



All In the Family

Fall 2010

THANK YOU CFA VOLUNTEERS & WELCOME TO THE CFA

James & Mary Game, CFA Chairman, Oscar 2012
On behalf of the Citadel Family Association Board of Directors and Committee Coordinators we want to extend a warm, heartfelt THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your tremendous efforts and unending enthusiasm on Matriculation Day 2010! We thank you for volunteering to serve and we are personally, so proud to be able to serve with you.

The army of "Blue Shirt Volunteers" was a noticeable presence on campus and the positive atmosphere from all the volunteers, board and committee coordinators was above and beyond anything we could have imagined or anything we have ever seen and by many accounts from parents and the Citadel administration,



the smoothest ever! Every volunteer we encountered was so pleasant, so positive and happy to serve in whatever capacity was needed. The air was electric with your positive spirit all day long!

We look back with a fulfilled, but **heavy heart knowing that our time at the Citadel will come to an end next May with our son graduating!** We so enjoy working with the families on Mat Day and know that as we look ahead to passing the CFA leadership on to a new team next spring, our work together with each of you will have helped, just a small amount, to take this wonderful volunteer organization to new highs! Our CFA involvement has been incredibly rewarding and as chairman, we could not be more blessed than to serve alongside each you.

As proud parents of a cadet, one matter of **great significance to us was the importance of providing some contact or a link to every family leaving a child at The Citadel on matriculation day!** You certainly exceeded that, as you helped support over 740+ new Citadel Families (the largest class in 34 years). Your service was appreciated as the knobs and their families began a journey that we all traveled not so very long ago. Your pride and love of The Citadel was shown by your

incredible service all day long to each family you encountered! Thank you for sharing your smiles and offering your encouraging words to the families who were uncertain as to what to expect next. Your personal stories and experiences were priceless! We thank you for opening your heart, giving of your time, lending your muscle and providing your shoulder to lean on when needed!

Each of you represents the eyes and ears of the CFA and your input is very important to us! We encourage any of you who wish to become involved with the board of directors leadership team please email me directly your interest!

Coming from diverse backgrounds, we are united by two common threads: the love of our children and the love of The Citadel. By our service we will continue to build the CFA and continue to show to all that come to this



exceptional institution, **"We are a Citadel Family!"** Words cannot express our gratitude to you and the many volunteers who work tirelessly alongside us throughout the year!. We have always know that the CFA is a dedicated team of hard working volunteers and it is nice to hear parent stories of how the CFA help them get through first semester each year. Most important, Mary and I are honored to serve with you and blessed to be able to call you our Citadel family and our friends! Thank you so much for what you do for the CFA and we look forward to a wonderful senior year ahead for our son and getting to know each of you and your family along this wonderful journey this year!

GO BULLDOGS!

It's Hard to believe that Ring Day is here!! A parent's perspective.

Cliff Hollingsworth, CFA Vice Chairman, Mike 2011
It's hard to believe that Ring Day for our senior cadet is already here!! It seems like only yesterday that we were going through the stress of MAT Day 2007 with Mom crying all the way home afterwards. Since then, we have had too many great experiences to mention but I think a few highlights are appropriate.

I'll never forget the first time that our cadet got general leave. Like all knobs, he couldn't stay overnight, but we picked him up before the sun came up and took him back to the hotel where he slept pretty much all day. When he woke up, the first thing he wanted was cereal and milk. After that, more sleep. We had been told to expect this



The **Citadel**
The South Carolina Corps of Cadets

To All the Citadel Parents:
Start collecting now for the Citadel Heros. Everything from under clothing, socks, and toiletries are needed. Check the Citadel Heros website for further details and instructions to deliver items to the school.

type of behavior for the first year and it turned out that this was pretty much the standard operating procedure for the first semester of knob year.

Sophomore year was a lot different than knob year. For one thing, we as parents didn't feel nearly as stressed as we had the year before. We were settling into a routine and feeling more at home in our respective roles. I'm sure that we were feeding off of our cadet during both years, but it was nice to get to relax and enjoy things more, both around campus and around Charleston. We have always loved Charleston and have been going there many years prior to Drew ever going to school there. Seeing things from the perspective that we had during this time really brought the history of the school and city into a different light and made us appreciate even more the impact of what Drew's choice was meaning to us and would mean to him in the future.

