



# The Citadel Family Association

## All In The Family



Spring 2008

### Citadel Family Association spearheads ‘Citadel Heroes’ for deployed cadets

by Kaye Youngren, CFA chair

Last November we were contacted by a Citadel Family Association member; a mom, the mother of a sophomore Cadet. Just a small-town mom from Lexington, SC.

She had the idea to send “care packages” to the 16 cadets who are currently on active duty in the military.

Loretta Smith Gobbel (Charlie Co.) wanted to express appreciation to our Citadel cadets who are deployed.

What a wonderful inspiration, we thought. So we got behind her idea and off she went to make it happen. Along side Loretta marched Patty Walk (Charlie Co.) from California, and Maureen Boyle (Delta Co.) from New York.

What started as a Christmas pick-me-up became an overwhelming outpouring from our CFA families and Citadel Cadets, and is now an on-going CFA project.

The project is overseen on campus by Col. John Carter, chairman of the Health Exercise and Sports Science Department, who

volunteered to ensure packages and cards are mailed to our Cadets.

The Christmas packages contained toiletry and sundry items, snacks, DVDs, books and magazines, and letters and cards, including messages from South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford and his family, and students and teachers at the Pat Butler Elementary School in Paso Robles, Calif., and the 10th Street School in Oakmont, Pa.

We have heard from our Cadets; here are three excerpts. (For privacy purposes, only first names are being used.)

Thomas wrote, “I wanted to thank you and whomever else was part of putting the care package together that was sent to me. It is always awesome to get an unexpected package like that. It’s little things like that put a smile on a soldier’s face, and sometimes that’s all it takes.”

From James: “I was a senior at The Citadel when I volunteered for deployment. ... I am the recipient of one of your generous care packages. I can’t tell you how nice it was to come back from my

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### Corps Day 2008 marks The Citadel’s 165th birthday, first leadership symposium

Corps Day at The Citadel, March 14 - 16, celebrates the college’s opening when the first 20 cadets reported for class at the old campus on Marion Square in downtown Charleston in 1843.

One of the most highly attended Citadel attractions, Corps Day will feature dress parades, the presentation of the Palmetto Medal and the spring football game.

The “Gold Corps,” graduates of 50 or more years, will be recognized at the Washington Light Infantry parade, Friday afternoon.

Saturday morning, barracks and facilities will be open for inspection by parents and visitors. The new Summerall Guard will debut and a parade for the Board of Visitors will be held. (A selected schedule is listed on page 2 and more details can be found on the web at [http://pao.citadel.edu/08corpsday\\_sked](http://pao.citadel.edu/08corpsday_sked).)

This year’s Corps Day also marks the beginning of the annual Principles Leadership Symposium.

“As world affairs become more complex, the demand for strong leaders is more important now than ever before,” said Citadel President Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa. “The symposium will expose cadets and

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delegates from other colleges and universities to a variety of speakers and panelists from various professions—all exploring the concept of principled leadership.”

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*Lt. Col. Pamela S. Barton, (left), renders honors during the 15-gun salute at a Saturday morning Corps Day Review*

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# Corps Day Calendar

(excerpted)

## Friday, March 14

- 12:30 p.m. *Principled Leadership Symposium: Former NFL coach Bobby Ross. Free and open to the public*  
2 p.m. *The Citadel Family Association Annual Meeting, Bond Hall, Room 165*  
3:45 p.m. *Washington Light Infantry military dress parade to commemorate the 165th anniversary of the Corps of Cadets and to recognize Gold Corps alumni, Summerall Field*  
9 p.m. *Corps Day Hop, featuring Plane Jane, McAlister Field House*

