I have an abiding passion for and belief in many of the qualities espoused through The Citadel experience. In particular, I believe that we should serve, we should lead and we should become effective participants in our respective communities.

"On the surface, my gift to the stadium project looks like a gift to support the future of athletics at The Citadel. While this is certainly one aspect, my underlying intention in making a multi-year commitment to the college is to provide a place that will bring alumni together and expand our base of support. The best place for this to happen is the stadium where we gather each year at homecoming to renew old acquaintances and form new friendships.

"The stadium is in a sense the living room of the college—the place where we entertain visitors as well as meet up with the old Citadel family, the place where we invite the newcomers to celebrate with friends. By supporting the stadium, I hope ultimately to introduce new friends to The Citadel family—individuals who, down the road, will help us fund other scholarships and campus needs to enhance every aspect of The Citadel experience.

—Mr. W. Thomas McQueeney, ’74

The Citadel and, in particular, the civil engineering department have played an integral role in the Davis family for more than half a century. I came away from The Citadel with an excellent foundation in the principles of engineering, which enabled me to co-found an environmental and engineering firm in 1954 that still has an active relationship with the college today. My sons Emmett, ’79, and Stephen, ’86, likewise studied civil engineering as cadets and have since joined me at Davis & Floyd.

"Imagine if I had known when venturing into business that we would celebrate the firm’s 50th anniversary here on campus by completing the renovations at Padgett-Thomas Barracks!

"I am pleased to support the School of Engineering Excellence Fund and the excellent work that Dean Fallon is doing to advance the school. With such dedicated efforts and the support of alumni and friends, I am confident that the engineering program at The Citadel will remain among the top programs of its kind in the nation.

—Mr. Emmett I. Davis, Jr., ’50