

Ethical and Responsible Conduct

WMAC continually seeks meaningful ways to instill its cadet and commuter students with the highest standards of ethical conduct. In particular, we emphasize standards that directly correlate with the [Mission \(PALMS\)](#), [Core Values \(THIRD\)](#), and [Student Learning Outcomes](#) of the institution. The long military tradition upon which those values are based provides the foundation for a moral philosophy that impacts every aspect of institutional life. While our culture of honor and integrity is historically rooted, it remains vital and relevant to the institution and is clearly articulated in the [Cadet Rules and Regulations](#) and the [Student Handbook and College Catalog](#). WMAC's daily functions and operations are based on the same standards of ethical behavior, transparency, fairness, and honesty that are so important to our students.

Mission Statement Wentworth Military College and Academy

The mission of Wentworth Military Academy and College is to provide the environment and resources necessary for its students to develop their potential in academics, leadership, physical well-being, moral character, and self-discipline so they become productive citizens in a diverse, global society.

PALMS is the acronym derived from the Goals that directly inform the Mission Statement: Physical well-being, Academic success, Leadership skills, Moral character, and Self-discipline.

Core Values Wentworth Military College and Academy

The institution's Core Values are fundamental to these Mission-based Goals. The Core Values are outlined for everyone in the WMAC community in the following manner:

Teamwork: Strive to be a strong and loyal team member. You must exercise strong values to be a 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.

Separate documents in Criterion 2:

Student Learning Outcomes

Cadet Rules and Regulations

Student Handbook and College Catalog