Cadets play vital role in Hunley funeral services

Cadets and faculty took part in the burial of the final crew of the H.L. Hunley and many of the events leading up to the April 17 service. Cadets marched in the procession from White Point Gardens to Magnolia Cemetery. In addition, 15 cadets took part in a joint community service project to build a casemate carriage for an original cannon at Fort Sumter. Dr. Thomas Kindel of the School of Business Administration performed several times throughout the week, playing a bugle left by the 5th Michigan Cavalry at the battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863.

Cadet named Fulbright Scholar

Cadet Jeffrey Cunningham of Loudonville, N.Y., was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study the influence of the Jewish philosopher Hermann Cohen at Marburg University in Germany. Cunningham is the fourth senior German major in three years to be named a Fulbright Scholar, and the seventh overall from The Citadel since 1992.

Court decision impacts mess hall prayer

A decision made by the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., over the prayer before evening mess at Virginia Military Institute (VMI) had a ripple effect on The Citadel. The court decided to let stand a three-judge panel’s decision that VMI’s cadet-led non-denominational prayer before evening mess was unconstitutional because attendance at the meal was mandatory. Because The Citadel falls under the jurisdiction of the U.S. 4th Circuit, the decision is the law unless it is overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. As a consequence, the Corps began to observe a moment of silence before meals in the mess hall allowing cadets to pray, meditate or simply be quiet. The court decision, however, has not deterred religious activity on campus. There are 16 different religious organizations on campus, including clubs of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Muslim faiths.