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**Subject:** Re: Cadet Andrew Boyer Surman Reinstatement Case

Dear Mr. Brandenburg,

As a member of the Class of 1980, and a best friend of Ned Surman, I want to express my sincere disappointment with the expulsion of Cadet Andrew Surman and the complete apathy Ned is receiving from The Citadel.

Obviously, considering the facts, the school has overreacted in his case and should re-consider the actions taken. I can tell you that I have shared tears of sorrow with Ned and his wife as Andrew's life has been forever changed by the folks responsible for his unjustified punishment.

I'm deeply concerned with Ned's treatment by The Citadel and the similar treatment of other classmates of mine who have had disciplinary issues with their son's while they attended The Citadel. In each case, my classmates were ignored and chastised for sticking up for their sons.

Several years ago I was an enthusiastic financial supporter of the school, happily giving my time and money to an institution I believed in and loved.

In 2012, I asked one of your Citadel Foundation employees (Bill Yaeger), who was suggesting that I increase the amount of money I gave to The Citadel Foundation, to write a personal letter to my son, then a high school junior, inviting him to consider attending the Citadel. I had obtained a Provisional Appoint for him soon after he was born and he met the academic criteria for early admission. He was a three year letterman on his high school football team and an Eagle scout. The letter was never written and my son decided to attend another college. I was heartbroken. I don't blame The Citadel for my son's decision, but after all the money I had raised, given and pledged, I only asked for one God Damn letter.

That quickly showed me how the school really thinks about its alumni...not much. The case of Andrew Surman confirms my opinion.

I currently give to the Brigadier Foundation, only because of my friendship with Al Kennickel and Rob Hoak and my appreciation for student athletes.

If the Citadel does not sit down with Ned and re-consider his son's reinstatement, that support will also end.

Please meet with Ned in person and discuss Andrew's case.

Sincerely,

Kevin Iocovozzi  
Class Of 1980

On Sep 24, 2016, at 11:53 AM, Edward Surman <[ned.surman@gmail.com](mailto:ned.surman@gmail.com)> wrote:

Mark,

I am very familiar with all of the correspondents between The Citadel and myself. I understand many of my classmates on this email still may not know much or any part of the details on this case....and that is why I included them..... to ask questions and find out what is going on. That is their prerogative.

For those with interest, I will provide any and all the information I have.

Respectfully,

Do not hide behind your Electronic 'Blue Book' of Policies and Procedures in this case. I will continue to ask The Citadel for the "hard evidence" you refer to in your reasoning for the expulsion Andrew. Based on the Charges.....there is none.

The Citadel filed 4 Felony Criminal charges against my son. All were dismissed in the SC Court system.

This is what Andrew was using as new evidence for reinstatement. Denied.

"Andrew was charged with Financial Transaction Fraud Forgery, Grand Larceny, Forgery and Criminal Receiving Goods Fraudulently Obtained.

All Charges were dismissed and he pled to a Magistrate's Court misdemeanor of Receiving Stolen Goods, by Affidavit with a fine.

The "white slip' or Performance Report (PR) from The Citadel dated 19 March 2015 - Only shows 3 Charges under the topic of Conduct Unbecoming a Cadet:

Financial Transaction Card Forgery, Grand Larceny, Criminally receiving Goods Fraudulently obtained.  
Signed by Lt. Col Robert Sberna

There is no evidence of him forging anything, never was involved in any check writing, credit card or bank accounts or anything except being with the former cadet who did it all...unknowingly to Andrew.

I have asked to see the evidence.....there is none.

Andrew had the purchases from Best Buy, from the guilty party, in his room, in a bag - unopened. He did not even want them...but had no place to put them.

So for all of you saying 'what is going on' .....it is such a bizarre and unique case The Citadel has pressed against my son..... Just show me the evidence of the alleged acts. There is none... Only twisted statements and pressure to confess by the Citadel public safety office – Chris Odom. Again, I have all the copies of the his statements in his affidavits.

