

Duty, Honor, Country

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Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points, to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

DUTY Duty is having a sense of obligation to do what's right, to the best of your ability, when it's expected of you in an assigned position or situation. A high sense of duty is a very important part of any successful career and a hallmark of great leaders.

HONOR Strict adherence to professional, ethical and moral codes is essential if we are to serve as servant leaders. As mentioned in the Cadet Prayer, choosing the harder right over the easier wrong is the foundation of decision-making for the honorable person. A sense of honor is required in deeds, as well as words.

COUNTRY The nation has the right to expect the highest standards of personal and official conduct from professional officers. They declare loyalty to our nation and become the guardian of our nation in times of strife and war. The soldier must be willing to sacrifice everything for our country, which requires that the soldier love our country and what it stands for. Service to country is primary for the professional soldier.