WAR MEMORIAL AND SUMMERALL CHAPEL WALL RECOGNITION

1. PURPOSE

This policy codifies criteria set by the Board of Visitors for inclusion of names on The Citadel War Memorial and Summerall Chapel Wall, processes for submitting names considered for inclusion, and establishment of a War Memorial Committee. It further prescribes operation, care, upkeep and funding of the Memorial and Chapel Wall plaques.

The Class of 1967, in partnership with The Citadel and The Citadel Foundation (TCF), conceived and led the funding of construction and maintenance of this Memorial. Dedicated in 2017 during the Class’ 50 Year Reunion, The Citadel War Memorial honors alumni who fell in conflict dating to the Mexican War. It further provides a place of respect and reflection, and serves as a touchstone to The Citadel’s past. A more detailed discussion of the War Memorial’s development and features is outlined in Annex A.

The Memorial also encourages emotional and academic searches enhancing our understanding and appreciation of these Alumni. Their sacrifice, and the efforts led by the Class of 1967 in creating the Memorial, personify The Citadel core values of Honor, Duty and Respect.

2. REFERENCES

A. DOD MANUAL 1348.33, Volume 3, Section 3.7 (Purple Heart) Change 3 of 7 May 2021: Manual of Military Decorations and Awards, DoD Wide Personal Performance And Valor Decorations.

B. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, Chapter 2 of 5 March 2019.

3. DEFINITION

Alumnus for War Memorial selection criteria. As defined by The Citadel Board of Visitors on 24 January 2015, Citadel Alumnus is defined as a person who graduated from The Citadel or attended The Citadel, and departed in good standing.
4. POLICY

A. Name Criteria. On 24 January 2015, The Board of Visitors approved ten criteria for inclusion of names on the War Memorial, mirroring requirements for the award of the Purple Heart per Reference A, an additional measure reflecting the unique nature of the Memorial and The Citadel, and inclusion of all names appearing on existing Summerall Chapel tablets.

It is important to note criteria in Reference B outlining what does not constitute justification for award of the Purple Heart, as these also may be considerations used in determining eligibility for War Memorial inclusion. Discussion of names on Summerall Chapel Wall and future additions to its plaques are found in Annex B.

B. Eligibility. The Memorial shall include any Citadel alumnus who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with the armed forces of their native or adopted state 1861-1865, or the U.S. Armed Forces or armed forces of their native or adopted country was or is killed, or later dies of wounds sustained under the following circumstances:

1. In any action against an enemy of the United States;
2. In action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Military Services are or have been engaged;
3. While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force where the United States is not a belligerent party;
4. As a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces;
5. As the result of an act of any hostile foreign force;
6. As a result of an international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States, or if the death was caused by an attack as a result of the individual’s status as a member of the Armed Forces;
7. As a result of military operations while serving outside the United States as part of a peacekeeping force;
8. As the result of action by friendly weapons fire while directly engaged in armed conflict, other than as a result of an act of an enemy of the United States, unless as a result of willful misconduct of the individual;
9. While held captive or as a prisoner of war who is wounded on or after that date while held as a captive or prisoner of war;
10. Died from illness or accident while deployed in support of operations under which the above criteria might apply.

C. Process for adding names. Submission of names for consideration for the Memorial via email (war-memorial@citadel.edu) or in writing to The Citadel Chief of Staff. These should include supporting documentation regarding alumni status and circumstance of death. The War Memorial Committee reviews submissions and recommendations to the President for final approval.

D. Family of the Fallen. It is critical family of fallen alumni endorse their inclusion to the Memorial, and be informed when the President determines eligibility. If the family did not originate the request for inclusion, they will be notified if the President determines eligibility based on a request from a third party, and the family’s wishes on inclusion shall be respected.

E. Updates. Names added to existing conflicts will be listed first name, middle name, and last name. For future conflicts, names will be listed in order of date of death. Engraving is Optima Medium ¾ inch font. Additional text and names shall use identical font and size.

Annex A describes the genesis of the Memorial and its narrative. Future conflicts may require additional narrative to be written in similar style.

F. Committee

1. Purpose. The Citadel War Memorial Committee reviews and recommends changes to this Policy, recommends names for addition to the Memorial to the President, and recommends alterations to the Memorial to the President and Board of Visitors, including additions to the narrative for future conflicts.


   a. Appointed by the President. The Citadel Chief of Staff; Vice President of Facilities and Engineering (or designated representative); Citadel historian (faculty, staff, or volunteer).

   b. Appointed representative of the Executive Director of TCF.

   c. Representative(s) Appointed by the President of the CAA. Member of the Class of 1967 or Gold Corps; a CAA Staff member; a ‘Citadel Young Alumni.’

G. Committee Operations. The Committee shall convene as required for consideration of inclusion of new names, alterations to the Memorial, or updates on Memorial operations and finances. A simple majority constitutes a quorum. Attendance may be in person, or via tele- or video conference.
Membership is indefinite, or as determined by appointing official. Members may resign anytime.

1. Concept. The Citadel War Memorial is a place of solemn reflection dedicated to honor Citadel Alumni fallen in battle. College operations and future development in the vicinity of the Memorial should respect its tranquility. Visitors should also maintain proper decorum and respectful behavior, allowing everyone an opportunity for an enriching and meaningful experience.

