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The founders of The Citadel conceived of an institution that would “awaken greater ardor in the people, and a warmer interest in our rulers, to advance the cause of education,” members of the Founders’ Society demonstrate the vision and commitment that will ensure the long-term vitality of the college. The Founders’ Society is The Citadel’s most prestigious giving society.
The Mark Clark Society recognizes lifetime support of $500,000 or greater. General Mark W. Clark (1896-1984) became president of The Citadel after a career seldom equaled in the United States Army. During his tenure (1954-1965), The Citadel achieved international recognition, and the Corps of Cadets increased to the maximum capacity of the barracks. One of General Clark’s most enduring accomplishments was the implementation of the Cadet Honor Code, whereby a cadet does not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.

The Society of 1842 recognizes lifetime support of $1,000,000 or greater. Since its founding in 1842, The Citadel has molded individuals into citizen-soldiers who put into action the guiding principles learned in the barracks, in the classroom, and on the parade field as they serve their families, their communities, their professions, and their country with distinction.
The Star of the West Society recognizes lifetime support of $250,000 or greater. Citadel graduates have served their country in every conflict since the Mexican War. Named for the historic Civil War action led by a detachment of Citadel cadets, the Star of the West Monument on Summerall Field commemorates all Citadel cadets and graduates who have died in defense of their country and recognizes the strong call to service demonstrated by Citadel men and women.
The Summerall Society recognizes lifetime support of $100,000 or greater. General Charles Pelot Summerall (1867-1954) assumed the presidency of The Citadel in 1931 after retiring as Chief of Staff of the United States Army. During his 22-year tenure as president, the campus was greatly expanded to include many of the buildings that shape The Citadel footprint today, including Summerall Chapel, Capers Hall, LeTellier Hall, and McAlister Field House.
The Citadel Legacy Society recognizes alumni and friends who support The Citadel with planned gifts such as will bequests, charitable gift annuities, and other estate gifts. Through their generosity and foresight, Legacy Society donors help to secure the future of the institution through a variety of estate planning tools. The Citadel Legacy Society is open to individuals who have included The Citadel in their estate planning with a gift of $25,000 or greater and who provide the college with documentation of their gift.
The Scottish tartan, a woolen cloth woven in a distinctive pattern of plaid, has long served as a symbol of loyalty and association with a particular region, family, or clan. The Citadel’s Order of the Tartan recognizes and celebrates those donors who have shown their loyalty and steadfast commitment to The Citadel by making an annual gift of any dollar amount every year for 25 years or more.