## Saturday, March 15

- 8 a.m. *Information, refreshments, sale of mementos, Buyer Auditorium, Mark Clark Hall*  
8:30 a.m. *Barracks and facilities open to visitors. (Barracks close at 10 a.m.)*  
9 a.m. *Summerall Guards performance/ Bond Volunteers exchange of rifles, presentation of Anthony Griffin Sword and presentation of Clubb Award, Summerall Field*  
10:15 a.m. *The Citadel Story – A musical narration of the history of The Citadel, Summerall Field*  
11 a.m. *Military dress parade for Board of Visitors, presentation of Palmetto Medals, Summerall Field*  
*Tennis vs. UNC Charlotte, Earle Tennis Center*  
1:30 p.m. *Blue and White Football Game, Summerall Field*  
3 p.m. *Tennis vs. Boston University, Earle Tennis Center*

## Sunday, March 16

- 9 a.m. *Protestant Service, Summerall Chapel, reception to follow on patio at Mark Clark Hall*  
11:15 a.m. *Catholic Mass, Sacred Heart Church, corner of King and Huger Streets*  
7 p.m. *Catholic Mass, Summerall Chapel*

## Corps Day's Principled Leadership Symposium speakers

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The college is expecting approximately 100 delegates from local colleges, senior military colleges and the federal service academies to attend the two-day conference on leadership and ethics. Featured speakers are:

• Darla Moore, vice president of Rainwater, Inc., is founder and chair of the Palmetto Institute. During the 1980s, Moore made a name for herself by taking over companies in bankruptcy and making them profitable. By the early 1990s, she was the highest paid woman in banking.

• Bobby Ross, the nationally-renowned football coach and sports figure whose career as a head coach includes positions with The Citadel, the University of Maryland, Georgia Tech, the San Diego Chargers, the Detroit Lions and the United States Military Academy.

• William H. Swanson, chairman and CEO of Raytheon. With 2007 sales of \$21.3 billion, Raytheon is a technology leader specializing in defense, homeland security and other government markets throughout the world.

• Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding

General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Antwerp serves as the senior military officer overseeing most of the Nation's civil works infrastructure and military construction.

### Citadel Language

• **Mess Fact** — Fourth class cadets may be required to give mess facts at the lunch and evening meals. These mess facts may be any item of "Knob Knowledge," the next day's menu or a current event from the day's newspaper.

## 'The Fourth-Class System is no longer in effect' are the sweetest words in a Knob's life

Recognition Day is a momentous occasion in the life of a knob. It means the end for rigid formations, walking in single file at breakneck speed and the highly regimented way of life that is The Citadel's Fourth-Class System, the toughest college military training system in the country.

Recognition Day begins much the way the first day of military training began back in August - with intense physical and mental challenges. At the end of the day, this year in late April, the Fourth-Class System is canceled and knobs are recognized by their first names by all upperclassmen.

# Graduation plans for May 1 - 3 are beginning to shape up and excitement builds

Commencement events take place May 1 - 3. Several events are outlined below. Other events and more details, can be found at [citadel.edu](http://citadel.edu). (*Editor's note: events and times are unconfirmed as of press time. Please consult [citadel.edu](http://citadel.edu) and information to be mailed closer to the event. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor events may be cancelled.*)

Parking will be at a premium and admission tickets are required only for Commencement Exercises for the Corps of Cadets on Saturday. Ten tickets will be distributed to each cadet.

## Thursday, May 1

### 1:30 p.m. Star of the West Finals

This event is the culmination of many hours of practice in rifle drill. The winner will be named the "Best Drilled Cadet" and will have his or her name inscribed on the Star of the West Monument. The winning cadet will also wear the Star of the West Medal. The ship, Star of the West, was fired upon by Citadel cadets in 1861.

### 3:45 p.m. Awards Review

The afternoon Review features the presentation of several prestigious awards.

### 5:45 p.m. Baccalaureate Service

Summerall Chapel

## 'How nice it was to come back from my firebase and find this box waiting for me on Christmas Eve'

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firebase and find this box waiting for me on Christmas Eve. It was really a nice feeling learning that somebody cared and was praying for me."

David wrote: "I just wanted to write and tell you thank you for the package that you sent me. I received it today and I'm sure there will be nothing left after my roommates get to it (they thank you as well). I have to say that I have been feeling a little forgotten over here, but with all the packages I have been receiving, it is comforting to know that we over here are remembered."