Hard Evidence does not exist because Andrew did not do the crimes he was charged with and the SC Court system agrees.

As I have stated, I will forward the 27 page background of the case..... The Citadel summary / Andrew's Appeal. I also have all the Cadet's Statements that were involved in this case. All open for inspection, distribution and review.

It all points to the guilty party ( who resigned instantly and never made a statement)...not Andrew. He was with the wrong person at the wrong time... no question about that. The Penalty The Citadel has bestowed is unjust.

Many have read this 27 page document and cannot believe The Citadel has done what it has done.

So please, do not hide behind a policy and a paragraph in a rule book that I know can be overruled for just cause.

That is the basis of our plea .....to meet face to face with The BOV, Dean Book and any other decision making person.

All of you on this email will always wonder and want to know the real story and background of this case.

Just ask...I will send it. You wont believe it and how The Citadel has impacted a young man's life, his family, extended family, community and especially an Alumni.

The treatment by The Citadel towards an Alumni has been disturbing.

You would all do exactly what I am doing and those that know me, know what I had to do as well.

So please, don't say the BOV can't intervene. I know they can have done so in the past. The precedent has been set.

I ask for my Classmates and the Alumni Association's support for this case of reinstatement for Andrew Boyer Surman.

Respectfully,  
Ned Surman  
The Citadel - Class of 1980  
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**Subject:** RE: Cadet Andrew Boyer Surman Reinstatement Case

Mr. Surman

The Citadel has received your emails of September 5, 12, and 13. Please find attached The Citadel's response. As that letter indicates, I am also attaching the school's response to your inquiries last June. I am sending both of these documents via US Mail as well.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly via email or via the phone numbers or address below.

Mark

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**Subject:** Cadet Andrew Boyer Surman Reinstatement Case

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

See my follow up email below.....This will continue to many more of my classmates and outside sources. I have already received responses wondering what is going on. I was and continue to be a well known and respected Cadet from our Class.

I will release all the information ( I have already been asked for it) to anyone with interest. Only a select few know all the details at this point. I will give the 27 pages of the Appeal and The Citadel's response to anyone who asks, to start. I have every other document and will release them as well.

I promise you, I will continue to send emails and build support for my case until I heard from the proper authorities at The Citadel and have a formal meeting with the Board of Visitors.

Respectfully,  
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The Citadel - Class of 1980  
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Dr. Book, William Lind ...

Tonight I have emailed many of my Classmates and others. There are many more to contact. This is only the beginning of my "awareness campaign" ....Only a few know how you have treated me...as an alumni, my family, and especially my son, Andrew, a cadet who has been treated with no dignity or respect after you have tried to destroy his life after 3 years at The Citadel.

2 years Cadre, Gold Star's, Dean's List, Summerall Guards- Last Man Standing, Hockey Team 3 year, 3.1 GPA.

Most do not know the circumstances and they may or may not ask what is going on.

I will provide every document I have to anyone who asks...I have them all. I am a phone call away.

Dr. Book, The BOV, The President's Office, CAA ,.... Nobody has responded to my numerous emails or calls and even requests from high ranking classmates of mine to assist in this very bizarre and unique situation...basically have been told to "mind their own business".

For the past year and a half, I have tried to go about it the correct way to get a resolve....however The Citadel does not even respond.

I have asked politely and professionally to meet and discuss my son's case..... as has he, going through the proper procedures and channels.

I have started my campaign to get this case in the open to all Citadel Alumni and beyond.....

You have tried to destroy Andrew, me and my family....

My ring means nothing, as I do not even wear it....Andrew's sits in the box it came it....

I am asking, once again.. for a meeting with the proper official's at The Citadel to discuss the case of my son.

I am also requesting the support of my classmates to contact me for any information on what has transpired.

I guarantee you won't believe it.....and you would all be doing the same thing if it were you and your family.

Respectfully,  
Ned Surman  
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