

3. USAC Values.

3-1. The Cadet Oath.

At the end of Recruit Orientation, you will be sworn in as a member of the USAC Corps of Cadets. But you're not a Cadet yet! You're still a Recruit and you will still need to prove yourself before you can become a full-fledged Cadet. All Recruits have to attend the two-week BCT program during Annual Training held each summer.

"I (Full Name), do solemnly promise to give true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; to be faithful and loyal to the Corps of Cadets; to obey the orders of the Officers appointed over me; and to conduct myself so as to be a credit to my Unit, the U.S. Army Cadet Corps, the Armed Forces and my Country."

3-2. The Cadet's Creed.

The Cadet's Creed is based upon the Soldier's Creed. You will memorize this Creed and understand the meaning of each line by the end of Recruit Orientation.

I am a U.S. Army Cadet.

I am a member of a team.

I will serve my community and live the Army and Army Cadet Values.

I will always strive for excellence.

I will always give my all.

I will never quit.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally strong, trained, and proficient in my tasks and drills.

I always maintain my equipment and myself.

I support freedom and the American way of life.

I am a U.S. Army Cadet.

3-3. The Cadet's Code.

As with the Cadet's Creed, the Cadet's Code is based on the U.S. Army Soldier's Code. This code establishes the basic responsibilities of a U.S. Army Cadet – you will have this memorized by the end of recruit orientation.

I I am a U.S. Army Cadet – an asset to my community and part of the greatest Nation on earth – a supporter of the Constitution of the United States.

II I will treat others with dignity and respect and expect others to do the same.

III I will honor my Country, the Army, the U.S. Army Cadet Corps, my unit, and my fellow Cadets and cadre by living the U.S. Army Cadet Corps and Army Values.

IV No matter what situation I am in, I will never do anything for selfish purposes which will disgrace my uniform, my unit, or my Country.

V Lastly, I am proud of my Country and its flag. I want to look back and say that I am proud to have served as an Army Cadet.

3-4. USAC Core Values.

A basic part of military culture is the values of that service. All members of the service are expected to honor and live by those values. The USAC also has values that you share with everyone in the USAC; they are part of the foundation of our organization. These shared values are part of what makes us, the USAC, special and different from other youth organizations; and even different from other Cadet organizations.

The Core Values of the U.S. Army Cadet Corps are Commitment, Achievement, Discipline, Education, Training, and Service. You may remember these Values through the acronym "CADETS."

- **COMMITMENT** means sincere dedication to Corps and Country, selfless determination to succeed and relentless dedication to excellence. You should always try, never give up, and never willingly accept second best.
- **ACHIEVEMENT** means setting and reaching meaningful goals..
- **DISCIPLINE** is mastering your mind, body and emotions. It is gained through rigorous and challenging training.
- **EDUCATION** tells you to work hard in school (formal education) and learn from your experiences (informal education).
- **TRAINING** is how you learn and master skills and grow as a person and Cadet. Training also means teaching others and helping them grow.
- **SERVICE** means sharing your time and talents to build a strong community.

3-5. Army Values.

In the 1990's, the Army officially adopted what are known as "The Seven Army Values". The values are arranged to form the acronym LDRSHIP (leadership) and they are part of the basic culture of the Army. As a U.S. Army Cadet, you will know and honor the Army Values as you do the USAC Values.

The Army Values are:

- **LOYALTY** - Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other Soldiers.
- **DUTY** - Fulfill your obligations, even if it calls for sacrifice.
- **RESPECT** - Treat people as they should be treated.
- **SELFLESS SERVICE** - Sacrifice your welfare, and your life if need be, for the country, the Army, and your Soldiers.
- **HONOR** - Live up to the code of a U.S. Army Soldier.



- INTEGRITY - Do what's right, legally and morally.
- PERSONAL COURAGE - Face danger, adversity or death with steadfast bravery.

3-6. The Cadet Honor Code.

The USAC Cadet Honor Code sets the foundation for conduct for all Cadets, at all times. Remember, even when you are not at drill, AT or some other USAC event, you still represent the USAC. If you are not morally straight, it will make the USAC and all your fellow Cadets look bad. As long as you are a USAC Cadet, you are expected to behave honorably. This is the same Honor Code that Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point live by and use to guide their actions.

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

The four parts of the Honor Code are:

- *I will not lie* - Lying is not just a false statement; you can also 'lie by omission'. In other words, you can lie by not giving information. Not only are you required to be truthful, you are required to be *fully* truthful. Tell the truth and the whole truth, even if it will cost you in some way.
- *I will not cheat* - Cheat has two meanings: to swindle someone or to purposefully violate rules. You should be absolutely honest whenever you deal with people. Give them fair value for what they give you. The second meaning is the one you know: to break the rules, especially when you want to gain an advantage, such as cheating on a test or cheating at a game. Neither type of cheating will be tolerated by the Corps of Cadets.
- *I will not steal* - Simply put: stealing is depriving someone the use of their property - even when they weren't using it. Just because a fellow Cadet isn't using his canteen doesn't mean you can "borrow" it. If you don't have permission and they can't use it, you've stolen it.
- *I will not tolerate those who lie, cheat or steal* - When you tolerate something it means you are putting up with it without complaining. If one of your fellow Cadets violates the Honor Code, you are duty bound - and honor bound - to report the violation.

These are simple rules and the things they prohibit are things that no honorable person should do or allow. You should find it easy to live by them. And only if you live by them can you be a member of our Corps.

3-7. Review Questions.

3-1. Volunteering to help with a charity drive in your community demonstrates which USAC Core Value?

- a. Commitment
- b. Education
- c. Training
- d. Service

- 3-2. You can demonstrate the USAC Core Value of Discipline by:
- Taking advanced placement classes in school, even though it means extra homework.
 - Exercising regularly, even when you don't feel like it.
 - Volunteering at a food drive, even though you have to give up a varsity sport.
 - Taking time to teach a Recruit who is having trouble, even though he isn't in your platoon.
- 3-3. The USAC Core Value of Achievement tells you to:
- Set goals that might not be easy and work hard to reach them.
 - Do the things that are required of you and help others to do the same.
 - Promote as quickly as you can in the USAC.
 - Stay on course to complete any goals you set.
- 3-4. Putting everything you have into a task shows the USAC Core Value of:
- Commitment
 - Education
 - Training
 - Service
- 3-5. The USAC Core Value of 'Education' means you:
- Should do extra credit assignments in school.
 - Have to receive good grades in order to stay in the Corps of Cadets.
 - Should try to learn from every experience.
 - Will learn more in the USAC than in school.
- 3-6. The U.S. Army Values are arranged to suggest what word?
- Honor
 - Fidelity
 - Courage
 - Leadership
- 3-7. The U.S. Army Value of Respect tells you to:
- Treat people as they should be treated.
 - Behave properly toward your superiors.
 - Do not steal or abuse another's property.
 - Honor the differences between people.
- 3-8. According the U.S. Army Values, Integrity is:
- Doing what is right, legally and morally.
 - Treating people as they should be treated.
 - Living up to a code of behavior.
 - Facing danger, adversity or death with bravery.
- 3-9. According to the Cadet Honor Code, Lying is both telling a falsehood and:
- Accusing another of something you have done.
 - Not giving complete information.
 - Refusing to incriminate yourself.

d. Knowingly breaking a rule.

3-10. According to the Cadet Honor Code, swindling someone is an example of:

- a. Lying
- b. Cheating
- c. Stealing
- d. Tolerating

3-11. If you borrow something without asking, even if you return it, you are guilty of:

- a. Lying
- b. Cheating
- c. Stealing
- d. Tolerating