Thus the Citadel Heroes 2008 enterprise was born. Under the tireless leadership of Loretta, Project Director, the CFA plans to continue supporting our Citadel deployed. The CFA will collect cards, gifts, letters, personal items and snack foods for our Cadets. The

## Friday, May 2

### 2:15 p.m. 2009 Summerall Guards

Performance honoring of the Class of 2008

### 3:00 p.m. Graduation Parade

("Long Gray Line" Parade)

Members of the Class of 2008 will march in their final parade as cadets. As the class crosses Summerall Field to "take the review," the leadership of the Class of 2009 will take command of the Corps of Cadets.

### 4:00 p.m. Garden Party

#### Quarters One

Given by Lt. Gen. and Mrs. John W. Rosa for the Class of 2008 and their guests on the porch of the President's House immediately after parade until 5:30 p.m.

## Saturday, May 3

### 9:30 a.m. Cadet Commencement

#### Exercises

#### McAlister Field House

Begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. with the processional. After the invocation, national anthem and introductions of the special guests, Lt. Gen. Rosa will deliver remarks. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham will then deliver the address to the Class of 2008. Lt. Gen. Rosa will administer the oath to those entering the Armed Forces.



The presentation of candidates and conferring of degrees will precede the actual presentation of diplomas. The ceremony will conclude with the singing of the alma mater, the benediction, closing remarks by Lt. Gen. Rosa and the "tossing of hats."

current count is 16 cadets who had their college interrupted when they answered the call from their military units to serve our country.

What started out as a Christmas mission has turned into a long-term commitment to keep this project going for as long as we have deployed Cadets. The year will be changed, but the Citadel Heroes will remain.

We have selected two major dates, Christmas and Easter, to send packages. And remember, our Citadel military share the gifts they receive so we are not only expressing our love and support of The Citadel, but we are reaching out to touch a life of someone we may never know.

The CFA website: [www.citadel.edu/cfa](http://www.citadel.edu/cfa), will soon have the schedule, deadlines and suggested. In the meantime, contact Loretta directly at, [LSmith@caicworksite](mailto:LSmith@caicworksite).

Information will be available at the CFA Annual Meeting, March 14 and at Mark Clark Hall on Saturday morning, March 15th.

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## Miniature rings: 'Nothing speaks more or leaves one speechless'

by Lou Ann Coleman, CFA vice-chair

There are few days in the life of a cadet that are more special than Ring Day. Actually, it is safe to say there are none. On Ring Day the memories of the trials and hardships of knob year pale in comparison to the overwhelming sense of accomplishment in receiving the coveted Citadel ring.

The heavy gold ring is distinguished in its own right and very recognizable by alumni and friends of The Citadel. In addition to the very uniqueness of The Ring, there are other facets to Ring Day.

While family and friends relish in the excitement following the ceremony, it's interesting to read the different inscriptions inside the rings. Some cadets choose scripture, others choose sayings that have

become a part of their Citadel life.

Another endearing part of the day is, sometimes, a cadet will choose to present a miniature ring to a loved one – be it a girlfriend or mother. Nothing speaks more and, on the other hand, it leaves one speechless.

For my own experience, it was a day I'll never forget. Having lost my husband/his dad just eight months prior to Ring Day, the day was bittersweet. As usual though, the Citadel Man immerged and our son presented me with a miniature Citadel ring with the inscription "For the both of you."



*David Roe Coleman, Jr., '08, Bravo Co., shows off his Citadel ring as his mother, Lou Ann, shows off the miniature ring he gave her.*

God Bless The Citadel, the Class of '08, and our Citadel Man!

# CITADEL FAMILY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

*Please set aside just one hour from your schedule to join the CFA, Friday, March 14, 2008 at 2 p.m., Bond Hall, Room 165 for our Annual Meeting.*

We have lots of exciting news to share; you will meet Company and Battalion Representatives; you will have the opportunity to ask questions and meet other parents. This is YOUR meeting and it will only be successful if YOU attend.