



The Citadel's Class of 2027 Fourth Class Success Packet



Important Information for those Reporting on
12 August 2023 as Members of the Class of 2027

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Changes to the Success Packet

None

WELCOME

Congratulations! If you are reviewing this Success Packet then you have made your decision, or seriously considering, to attend The Citadel. We hope this Packet will help you prepare for Matriculation Day (*the day when you report*) and set you up for success throughout your freshman or “knob” year.

Having a successful knob year begins well before you report. It starts with once *you* make the decision that The Citadel is the place for you. At that point, you should begin preparing yourself, mentally and physically, for what will be a challenging first year. It will be tough, but well worth the effort in the relationships you make, the opportunities made available to you, and the level of personal growth you will experience that no other college or university can match.

We published this packet early so you can begin studying and getting the supplies you need. Because it is early, some of the links will refer you to last year’s documents. Although most of the information remains current, we will update those links as the new documents become available – so it is important that you keep checking back at the Matriculation Headquarters website.

Again, congratulations on your decision to choose the

THE CITADEL’S MISSION

*ll walks of life by
instilling the core values of The Citadel in a disciplined and intellectually challenging
environment.*

THE CITADEL'S FOUR-YEAR LEADER DEVELOPMENT MODEL

begins with personal adherence to the letter and the spirit of the Honor Code: "A cadet does
In its more advanced stages, honor
includes forging a unity of values that guides all members of the organization

Duty - instills a personal sense of accountability and eagerness to lead others to mission accomplishment. It means doing what needs to be done without being asked or ordered. A strong concept of duty allows a leader to persevere in overcoming obstacles and challenges and lead their team to success. At The Citadel, this value begins with adherence to Cadet Regulations. In its more advanced stages, duty includes building an organization where individuals act on their initiative to fulfill a common vision.

Respect - encompasses self-respect and respect for others. Leaders earn respect by developing the technical, interpersonal, and conceptual skills necessary for building teams and leading others. Respect means recognizing and nurturing the inherent dignity and self-worth of each individual and creating the opportunities uniquely needed for them to grow individually and contribute to the organization. This value begins with protecting basic human rights and civil liberties. In its more advanced stages, respect includes empowering organizational members to become the best version of themselves possible.

The Citadel Experience integrates the Core Values across four functional areas, known as pillars:

Character: The concepts within this pillar represent a consistent thread that runs through all aspects of The Citadel Experience. This functional area instills the high moral standards defined by the college's Core Values and the critical characteristics manifested by principled leaders who act accordingly. Such leaders demonstrate integrity, truthfulness, and transparency in word and deed, building trust in those around them. Such leaders hold themselves and others accountable for these moral and ethical standards.

Instruct new cadets in time management.

Prepare new cadets for academic achievement.

Introduce class cohesion in support of The Citadel Mission to develop Principled Leaders.

The purpose has remained the same since the first cadets reported in 1843. To succeed, one must prepare mentally and physically before reporting. Mental preparation begins with the understanding that attending The Citadel is a personal decision. Begin preparing for Matriculation Day by studying The [Guidon](#) (this link will be updated when the 23-24 Guidon is published) – although the link is to last year's Guidon, it will be the same as the 23-24 issue is published. Physical preparation includes arriving in shape (as defined later in this document) with the appropriate gear – including shoes broken in.

Although The System is demanding and difficult, the rewards are considerable and more than justify the effort. Upon recognition by the upper-class cadets in the spring of *knob* year, a better person emerges. This person is mentally, morally, physically, and spiritually prepared to accept the responsibilities of leadership – a role that will ultimately be his/hers at The Citadel and in the world.

CORE VALUES

We have already discussed our Core Values of Honor, Duty and Respect. In order to understand how they are supported in the daily

Make sure you review the associated documents and consider discussing them with your parents or guardians.

Hazing is prohibited. It is behavior that is inconsistent with The Citadel's Core Values, is contrary to our Leader Development Model, and dangerous to the well-being of others. Hazing is a violation of South Carolina Law and Citadel Regulations. It is punishable by up to expulsion from The Citadel. Allowing any hazing to occur, condoning acts of hazing, or failure to stop an incident of hazing is also punishable by up to expulsion from The Citadel. Committing or tolerating hazing can end your Citadel career.

Hazing is defined as –

wrongful striking, an unauthorized laying hand upon, threatening with violence, or offering to do bodily harm by any student to another student, or any other unauthorized treatment by one student toward another student of a tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature; or otherwise requiring any student to perform any personal service for another student except as specifically provided for in Cadet Regulations.

Note the two components enforced in the [Blue Book](#) (page 21) – upperclass will not haze freshmen and freshmen have an obligation to report any incidences of hazing.

