General Information

This guide has been specially prepared for the families of students who will be participating in Commencement Exercises – both for the Corps of Cadets and The Citadel Graduate College (CGC) – and for the graduates. This information answers most of the commonly asked questions and gives a detailed schedule of all Commencement Week events.

Suggested arrival times and appropriate dress are provided for each event, but realize that these are only suggestions. Weather and traffic/parking may necessitate adjustments. Inclement weather plans are also listed for each event.

If, after reading this information, you still have specific questions, please contact:

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Admission Tickets: Admission Tickets are required only for **Commencement Exercises for the Corps of Cadets** on Saturday, May 3. Ten (10) reserved seating tickets will be distributed to each cadet. For cadets and cadet parents requesting extra tickets, contact Cadet Activities after March 31 for waiting list placement. Extra tickets will not be available until after April 28. December graduates and fifth-year seniors off campus need to contact Cadet Activities for tickets beginning April 14. Although not requiring a ticket, there is limited seating at the Baccalaureate Service in Summerall Chapel.

Dress: The importance of the week’s ceremonies will dictate the dress for specific events. The weather should be considered when packing. Although not required, a coat and tie for gentlemen would be appropriate for Commencement Exercises. Casual attire is appropriate for most other events.

Food/Beverages and Shopping: The Snack Bar, located to the left of Mark Clark Hall, offers a wide variety of quick foods, breakfast items and hot meals. The Gift Shop, located at the front entrance of Mark Clark Hall and in the Holliday Alumni Center, provides numerous shopping opportunities for Citadel families and friends. Extended hours of each facility for Commencement Week will be posted.

No food or beverages may be brought into McAlister Field House for the Corps of Cadets or CGC Commencement Exercises nor to the Baccalaureate Service or Commissioning Ceremonies in Summerall Chapel.

Handicapped Guests: Handicapped Seating at **Commencement Exercises for the Corps of Cadets and The Citadel Graduate College** will be in a special area on the main floor of the Field House. For questions regarding handicapped seating at Corps of Cadets Commencement, contact Cadet Activities. For CGC Commencement handicapped seating, contact CGC. On-campus handicapped parking will be available for all events.

Parking: As with most major events on campus, parking will be at a premium for Commencement Week. A campus map showing on- and off-campus parking areas is included in this guide. Public Safety officers and cadet traffic details will direct you to the closest available spaces. Campus shuttle vans will operate from near Johnson Hagood Stadium to the campus for the Cadet Commencement Exercises Saturday morning. **No parking is allowed in Hampton Park.** For information concerning handicapped parking, contact Public Safety.

Photography: The Citadel Public Affairs Office has contracted with a professional photographer to take color pictures of each individual receiving a diploma. Graduates will be contacted by the firm concerning the purchase of photos. The Citadel Alumni Association (843.953.7696) will offer video highlights of the week’s cadet activities. Information on purchase of these videotapes will be sent to cadet families. Families are asked not to come forward to take family snapshots or video during Commencement Exercises or Commissioning Ceremonies.

Restrooms/Water: The campus map in this guide shows the location of restrooms and water availability.

**IMPORTANT! All attendees are asked to check The Citadel website (www.citadel.edu) for possible revisions to this schedule prior to Commencement Day.**
Schedule of Commencement Week Activities

THURSDAY, MAY 1

1:30 p.m.  *Star of the West* Finals
Place: Summerall Field  
Inclement Weather: Deas Hall  
Approx. Running Time: 45 minutes

**Suggested Dress:** Casual

**Suggested Arrival:** All guests are asked to be seated in the bleachers 15 minutes prior to the competition.

**Suggested Parking:** Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Field.

**Special Information:** 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 located near the flagpole on Summerall Field. That cadet will also wear the *Star of the West* Medal. The ship, *Star of the West*, was fired upon by Citadel cadets in 1861.

3:00 p.m. Awards Convocation
Place: McAlister Field House  
Inclement Weather: As Scheduled  
Approx. Running Time: 1.5 hours

**Suggested Dress:** Casual

**Suggested Arrival:** All guests are asked to be seated 15 minutes prior to the Convocation.

**Suggested Parking:** Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to McAlister Field House.

**Special Information:** The Convocation will feature the presentation of several prestigious awards to include *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

5:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Service
Place: Summerall Chapel  
Inclement Weather: As Scheduled  
Approx. Running Time: 1.5 hours

**Suggested Dress:** Casual

**Suggested Arrival:** All guests are asked to be seated in the Chapel 20 minutes prior to the processional. Please note that the Chapel will fill quickly.

**Suggested Parking:** Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Chapel.

**Special Information:** The speaker will be Reverend Robert C. Sturdy, ’03, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Myrtle Beach, S.C. *Please, no flash photography or artificial lighting inside the Chapel.*

FRIDAY, MAY 2

2:15 p.m. 2009 Summerall Guards Performance in Honor of the Class of 2008
Place: Summerall Field  
Inclement Weather: Cancelled  
Approx. Running Time: 30 minutes

**Suggested Dress:** Casual

**Suggested Arrival:** All guests are asked to be seated in the bleachers 15 minutes prior to the performance.

**Suggested Parking:** Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Field.

**Special Information:** The 2009 Summerall Guards will perform the traditional “Citadel Series” in honor of the Senior Class.

