Citadel with them.

*Norwood Grinalds*

*P.S. Editor's Note: Mrs. Grinalds is respectfully considered the "Mother of the Corps." Get a chance to meet her and you'll understand this title!*

## Important Weekends in Knob Life

NOTE—It is as important for parents to know and follow the schedule of the day as it is for your knobs to keep to their class, duty, and parade schedules.

**Matriculation Day**—is the day you and your cadet will "report" for duty at the side or rear sallyport (or door) of an assigned barracks. After reporting to a battalion TAC and being measured for and changing into uniform, you can help him/her move into the room. Following this initial phase of the day, you are invited to meet with religious officers and leaders, to lunch in the mess hall, to the President's address and information fair, and to the CFA Picnic at The Citadel Beach House. NOTE: Avoid displays of emotion *in front of company officers*, even hugging.

**Parents' Weekend**—marks your cadet's official entrance into the Corps of Cadets in a parade ceremony. He/she will need "normal" family contact, so please make a special effort to be with your knob on Parents' Weekend, or arrange for a

sponsor family to do something special with and for your knob.

**Holiday Furlough**—reunites knobs with families and friends and may foster doubts like "why did I chose The Citadel" and "why should I go back" after remembering "the real world." Please don't hesitate to call upon school officials or the CFA during these times.

**Recognition Day**—is an amazing day in the life of every knob. Upperclass cadets call knobs by their first names and will offer the same privilege to knobs. This day will remain important to your cadet as this will be the last privilege he/she will confer upon the knobs of the Class of 2007, perpetuating the legacy of earning respect. *This event is not open to the public or parents.*

## Need a Sponsor Family?

Call Cadet Activities **843-953-5111**.

Many knobs who live far from Charleston find that they miss the comforts of home and feel like they don't have any way to feel "at home." Well, you'll be delighted to know that many Charleston families offer their homes, shoulders, showers, beds, and cooking services to Citadel knobs. *Out-of-state knobs are generally given preference when assigning of sponsor families.*

Many of you parents and families of knobs who do live here in Charleston will find that you become default sponsor families for your cadet's roommate or even a few others.

## Wanted:

The CFA is looking for a few parent volunteers to serve as the following:

CFA Vice-Chair

CFA Volunteer Coordinator

CFA Company Representatives for Echo & Kilo

Please contact CFA Chair Mike & Dotty Jo Webb for more information @ **843-757-7441** or by e-mail at [djowebb@yahoo.com](mailto:djowebb@yahoo.com).

## Watching out for you!



Have you made hotel reservations for the "big" weekends? If not, here are some suggestions and please do not forget to mention or request the "Citadel" rate.

### Charleston area:

Charleston Riverview Hotel  
Very close to campus  
(843) 723-3000

Comfort Inn—(1) mile from campus  
(843) 577-2224

Hampton Inn-Riverview  
Located on a marina  
(843) 556-5200

Hampton Inn—Historic district  
Across the street from Charleston Visitors & Transportation Center downtown—approx. 5 mins. drive  
(843) 723-4000

Holiday Inn—Riverview  
Only 1/2 mile drive to campus  
Overlooks the water  
(843) 556-7100

### Mount Pleasant (over the bridge)

Quality Inn @ Patriots Point  
Approx. 10 min. drive to campus  
(843) 856-8817

Sleep Inn Approx. 10 min. drive  
(843) 856-5000

### North Charleston area:

Wingate Inn—Approx. 9 miles  
(843) 308-9666

*While based upon availability, many of these hotels offer special Citadel rates.*

## ATTENTION! Parents Of Athletes Reporting Early

The CFA extends a special invitation to you to attend the Matriculation Day CFA Picnic at The Citadel Beach House.

Since you all report with your knobs several weeks before Matriculation Day and the majority of the knob class, we want you to feel welcome at all of our activities.

When you bring your knobs to campus in late July to report for school and for training, we will be there as part of Orientation. We will be there afterwards for your questions. A continental breakfast will be hosted by the CFA at the Mark Clark Hall after you have dropped off your cadet. This will allow you a chance to meet some of the CFA parents.

## Care Packages

**NOTE—Knobs don't get to come home for the weekend!!!**



When your cadet is a knob, the US Postal Service can be your best friend. After email, snail-mail may be the only way you can communicate with your cadet until second semester when knobs usually earn the privilege of keeping a phone in their rooms.

Snail-mail is also a great way to send your cadet some of the comforts of home—care packages. The number 1 tip from parents is to use the Number 1 box from the post office; it will fit in the knobbie bag and is less likely to be "shared" with upperclass cadets. You may want to pick some up from the campus post office for free.

## Out & About Charleston

#1 CFA Picnic at The Citadel's Colonel Robert McCormick Beach House on Saturday, August 16th starting @ 4 p.m. Expect to enjoy the beautiful ocean view, walk on the beach, fantastic food & service provided by STICKY FINGERS ([stickyfingers.net](http://stickyfingers.net)) and the opportunity to meet with your cadet's company commander and other parents. Directions will be available from a CFA parent on Matriculation Day. Look for them in their blue shirts & badges. Check out the beach house at [www.citadel.edu/cadetactivities/beachhouse.htm](http://www.citadel.edu/cadetactivities/beachhouse.htm)

#2 South Carolina Aquarium—Great place to cool off! Please check schedule & ticket prices @ [scaquarium.org](http://scaquarium.org)

#3 South Carolina Maritime—History remade and only one block from the aquarium, [semaritime.org](http://semaritime.org)

#4 Downtown Charleston—great shopping, sightseeing, take a walk on the battery, sit on some ol' cannons, enjoy the park with a wonderful water view, feed the squirrels, and relax!

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**Upcoming dates to keep in mind:**



Matriculation Day, Class of 2007

August 16, 2003

& CFA Picnic @ Citadel Beach House



1ST Parade—3:45 p.m.

Friday, August 29, 2003



1st Home Football Game

Saturday, August 30th

2:00 p.m.

vs. Charleston Southern University

New "cross town" rivals!

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