



**A Message to The Citadel Family
from The Citadel President Gen. Glenn M. Walters, USMC (Ret.), '79**

Gail and I have decided to retire at the end of the 2025–2026 academic year. This is the right decision, and it comes at the right time. We could not be more proud of the transformation this campus has experienced.

The Citadel—The Military College of South Carolina—is well-positioned for its next chapter. I will continue to serve as President Emeritus, and Gail and I look forward to supporting our next president throughout the transition.

Serving this institution has been a great honor. We have had the privilege of watching ten extraordinary classes—from 2019 through 2029—develop into principled leaders for our nation. Being part of their journey is something we will always treasure.

We have faced challenges together and made the most of every opportunity. When COVID-19 disrupted the world around us, we adapted and kept moving forward. We kept the college operating, we protected our faculty and staff, and we ensured our cadets and students stayed on track. We didn't make excuses, and we didn't accept any either.

Since I became President, we have carried out the largest campus revitalization in The Citadel's history—delivered on time and true to our mission. Today, our enrollment is strong, our barracks are full, our facilities are modern and impressive. Our academic, military, and leadership programs rank among the very best. The Citadel is ready for the future.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our donors, the support of the State of South Carolina, and the steady guidance and support of our Board of Visitors. Their clear direction and confidence allowed us to accomplish more than any one person could have imagined.

To our cadets, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and loyal supporters: you are what makes this place special. Your commitment to our mission and your belief in what The Citadel represents have made every day of this job meaningful. It has truly been my honor to lead you.

Semper Fi.

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