Campus Advocacy, Response, and Education (C.A.R.E.) Program - The Citadel created this program to educate cadets, faculty, and staff on issues relating to sexual misconduct, prevention, response, and advocacy. Prevention education focuses on definitions, laws, expectations, prevention strategies, communication styles, risk-behavior identification/mitigation, healthy relationships, bystander intervention education, and the relationships between sexual misconduct and alcohol/other drugs.

The CARE program provides victim support and response services for all students, whether they are cadets, students, faculty, or staff. This program allows cadets, students, and employees the right to provide information about an incident and maintain institutional confidentiality; unless a victim wants the information shared, it will stay between the victim and the CARE program. Lastly, CARE helps empower, build, and support a healthy, safe campus environment.

Please review the [CARE Webpage](#) for any additional information on resources, programs, and policies or contact the Director of the Campus Advocacy, Response, and Education (C.A.R.E.) Program, Dr. Ashley N. Gilmore, (agilmore@citadel.edu, 843-953-7277 (office), or 706-358-6192 (cell/text).

Title IX - The Citadel is committed to building a community free from discrimination, including sexual harassment and other forms of sexual misconduct, so that that each student, employee, and visitor can work, learn, and succeed in a safe, supportive/F2 12 Tf1 0 0 1fi-

emergency or specific family events. Cadets will NOT be authorized to depart early or return late from furloughs (*Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer breaks*). Should an emergency or an unexpected obligation arise that cannot be rescheduled, the cadet may request permission for early/late arrival/departure or special leave. Cadets will not intentionally schedule jobs, job interviews, doctor appointments (*see below*) etc. that require them to leave campus early for furloughs or extended leaves.

If an emergency or unforeseen obligation arises, the cadet must contact their cadet chain of command or TAC officer. All requests for special leave will be considered with the final decision left to the appropriate Citadel authority as to whether the circumstances warrant the granting of the leave.

Please read the following excerpts from the *Cadet Regulations*:

Emergency leave may be granted only upon request of the parent or guardian in the event of

Requests *must be submitted by Midnight (EST) July 15th.* You can find the request form at <https://go>

when a package arrives and is available for pickup. We recommend telling your parents and family NOT to ship boxes during the first ten days you are here. You will be doing a lot of marching that week, which is tough by itself with Charleston's heat and humidity. Adding a box to what you must already carry will make it even more difficult. Letters, though, are welcomed from Day 1!

If you intend to ship your gear early, the warehouse will receive those types of shipments after June 15th. If you intend to ship your supplies, make sure you label the shipment with the following information:

Incoming Freshman Cadet
Your Full Name CWID (Cadet ID#)
The Citadel Warehouse
171 Moultrie Street
Charleston, SC 29409

You will want to pick up your shipment from the warehouse before you check in on Matriculation Day. Before making your plans of when to arrive, make sure you contact the warehouse supervisor at (843) 953-6865 to verify their operating hours on the day you plan to stop by.

Bedding: All cadets are required to furnish their own bed linens except for the bedspread and blanket, which will be issued.

- Four [4] white, *non-fitted* sheets for a regular size single

Authorized Shoes

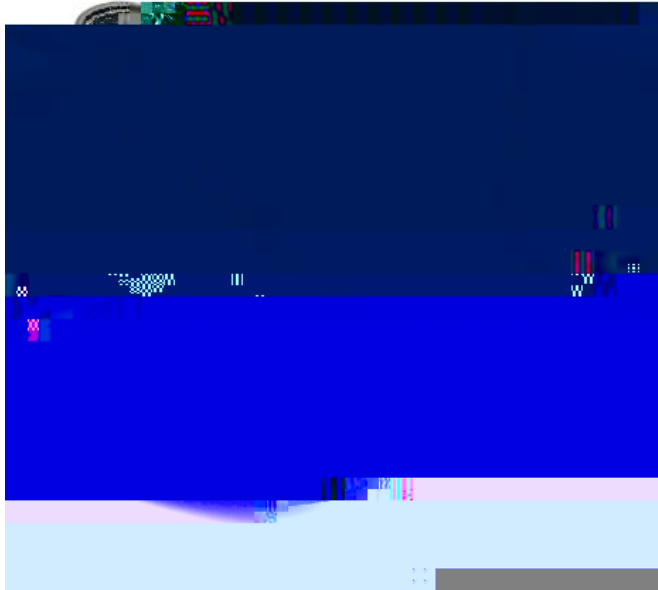
When choosing a shoe, make sure you first get a good measurement of both feet at a reputable shoe store, especially if ordering your shoes online. Next, the shoe needs to be **leather** with **minimal stitching**

Purchasing your Military Dress Shoes

Before ordering your shoes online *get your feet measured at a reputable shoe store*. Taking a shortcut will probably result in having to exchange your shoes for a different size.

There are different manufacturers of this type of shoe that you can find online, at military exchanges and shoe stores that service police departments. We also have an inventory at the Cadet Store on campus that you are welcome to purchase during a visit.

