

VI. INTEGRITY

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Do what's right, legally and morally. Integrity is a quality you develop by adhering to moral principles. It requires that you do and say nothing that deceives others. As your integrity grows, so does the trust others place in you. The more choices you make based on integrity, the more this highly prized value will affect your relationships with family and friends, and, finally, the fundamental acceptance of yourself.

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Integrity is the bridge between character and conduct.

Matthew 5:16 AMP – Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.

Colossians 3:17 AMP – And whatever you do, no matter what it is, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in dependence upon His Person giving praise to God the Father through Him.

VII. PERSONAL COURAGE

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Face fear, danger or adversity (physical or moral). Personal courage has long been associated with our army. With physical courage, it is a matter of enduring physical duress and at times risking personal safety. Facing moral fear or adversity may be a long, slow process of continuing forward on the right path, especially if taking those actions is not popular with others. You can build your personal courage by daily standing up for and acting upon the things that you know are honorable.

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Hebrews 13:6 AMP – So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm, I will not fear or dread or be terrified. What can man do to me?

Psalms 27:14 AMP – Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord.

Esther 4:16 AMP – Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast for me; and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I also and my maids will fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.

Hebrews 11:35b-38a AMP – Others were tortured to death with clubs, refusing to accept release offered on the terms of denying their faith, so that they might be resurrected to a better life. (36) Others had to suffer the trial of mocking and scourging and even chains and imprisonment. (37) They were stoned to death; they were lured with tempting offers to renounce their faith; they were sawn asunder; they were slaughtered by the sword; while they were alive they had to go about wrapped in the skins of sheep and goats, utterly destitute, oppressed, cruelly treated – (38) Men of whom the world was not worthy.

Proverbs 28:1 AMP – The righteous are bold as a lion.

BATTLE READINESS

Part 3 – Core Values

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INTRODUCTION Our Mission:

Isaiah 61:1 AMP – The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound.

Matthew 28:18-20 AMP – (18) Jesus said to them, All authority, all power of rule in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. (19) Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (20) Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days, to the very close and consummation of the age.

I. LOYALTY

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Bear true faith and allegiance to the constitution, the army, your unit and other soldiers. Bearing true faith and allegiance is a matter of believing in and devoting yourself to something or someone. A loyal soldier is one who supports the leadership and stands up for fellow soldiers. By wearing the uniform you are expressing your loyalty. And by doing your share, you show your loyalty to your unit. (Core Values taken from www.goarmy.com).

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Loyal implies a firm resistance to any temptation to desert or betray. We pledge our allegiance to God, to His Church, and to each other.

Ruth 1:16-17 AMP – (16) And Ruth said, Urge me not to leave you or to turn back from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God my God. (17) Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts me from you.

II. DUTY

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Fulfill your obligations. Doing your duty means more than carrying out your assigned tasks. Duty means being able to accomplish tasks as part of a team. The work of the army is a complex combination of missions, tasks and responsibilities – all in constant motion. Our work entails building one assignment onto another. You fulfill your obligations as a part of your unit every time you resist the temptation to take "shortcuts" that might undermine the integrity of the final product.

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Romans 12:4-6 AMP – (4) For as in one physical body we have many parts and all of these parts do not have the same function or use, (5) so we, numerous as we are, are one body in Christ and individually we are parts one of another, mutually dependent on one another. (6) Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them.

I Corinthians 12:18, 25, 27 AMP – (18) But as it is, God has placed and arranged the limbs and organs in the body, each particular one of them, just as He wished and saw fit and with the best adaptation. (25) So that there should be no division or discord or lack of adaptation of the parts of the body to each other, but the members all alike should have a mutual interest in and care for one another. (27) Now you collectively are Christ's body and individually you are members of it, each part severally and distinct each with its own place and function.

Philippians 1:27AMP – Only be sure as citizens so to conduct yourselves that your manner of life will be worthy of the good news, the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I do come and see you or am absent, I may hear this of you: that you are standing firm in united spirit and purpose, striving side by side and contending with a single mind for the faith of the glad tidings, the Gospel.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 MKJV - Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep His commandments. For this is the whole duty of man.

Mat 22:36-39 - NKJV (36) Master, which is the great commandment in the Law? (37) Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

III. RESPECT

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Treat people as they should be treated. In the soldier's code, we pledge to "treat others with dignity and respect while expecting others to do the same." Respect is what allows us to appreciate the best in other people. Respect is trusting that all people have done their jobs and fulfilled their duty. And self-respect is a vital ingredient with the army value of respect, which results from knowing you have put forth your best effort. The army is one team and each of us has something to contribute.

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Luke 6:31 AMP – And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them.

Luke 6:31 MSG - Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!

Philippians 2:3b AMP – In the true spirit of humility let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself, thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves.

IV. SELFLESS SERVICE

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Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army and your subordinates before your own. Selfless service is larger than just one person. In serving your country, you are doing your duty loyally without thought of recognition or gain. The basic building block of selfless service is the commitment of each team member to go a little further, endure a little longer, and look a little closer to see how he or she can add to the effort.

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Matthew 20:28 AMP – The Son of Man came not to be waited on but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many, the price paid to set them free.

Luke 22:27 AMP – For who is the greater, the one who reclines at table (the master), or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am in your midst as One Who serves.

I John 3:16b AMP – He laid down His own life for us; and we ought to lay our lives down for those who are our brothers in Him.

V. HONOR

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Live up to army values. One of the highest military awards is The Medal of Honor. This award goes to soldiers who make honor a matter of daily living – soldiers who develop the habit of being honorable, and solidify that habit with every value choice they make. Honor is a matter of carrying out, acting, and living the values of respect, duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity and personal courage in everything you do.

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Psalm 8:4-6 AMP – (4) What is man that You are mindful of him and the son of man that You care for him? (5) Yet You have made him but a little lower than heavenly beings, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. (6) You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.

Romans 12:10 AMP – Love one another with brotherly affection as members of one family, giving precedence and showing honor to one another.

I Peter 2:17 AMP – Show respect for all men, treat them honorably. Love the brotherhood, the Christian fraternity of which Christ is the Head. Reverence God. Honor the emperor.

Ephesians 4:1 AMP – I therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to and beg you to walk, lead a life, worthy of the divine calling to which you have been called, with behavior that is a credit to the summons to God's service.