Junior year was special. Drew was selected as one of the charter members of the new class of Drill Masters that The Commandant was setting up. In this new role, he would be responsible for all drill and military bearing for

his company. He worked hard to excel in the role and I think that he is proud to have been in the inaugural group. It was fun to watch him mature and grow as a man and as a leader. There was one point during the year when he and his mom were talking about something and he said, "Mom, I am responsible for 90 guys in battalion, I believe I can handle this". It was a turning point in how we looked at him.

Now it's senior year and ring day is just a few days away. My main emotion is pride, pride for us as parents, but more especially, proud for Drew. He decided during his sophomore year in high school that he wanted to attend The Citadel, and everything he has accomplished he did all on his own and with the help of his classmates. Last weekend, I had three of them in my den, sleeping over from the football game. They were all hanging out, laughing and telling stories and I knew at that moment, that Drew had done the right thing for him by attending The Citadel. It was a nice moment for me to pause, reflect and take it all in. He is truly developing into the principled leader that The Citadel promised us.

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Welcome to the Citadel, Now Let's Get to Work!
by Craig & Lisa Cleveland (Oscar 2012)

I would like to congratulate all the parents making it through the first several weeks of their cadet's day at the Citadel. I spent a lot of time during my son's first year trying to understand what he is doing and going through as a 4th class cadet. In my efforts, I scoured the Citadel website for information. My efforts and findings, I want to pass on to you to make your journey, and your cadets, a bit more apparent.

I have had a number of questions concerning the schedule of the cadets. Please go to the Commandant's Office -> Matriculation Day, to see a host of links to vital information for you and your cadet. The best is the **Yearly Planning Calendar** (http://www.citadel.edu/commandant/images/files/matriculation/yearly_planning_calendar_1011.pdf). It is the one source to see 1) date of major events (Parent's Day, Corps Day, Recognition Day, etc.), the open and closed weekends, and date of exams with dates when furloughs begin and end.

Another link will take you to the **Leave, Summer Furlough, Medical and Physical Fitness Policy** (http://www.citadel.edu/commandant/images/files/matriculation/furlough_memo_2010.pdf). This link is very important especially if you need to schedule

flights for you cadet to return home. The dates listed are firm.

Next is the **Supply Warehouse Cadet Storage** (http://www.citadel.edu/commandant/images/files/matriculation/supply_warehouse_cadet_storage_1011.pdf). Your cadet can store materials in the warehouse, but it is not considered secure storage. My son maintains his extra supplies there including extra toiletries, and especially his protein powder and Gatorade powder. Remember, the less he keeps in his room, the less he has to clean. You should have received your post office boxes for your cadet. Read the **notice** (http://www.citadel.edu/commandant/images/files/matriculation/postal_information_2010.pdf) to understand what you can send. In general, use the boxes you have received for "care packages" that he can get and place directly into his satchel. Please feel free to send large quantities of cookies that he will pick up in the warehouse, but will likely be intercepted by his Cadre. His personal supply can be sent in the post office boxes. There is also a service available to send your cadet cookies.

I suggest that you look at the cadet roster to see who is in your cadets company. You should receive the company photo which will help put a face to a name, but the names are all listed here (http://www.citadel.edu/commandant/images/files/ootc/rank_roster_2_082710.pdf). When we visit, we continue to ask our son if there is any other cadet who's available to go to dinner. Remember, many cadet come from more than 6 hours away and their parents may not be able to come visit. It's a great time to here some of the stories.

Finally, take some time to check in with your CFA company or battalion rep. It's a great time to catch up on the what's going on on campus and to get the rest of your questions answered.

Important 2010-11 Dates

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| Parents Day | October 8, 9 & 10 |
| Homecoming | November 5, 6 & 7 |
| Corps Day | March 19, 2011 |
| Recognition Day | April 16, 2011 |



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