



A15.A.—CADET HONOR CODE

“I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will we tolerate anyone among us who does.”

A15. A cadet will not lie, cheat or steal, nor will he/she mislead or deceive anyone as to known facts. A cadet will be truthful, trustworthy, honest and forthright in all things. Every cadet is presumed to be honorable and to possess moral integrity in the fullest sense and will be treated accordingly, unless a cadet proves otherwise by his/her words or actions. A cadet should neither permit nor accept anything which is not just, right or true. He/she must do the right thing because it is right, not because of fear or punishment or peer pressure.

NEVER SURRENDER YOUR HONOR!

A15.1. As a cadet, you must set the example for others to follow. Your character must be above reproach and strong enough to withstand conflicting situations. Your words and actions must be above question because others will not follow someone they don't trust. These simple words are the basis for a code to live by that will last you the remainder of your lifetime. These are simple rules, but tough to live by as reflected in the alarming number of students who freely admit they cheat in schools and colleges. Do not be swayed by those who make narrow-minded decisions. Remember the words in this code are clear in their demands and are still relevant in our society. Be honest in word and deed. Do not make indirect or evasive statements. Do your own work, and assist others in a sense of cooperation. HONOR is a noble, moral standard that is necessary for the wellness and continued existence of our civilized society.

A15.2. Doing what is right is not always easy. Sometimes you have to pay a high price for having the courage to stand by your convictions. You, the cadet, must believe in yourself and what is right. Being a leader involves having to make tough decisions and carrying them out for the benefit of the organization without regard for personal gain. You must sometimes choose the “harder right” over the “easier wrong.”

A15.3. The Cadet Honor Code is a vehicle to guide you along the path of successful leadership and followership. If you tolerate a violation, you are as guilty as the one who commits the offense. Toleration in our society will come easy, and throughout life you will face temptation and urges that will encourage you to abandon your ideals. Some people have no problem with matters of conscience, because they choose not to be ethical. However, in winning at all costs, the advantages are short lived and the costs high.

A15.4. Make the honor code and personal integrity part of your life. Because you are a cadet, you will be given responsibility, and you will be expected to perform. The Cadet Honor Code will prepare you for the rigors of life and leadership, and will play a vital role in the never-ending development of your character. It is a minimum standard from which cadets can build and evaluate their moral character throughout the years.

A15.5. Strict adherence to "the code" is required by each and every cadet at all times and in all situations. Personal integrity is a common thread that links cadets of the past, present, and future. Integrity, as embedded in the Cadet Honor Code, will enable you and others to accomplish the tremendous tasks you are asked to do as you meet the challenges of life.

A15.6. These simple words provide the basis for a personal code of ethics that will last the remainder of your life. This Honor Code of Conduct is specific and clear in what it means. A cadet is expected to have complete integrity in both word and deed; to avoid quibbling or evasive statements; to do his/her own work in class; and yet to be willing to assist others in a sense of cooperation and in reaching common group goals.

A15.7. The cadet honor code belongs to the cadet corps and provides a special bond between cadets. Every cadet is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the code.