3:00 p.m. Graduation (Long Gray Line) Parade
Place: Summerall Field  
Inclement Weather: Cancelled  
Approx. Running Time: 1 hour

**Suggested Dress:** Casual

**Suggested Arrival:** All guests are asked to be seated in the bleachers 15 minutes prior to the parade.

**Suggested Parking:** Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Field.

**Special Information:** 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 Given by Lt Gen and Mrs. John W. Rosa for the Class of 2008 and Their Guests
Place: Quarters One  Inclement Weather: Cancelled  Approx. Running Time: 1.5 hours
Suggested Dress: Casual
Suggested Arrival: Lt Gen and Mrs. Rosa will welcome guests at the President’s House immediately after parade until 5:30 p.m.
Suggested Parking: Same as for Graduation Parade
Special Information: This is an opportunity for the Senior Class and their guests to meet the President and First Lady. Light refreshments will be served in the garden.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

2:00 p.m.  The Citadel Graduate College Commencement Exercises
Place: McAlister Field House  Inclement Weather: As Scheduled  Approx. Running Time: 1.5 hours
Suggested Dress: Coat and tie
Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to be seated 15 minutes prior to the processional. Families are asked not to come forward to take family snapshots or video.
Suggested Parking: Parking is allowed on-campus near McAlister Field House using any space not marked as reserved. There will be sufficient parking on campus for the graduates, families and guests of the graduates. No parking is allowed in Hampton Park.
Graduates and Participants: Graduates will gather in Deas Hall no later than 1:00 p.m. for robing and lineup.
Special Information: A professional photographer will take photos of each graduate during the diploma presentation. Families are asked not to come forward to take family snapshots or video.
What to Expect: The ceremony will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. with the processional of the graduating class, the faculty and the platform party. After the invocation, national anthem and introductions of the special guests, Lt Gen Rosa will deliver remarks. Awards will be presented prior to the commencement address by Dr. P. George Benson, President of the College of Charleston. The presentation of candidates and conferring of degrees will precede the actual presentation of diplomas.

3:30 p.m.  Reception for CGC Graduates and Their Guests Hosted by Lt Gen and Mrs. John W. Rosa
Place: Deas Hall  Inclement Weather: As Scheduled  Approx. Running Time: 1 hour
Special Information: CGC graduates and their families are invited to a special reception hosted by the President and First Lady in Deas Hall, which is located on the north side of McAlister Field House.

IMPORTANT! All attendees are asked to check The Citadel website (www.citadel.edu) for possible revisions to this schedule prior to Commencement Day.
SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SELECTED GROUPS
These events are for selected graduates and their families and are by invitation only.

Friday, May 2 – 8:00-10:00 a.m. – Army
Commissioning Ceremonies
Place: Summerall Chapel  Inclement Weather: As Scheduled  Approximate Running Time: As noted
Suggested Dress: Coat and tie
Suggested Arrival: All guests are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start.
Suggested Parking: Once on-campus parking areas fill, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles. Most visitors will be directed by Public Safety to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to Summerall Chapel.
Graduates and Participants: Commissionees, in service uniform, will be instructed where to assemble.
Special Information: These ceremonies are for graduates being commissioned into the Armed Forces and their families. A “swearing-in” ceremony for all branches will take place Saturday morning during Commencement Exercises. Please, no flash photography or artificial lighting inside the Chapel.

Friday, May 2 – 10:45 a.m.
Briefing for Alumni Fathers Presenting Diplomas at Cadet Commencement
Place: McAlister Field House  Inclement Weather: As scheduled  Approx. Running Time: 30 minutes
Suggested Dress: Coat and tie for fathers (to be prepared for photos immediately following the briefing)
Suggested Arrival: Fathers are asked to arrive no later than 10:35 a.m. in McAlister Field House.
Special Information: Alumni fathers who will be presenting diplomas to their sons or daughters will meet with the Associate Provost for special instructions. Information will include a walk-through of the presentations on the stage and details on where to meet, park and when to arrive Saturday morning.

