



CORE VALUES

Teamwork - Strive to be a strong and loyal team member. You must exercise strong values to be good member of the team. Leaders strive to develop effective teams. Analyze your personal and unit goals holistically, considering how your actions support or hinder the progress of the group. You must stand up for your leadership, for your peers, and for your followers. Ultimately, both triumph and failure are shared by all. Being a true team member requires believing in and devoting your efforts to something greater than yourself.

Honor – Honor is your word. It cannot be taken from you, and it is freely given. Develop the habit of being honorable, and solidify that habit with every value choice you make. Honor is a matter of carrying out, acting, and living the values of respect, duty, loyalty, integrity and teamwork in everything you do.

Integrity – Do what is right, legally and morally. Integrity is a quality you develop by adhering to guiding 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. Be true to your values and do not compromise them for others. Without integrity all other values fail. It is integrity which keeps them intact. Integrity is the summation of our character. 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.

Respect – Treat others with dignity and respect and expect 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. If you do not first give respect do not expect to receive it. Respect is the only value that you have to earn. Self-respect allows you to appreciate the best in yourself, resulting from knowing you have put forth your best effort.

Duty – You are obligated to do what must be done. Doing your duty means more than carrying out your assigned tasks. Duty means being able to accomplish tasks as part of a team. We have duty at all levels: duty to self, duty to family, duty to nation and state, duty to job, and duty to team. 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 end product.