

Prepare to Compete Well

October 30th Breakout Sessions: Leadership Ethics

During these sessions, the Cadet facilitators will engage students on leadership: communications, competence, respect, values, ethical decision-making, time management, moral reasoning, teambuilding, social competence, character, problem solving, ethics, courage, etc. A foundational document for leadership ethics and honorable living is Army Doctrine Publication (ADP) 6-22). It is referenced throughout the content below.

Breakout Session 1: Honorable Living

Have you thought about what it takes to live honorably as an Army Leader? It involves faithfully living the Army oaths, codes, values, creeds, etc. The US Army is considered the leadership laboratory of the world because we show the world how to take care of people and get the mission done. Hence, the mantra: Mission First, People Always!!!

It takes moral courage, competence, character, commitment, communication, passion and purpose to be an exemplary, ethical and honorable leader. Do you have what it takes? Can you practice living by the creeds, oaths, values, and codes that serve as our foundation for Officership? After reviewing the codes below, what will you do differently (decisions, choices, relationships, competence) to live by these codes. What would you have changed in the past, knowing what you know now? Additionally, knowing the commitment required of an Army Officer, how would you deal with inevitable conflicts of expectations?

West Point Cadet Honor Code

A Cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do.

West Point Cadet Creed

- ❖ I am committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country.
- ❖ I am an inspiring member of the Army Profession, dedicated to serve and earn the trust of the American People.
- ❖ It is my duty to maintain the honor of the Corps.
- ❖ I will live above the common level of life and have the courage to choose the harder right over the easier wrong.
- ❖ I will live with honor and integrity, scorn injustice, and always confront substandard behavior.
- ❖ I will persevere through adversity and recover from failure.
- ❖ I will embrace the warrior ethos and pursue excellence in everything I do.
- ❖ I am a future officer and member of the Long Gray Line

The JROTC Cadet Creed

- ❖ I am an Army JROTC Cadet.
- ❖ I will always conduct myself to bring credit to my family, country, school, and the corps of cadets.
- ❖ I am loyal and patriotic. I am the future of the United States of America.
- ❖ I do not lie, cheat, or steal and will always be accountable for my actions and deeds.
- ❖ I will always practice good citizenship and patriotism.
- ❖ I will work hard to improve my mind and strengthen my body.
- ❖ I will seek the mantle of leadership and stand prepared to uphold the Constitution and the American way of life.
- ❖ May God grant me the strength to always live by this creed.

The JROTC Mission

The mission of JROTC is to motivate young people to be better citizens. We do this by instilling leadership skills, offering a rich learning environment, and by giving cadets the opportunities they need to realize their full potential. We achieve this by facilitating engaging classroom learning using our JROTC curriculum and offering numerous and exciting co-curricular activities for cadets to be placed in a leadership situation by which they can learn and grow.

ROTC Cadet Creed

- ❖ I am an Army Cadet.
- ❖ Soon I will take an oath and become an Army Officer committed to defending the values, which make this nation great.
- ❖ HONOR is my touchstone. I understand MISSION first and PEOPLE always.
- ❖ I am the PAST: the spirit of those WARRIORS who have made the final sacrifice.
- ❖ I am the PRESENT: the scholar and apprentice soldier enhancing my skills in the science of warfare and the art of Leadership.
- ❖ But, above all, I am the FUTURE: the future WARRIOR LEADER of the United States Army.
- ❖ May God give me the compassion and judgment to lead and the gallantry to WIN.
- ❖ I WILL do my duty.

Army Values

[\(https://www.army.mil/values/\)](https://www.army.mil/values/)

- ❖ **Loyalty:** Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, and other soldiers.
- ❖ **Duty:** Fulfill your obligations.
- ❖ **Respect:** Treat people as they should be treated.
- ❖ **Selfless Service:** Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own.
- ❖ **Honor:** Live up to all the Army Values.
- ❖ **Integrity:** Do what's right, legally and morally.
- ❖ **Personal Courage:** Face fear, danger, or adversity (physical and moral).

The Soldier's Creed

- ❖ I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.
- ❖ I am a warrior and a member of a team
- ❖ I serve the people of the United States and live the army values.
- ❖ I WILL ALWAYS PLACE THE MISSION FIRST.
- ❖ I WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT.
- ❖ I WILL NEVER QUIT.
- ❖ I WILL NEVER LEAVE A FALLEN COMRADE.
- ❖ I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.
- ❖ I always maintain my arms, my equipment, and myself.
- ❖ I am an expert and I am a professional.
- ❖ I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.
- ❖ I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.
- ❖ I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.

Definition of an Officer

(USCC Cir 351-2)

Officership is the practice of being a commissioned Army Officer. Officers swear an oath of loyalty and service to the Constitution and serve at the pleasure of the President as Commander-in-Chief. They are accountable for the state of the Army and the accomplishment of its missions. Officers apply discretionary judgment and bear ultimate moral responsibility for their decisions. Their commission imposes total accountability and unlimited liability. Essential to officership is a unique, shared self-concept consisting of four identities - warrior, servant of the nation, member of a profession, and leader of character. Grounded in Army values, this shared self-concept inspires and shapes the officer and the Army Officer Corps.

Honorable Living

(ADP 6-22c1, p.2-4, para 2-10)

Living honorably, in line with the Army Values, sets an example for every member of the organization and contributes to an organization's positive climate and morale. How leaders conduct themselves and meet their obligations to the mission, other people, and the organization defines them as people and leaders.

Army Oaths

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Oath of Enlistment

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

Oath of Office for commissioned officers and DA Civilians

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.