Friday, May 2 – Immediately after Briefing for Alumni Fathers (approx. 11:15 a.m.)
Individual Diploma Presentation Photos for alumni news magazine, Family Photos and the Legacy Photo of Alumni Fathers and Graduates
Place: McAlister Field House  Inclement Weather: As scheduled  Approx. Running Time: 45 minutes
Suggested Dress: Coat and tie for fathers; full dress with waistplate or sash (no hats) for cadets.
Special Information: Immediately following the Briefing for Alumni Fathers, individual diploma presentation photos for alumni news magazine will begin. Family photos may also be taken at this time. Families are asked to wait in the Field House Lobby until the conclusion of the Fathers’ Briefing. The legacy group photo of alumni fathers and their graduating sons/daughters will be taken at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Friday, May 2 – Noon
Life Membership Ceremony for The Citadel Alumni Association
Place: Holliday Alumni Center  Inclement Weather: As scheduled  Approx. Running Time: 1.5 hours
Suggested Arrival: New Life Members in the Class of 2008 and their families will gather at the Holliday Alumni Center for this “by invitation” event.
Suggested Dress: Casual for invited guests; full dress with waistplate or sash (no hats) for cadets.
Special Information: Families that purchased a Life Membership in The Citadel Alumni Association for their sons or daughters will receive invitations for up to 4 people (including the cadet) to this event. A stand-up reception will be held for invitees and the new life members. The cadets will be presented life member plaques by the Association President at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2 – Noon
Honors Program Certificate Presentation Luncheon
Place: Regimental Commanders’ Riverview Room  Inclement Weather: As scheduled  Approximate Running Time: 1 hour
Special Information: This is a special luncheon for Honors Program participants and their family members.
Location Map for Commencement Week Activities

A - Summerall Field
Events
Thursday, 1:30 p.m. – Star of the West Finals
Friday, 2:15 p.m. – 2009 Summerall Guards Performance
Friday, 3:00 p.m. – Graduation Parade

B - McAlister Field House
Events
Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – Awards Convocation
Friday, 10:45 a.m. – Briefing for Alumni Fathers Presenting Diplomas
Friday, approx. 11:15 a.m. – Individual Diploma Presentation Photos for alumni news and Legacy Group Photo
Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – Cadet Commencement Exercises
Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – Commencement Exercises for The Citadel Graduate College

C - Deas Hall
Events
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – Lineup Area for Cadet Graduates
Sunday, 1:15 p.m. – Robing and Lineup Area for CGC Participants and Graduates
Sunday, 3:30 p.m. – Reception for Graduates of the CGC and their Guests

D - Snack Bar & Gift Shop
The Snack Bar and Gift Shop will have extended hours. Check the posted schedules for operating times.

E - Summerall Chapel
Events
Thursday, 5:30 p.m. – Baccalaureate Service
Friday, 8:00 a.m. – Army Commissioning Ceremony
Friday, 10:00 a.m. – Air Force Commissioning Ceremony
Friday, 5:00 p.m. – Navy/Marine Commissioning Ceremony

F - Holliday Alumni Center
Event
Friday, Noon – Life Membership Ceremony for The Citadel Alumni Association (by invitation only)

G - Regimental Commanders’ Riverview Room
Event
Friday, Noon – Honors Program Luncheon (by invitation only)

H - Quarters One
Event
Friday, 4:00 p.m. – Garden Party for Cadet Graduates and Their Guests

Please bring this Commencement Guide with you to use as a reference during your visit to campus.
Parking Areas for Commencement Week Activities

For most events, campus parking will be limited to handicapped vehicles once on-campus lots fill. Most families and graduates will be directed by Public Safety or a cadet traffic detail to park near Johnson Hagood Stadium and then walk to campus or take the campus shuttle van (when provided).

Parking areas are shown in gray. Please note that not all on-campus parking areas shown are available for each event.

DO NOT PARK IN HAMPTON PARK.

Families are urged to allow sufficient time to park when planning their arrival time for an event.

Directions to The Citadel

From Interstate 26 Eastbound: Take the Rutledge Avenue Exit (#219-A). Follow Rutledge Avenue 1.2 miles and turn right on Moultrie Street. Follow Moultrie Street to Lesesne Gate.

From U.S. 17 Southbound: After crossing the new Ravenel Bridge over the Cooper River, use the left two exit ramp lanes. Continue 1 mile and turn right onto Hagood Avenue. Follow Hagood Avenue to enter The Citadel through Hagood Gate or circle right via Huger Street and Elmwood Street to enter Lesesne Gate at the end of Moultrie Street.

From U.S. 17 Northbound: As you cross the Ashley River Bridge, bear right as you leave the bridge and then move into the left hand lane and continue to the traffic signal. At the traffic light, turn left onto Lockwood Drive. Follow Lockwood across U.S. 17 as the road becomes Fishburne Street in front of the Police Department and follow to the traffic light. Turn left onto Hagood Avenue and proceed two blocks to the Hagood Avenue gate.

Please do not park on the grass in Hampton Park for any Commencement Week activities.
Important Information Regarding your Arrival and Seating for Cadet Commencement Exercises
Saturday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m.

Reserved Seating will be handled through the issuance of 10 tickets to each member of the graduating class. Each person MUST have a ticket to enter McAlister Field House. Please note that an invitation or announcement sent by the graduate is NOT a ticket for seating.

It is MOST IMPORTANT that you arrive and are seated PRIOR TO THE PROCESSIONAL. Those not seated by 9:20 a.m. must wait until the conclusion of the Processional before being seated. The ceremony will last approximately 3 hours.

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IMPORTANT! ALL ATTENDEES ARE ASKED TO CHECK THE CITADEL WEBSITE (WWW.CITADEL.EDU) FOR POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THIS SCHEDULE PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT DAY.