

Distinguished Members of the Class of 1981,

Over the last four decades we have all traveled many different roads and created memorable life experiences. Throughout these very diverse paths we have taken, our unifying thread remains the unique character and bond our class has developed. We are now afforded the opportunity to provide an enduring legacy that will forever enshrine our class and have a lasting impact on The Citadel and the principled leaders our great institution produces.

The Class of 1981 Reunion Campaign Committee members are Chris Swain, Will Coleman, Barre Butler, Mark Slawson, Rick McGeorge, Randy Bright, Dave Keyser, Kevin Harbol, Robert Copelan, Greg Vogle and Larry Bombard. Joe and I are proud to step up as leaders in the committee's efforts. In addition, each Cadet Company will have a representative who will begin individual outreach to share with you the efforts and progress of our campaign. As we begin this process, please help us in updating contact information for those classmates we have been unable to reach.

Our Class of 1981 Reunion Campaign fundraising period began on January 1st of this year and will run through December 31, 2021. Cash pledges must be paid by the end of 2024. As I mentioned in my previous email, based on class survey responses, the committee has selected The Class of 1981 Cyber Security and Intelligence Studies Lab as the reunion campaign project to commemorate our 40th reunion. It will take One Million Dollars in cash and pledges to establish naming rights and an endowment to support the program.

The Class of 1981 has an extremely distinguished group of individuals that have excelled in many walks of life: government, law, medicine, military, national security, technology, education, health care, politics, engineering, research and development, business and entrepreneurship. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the experiences we received at The Citadel that shaped our lives and positively impacted the lives of others. We have a great opportunity with our upcoming reunion campaign to dedicate financial resources to our great institution that will impact the lives of future Citadel leaders so important to our society in the years to come. Specifically, our contributions to The Class of 1981 Cyber Security and Intelligence Studies Lab project will help secure the new Capers Hall funding, establish a new revenue stream for research grants and establish a new major in Cyber Security.

Please take some time to reflect on this opportunity to give back to our great institution. The Citadel greatly needs our support to continue its mission to educate and develop principled leaders. Feel free to contact me or Joe personally.

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