The shoe we carry is the Altama Mil-Spec Oxford 629001 (Men's) and 629011 (Women's) which is shown to the left.



If you decide to purchase a shoe that is not this particular make and model, make sure the ones you buy meet the stitching requirements shown in the photos on the previous page.

The Cadet Store has worked with our distributor, Read's Uniforms, to set up an online account for those who wish to order this particular shoe online. You can access the directions by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Before and during freshman year, cadets will hear about [Florsheim's Lexington Plain Toe Oxford](#) shoe from the upperclassmen. Cadets like this shoe because it is easier to shine than

the Military Dress shoe discussed above. We do not recommend this shoe because it's not a military style shoe nor is it as sturdy as a military dress shoe which, given the lifestyle of a freshman cadet, results in the soles wearing out very quickly (*the cost to repair is about \$100*). Again, we do not recommend freshmen cadets report with this style of shoe. If you do, then do like most upperclassmen, use them as your inspection shoes and the military dress shoe as the one you wear the rest of the time.

Once you get your shoes (*and boots*) and verify they fit well, start breaking them in! The more broken on they are, the less chance you will develop blisters during the first weeks of training.

A shoe sets to fit a particular foot once worn. Wearing loaners or hand-me-downs can lead to problems.

Our goal is to support The Citadel's military tradition by providing the best services and uniform

ANNEX C
PHYSICAL FITNESS INFORMATION
PHYSICAL CONDITIONING

The first weeks of training at The Citadel are very physically demanding for a new cadet. It is *imperative* that cadets be physically fit prior to reporting to The Citadel. *Only those who have spent their summer properly preparing themselves will be able to meet the training*

THE CITADEL PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

ANNEX D PERSONAL GROOMING STANDARDS

Haircut/Grooming Guidance

General Guidance

Cadets will ensure their hair is kept in a neat, clean manner. Extreme or fad style haircuts or hairstyles are not authorized. If dyes, tints, or bleaches are used, color used must appear natural or similar to human hair and not present an extreme appearance. Use of hair products that produce an oily or greasy appearance will not be used.

No cadet is authorized to cut the hair of him/herself or another cadet. Possession of barber equipment by cadets is prohibited. Lines or designs will not be cut into the hair or scalp.

Fingernails will be kept clean and neatly trimmed so as not to interfere with the performance of duty, detract from the military image, or present a safety hazard. Only clear nail polish is authorized. Females will not exceed a nail length of ¼ inch, as measured from the tip of the finger. Males will keep nails trimmed so as not to extend beyond the fingertip.

The face will be clean-shaven. If the appropriate medical authority prescribes beard growth, the length required for medical treatment will also be specified. For example, “a neatly trimmed beard is authorized. The length will not exceed ¼ inch.”

Sideburns will be neatly trimmed. The base will not be flared and will be a clean-shaven horizontal line. Sideburns will not extend below the middle of the ear canal.

Cosmetics:

- Upper-class females are authorized to wear cosmetics applied conservatively and in good taste. Lipstick, eye make-up and rouge may be worn with all uniforms as long as the color is conservative and complements the uniform. Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles are inappropriate with the uniform and will not be worn. Extreme shades of color such as purple, gold, blue, and white will not be worn.
- Make up/eye liner will not extend past the eye to include feline and winged look.

Hair Regulations for Women

The following pages describe the hair regulations for all women in the South Carolina Corps of Cadets. It is imperative that you read and understand this regulation, which mirrors that of the Military Services and Academies.

Bottom-line: Women entering The Citadel are not required to cut their hair. However, you must be able to style it each day as per the standard below from the day you matriculate. During the first 2 weeks, your schedule is very compact so make sure you are prepared.

If your hair is long, the regulation has specific requirements that differ greatly from what you have experienced; you are highly encouraged to practice how you will meet the requirement. Mostly likely, you will need hair accessories that are not available on campus.

Shorter hair poses its own set of challenges. Make sure you understand the descriptions below

Females will ensure that hairstyles do not interfere with proper wear of the military headgear. When headgear is worn, the hair will not extend below the bottom edge of the front of the headgear, nor will it extend below the bottom edge of the duty collar.

II. Hair Holding Devices:

Hair-holding devices are authorized only for the purpose of securing the hair. Cadets will not place hair-holding devices in the hair for decorative purposes.

All hair-holding devices must be plain and either clear or of a color as close to the cadet's hair as possible.

A maximum of four may be used.

Devices that are conspicuous, excessive, or decorative *are prohibited*. Some examples of prohibited devices include, but are not limited to; large, lacy scrunchies; beads, bows or claw clips; clips, pins, or barrettes with butterflies, flowers, sparkles, gems, or scalloped edges; and bows made from hairpieces.

Cadets may not wear hairnets unless prescribed by the Citadel Surgeon.

III. Pictures: See pages 31 and 32

