

THE CITADEL  
The Military College of South Carolina  
171 Moultrie Street  
Charleston, SC 29409

GENERAL ORDER  
NUMBER 2-8

30 July 2009

**SALE OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT SOCIAL  
ACTIVITIES INVOLVING CADETS/STUDENTS**

**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this General Order is to establish the policy for the sale or service of alcoholic beverages at functions on campus. The Citadel campus includes: The Citadel Beach House and property; the Alumni House, College Park, Johnson Hagood Stadium, Riley Park and their parking areas.

**2. REFERENCE**

S.C. Code Ann. § 61-4-50, -60, -90 (Law Co-op, 1976)

S.C. Code Ann. § 61-6-4070, -4075, -4080 (Law Co-op, 1976)

S.C. Code Ann. § 63-19-2440 (Law Co-op, 1976)

**3. POLICY**

- A. It is the intention of The Citadel to educate cadets and students regarding the development of acceptable and intelligent drinking behavior. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is an option, and an individual's choice to abstain will be encouraged and upheld at all times.
- B. Cadets and students are reminded that they are responsible for their own conduct, for setting a proper example for others, and for acting in a manner that brings credit to themselves and The Citadel. All cadets and students must comply with South Carolina state law concerning the purchase, consumption, possession and transfer of alcoholic beverages.
- C. South Carolina Code § 63-19-2440 provides that: "It is unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one to purchase or knowingly possess beer (or other alcoholic beverages). Possession is prima facie evidence that it was knowingly possessed." S.C. Code Ann. § 61-4-60 provides that "It is unlawful for a person to whom beer or wine cannot be lawfully sold to knowingly give false information concerning his age for the purpose of purchasing beer or wine"
- D. The Citadel PROHIBITS cadet/student possession, use and/or trafficking of alcoholic beverages anywhere on campus, except as provided in this General

Order. This prohibition includes parking areas for athletic facilities on days of events, including football and other events at Johnson Hagood Stadium, as well as baseball and other events at Joe Riley Park and College Park.

- E. Any person or persons desiring to serve wine, champagne or beer at any function on Citadel property and in Citadel facilities (except private residences) must request, in writing, and obtain permission to serve said beverages from the Director of The Citadel Staff.
- F. College and non-college activities involved in the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus will abide by the following:
  - 1. Each host and activity sponsor, on all occasions, is responsible to set a proper example and abide by state laws concerning the sale, consumption and transfer of alcoholic beverages.
  - 2. Individuals or groups who wish to consume alcohol at any event must complete and submit a Registration for Events with Alcohol Form, pursuant to General Order 2-4, Use of Citadel Facilities. No alcoholic beverages other than beer, champagne or wine may be served at any Citadel facility during events involving cadets and students. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to faculty and staff members entertaining cadets or other students in their quarters.
  - 3. Persons serving or selling alcohol at The Citadel Beach House will strictly enforce age requirements regarding the sale and/or consumption of beer, champagne or wine. Cadets/students and their guests will be required to present two (2) valid forms of picture identification to ascertain legal drinking age, one of which must be a valid driver's license.
  - 4. Faculty and staff members entertaining cadets or other students in their quarters must abide by South Carolina state laws concerning alcoholic beverages. Faculty and staff may also serve alcohol to their children in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 61-6-4070.
- G. Consumption of alcoholic beverages should never be the central attraction of a party or any gathering. Alcohol free parties are strongly encouraged. When alcoholic beverages are served, food must be served, and non-alcoholic beverages must also be served.

#### **4. COMPLIANCE**

Failure to abide by this policy may result in disciplinary action against Citadel cadets, students, faculty, or staff. The failure or refusal to abide by this policy by individuals who are not Citadel students or employees may result in cancellation of the event and/or disqualification from use of Citadel facilities in the future.

## **5. NOTES**

### **A. Dates of official enactment and amendments:**

Approved by Director of Citadel Staff on 30 July 2009

### **B. Responsible Department:**

Office of the President

### **C. Responsible Official:**

Executive Assistant to the President

### **D. Cross References**

[6-704 Use of Citadel Facilities](#)

## **6. RESCISSION**

Memorandum No. 52, dated 21 July 2000, is rescinded.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

OFFICIAL

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Director of The Citadel Staff