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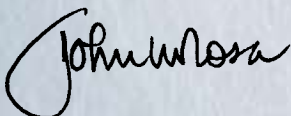
Welcome to the 2006 issue of *The Citadel* magazine. The theme of this issue is Accepting the Challenge. In a society that promotes instant gratification and self-indulgence, the process of molding leaders who seek out difficult challenges instead of pursuing an easy path is an unusual and ultimately rewarding quest.

The articles in this issue reflect just a few of the challenges that are undertaken here at The Citadel. The Four Pillars feature demonstrates how challenges are met in academics, military life, athletics and character development. From the faculty side, Col. Jack Rhodes explores how cadets are accepting academic challenges in the Honors Program and going on to pursue graduate study at prestigious institutions and exciting careers in business and the armed services. At the same time, several of the cadets who traveled abroad this summer on scholarships sponsored by the Star of the West Association and the Cleveland Endowment Fund share some of the academic challenges and cultural opportunities they faced while on summer leave. And the alumni feature on Col. Keith Coln, '74, a South Carolina Air National Guard wing commander and fighter pilot, illustrates the heights our graduates go to when they pursue lofty challenges.

The November 2005 *Los Angeles Times* article, reprinted on page 26, is an outstanding piece that talks about the character cadets display in the face of difficult challenges. It is also an inspiration to all of us to contribute to the Bulldogs' success by supporting the stadium project (for details, see page 60).

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Our goal is to produce leaders who make us proud in times of challenge and controversy. As you will see in these pages, we are continuing to accept the challenge.



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