2. Upkeep and Funding. The Class of 1967 established a maintenance endowment managed by The Citadel Foundation and College, which is further responsible for Memorial upkeep. Future gifts to the Memorial enable donors to honor the fallen in perpetuity.

3. Operations and Prohibited Conduct. The Memorial is open 0630-2230 daily, unless campus is closed to visitors. Citadel Public Safety is responsible for opening and closing Memorial gates, maintaining security, and prohibiting disorderly conduct. Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to:

   a. Loud or disruptive language or other noise;
   
   b. Violent or threatening behavior;
   
   c. Loitering or sleeping;
   
   d. Lighting matches, candles, or other combustibles;
   
   e. Protests or other activities designed to gather crowds not associated with a prescribed ceremony or other activity approved by The Citadel;
   
   f. Posting bills, placing signs;
   
   g. Temporary or permanent defacing of the Memorial or surrounding landscape, including the removal of trees, plants or other items from the Memorial;
   
   h. Commercial activity.

H. Memorial Services or Wreath Laying. Requests for such events are routed via the Chief of Staff, and Institutional Planning Council. Additional support (administrative, personnel, logistics) for memorial services or other external events are at the discretion of the College.

The Citadel will punish violations of this policy in accordance with college regulations and other policies as applicable. Cadets, students, faculty, and staff are subject to penalty as described in College Regulations, The Blue
Book, College Catalogue and Human Resources policies. Visitors not complying are subject to removal and restriction from entering campus.

I. Media Support. The Office of Communications and Marketing, should update and maintain a War Memorial website on The Citadel’s webpage (http://www.citadel.edu/root/war-memorial). Periodic updates, particularly as names are added to the Memorial, should be publicized appropriately.

5. COMPLIANCE

A. Oversight. The Citadel Chief of Staff shall be the President’s representative and maintain administrative leadership for this Policy’s updates and execution, and for administration of War Memorial Committee operations.

B. The Chief of Staff will further maintain hard copy and electronic files on Memorial operations, particularly actions and decisions of the Committee and President.

6. NOTES

A. Dates of Official Enactment and Amendments:

   Originally approved 8 October 2021.

   Additions/changes of 7 September 2022:

   Update to, and placement in Annex A of discussion regarding Memorial Background, Design and Narrative.

   Move Summerall Chapel Wall Recognition discussion to Annex B.

   Updated criteria for inclusion reflecting administrative changes to References A and B.

B. Responsible Department:

   Chief of Staff

C. Responsible Official:

   Chief of Staff

D. Cross References:

   None

7. RESCISSION: Memorandum 6-001, dated 8 October 2021, is rescinded.
8. **REVIEW:** This policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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OFFICIAL

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Annex A

THE CITADEL WAR MEMORIAL BACKGROUND, DESIGN AND NARRATIVE

The Citadel War Memorial’s vision and development was led by The Class of 1967, inspired by the sacrifice of classmates lost in Vietnam. Supported by alumni, friends and supporters of The Citadel, the Memorial was dedicated in November 2017, marking the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1967. In addition to funds raised for construction, an ongoing maintenance endowment was also established.

Fittingly aligned with the Thomas D. Howie Memorial Bell Tower and Columbarium, and adjacent to Summerall Chapel and General Mark W. Clark’s gravesite, the Memorial offers a solemn gathering place for students, alumni, and visitors to honor and pay respect to Citadel lives sacrificed.

Wrought iron gates lead visitors to an interior courtyard where black granite walls bear contextual descriptions of The Citadel's involvement in wars and conflicts since 1846. Names of The Citadel fallen are etched under each conflict, and flagpoles bearing the colors of the United States, the State of South Carolina, and The Citadel are front and center. Other features include benches for quiet contemplation, subdued landscaping, and vistas of the iconic Citadel campus, inspiring remembrance, reverence, and reflection.

The Citadel War Memorial narrative to 2017 is authored by acclaimed writer John Warley, Citadel Class of 1967, who generously volunteered time and talent in producing interpretation and context so critical to visitors’ understanding the Memorial's significance. Citadel alumni served and were lost in every American conflict since 1846, and Mr. Warley weaves the narrative through these wars, describing the sacrifices and triumphs in poignant language.
SUMMERALL CHAPEL WALL RECOGNITION, HISTORY, AND DESCRIPTION

In January of 2019 the Citadel's Board of Visitors directed the War Memorial Policy be modified to include the Summerall Chapel wall, and continue to add names to both the Memorial and Chapel Wall using the same criteria as approved by the BOV.

In 1947, at the direction of Citadel President General Charles P. Summerall, a memorial was erected on the outer wall of the entry to Summerall Chapel in memory of Citadel men who died in service to their country. Research was conducted so all graduates and former cadets killed in conflicts since the founding of The Citadel were honored.

Bronze plaques derived from this research display names honoring these graduates and former cadets of The Citadel who gave their lives regardless of circumstance.

Later bronze plaques recognized Citadel graduates and former cadets who made the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts including Korea, South East Asia, Grenada, Lebanon, South West Asia and The War on Terror.

Future additions shall be bronze 4” x 6” plaques (if one individual is added at a time; larger plaques matching appearance of existing plaques may be added in the case of multiple additions) displaying first and last name of fallen. Plaques are financed by The Summerall Chapel Restoration Fund under the direction of the Chaplain.