



*“The Intellectual Center
of the Army”*



**CGSC Military Ethics Symposium (20-23 Apr, FLKS)
Center for the Army Profession and Ethic (CAPE)
Read Ahead
21 April 2015**



THEME I: Implementing the Army Ethic:

What are the enablers and obstacles to implementing the Army Ethic in education, training, and operations? How can we motivate and inspire Army professionals to live by and uphold the Army Ethic?

IA. Enablers (e.g., Transformational leadership, mission command, identity)

IB. Obstacles (e.g., Army Culture, Organizational Climate, PME/CES)

THEME II: Applying the Army Ethic :

How do we use the Army Ethic to develop and certify character in Soldiers and Army Civilians?

IIA. Developing the Character of Soldiers and Army Civilians

IIB. Certification of Army professionals

Required Reading: <http://cape.army.mil/cgsc-ethics/read-ahead.php>

Practical Exercises: Lead a discussion, based on your own experience, about “dissonance” between the ideals of the Army Profession and actual practice. What caused the ethical challenge? What moral principles were violated? How can we prevent similar problems in the future? What is the role of senior Army leaders? How do we reinforce what is good (enablers) and redress what is bad (obstacles).





AMERICA'S ARMY

OUR PROFESSION – LIVING THE ARMY ETHIC

Army Profession Doctrine

WHERE WE ARE

The Army Ethic The Heart of the Army

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Living the Army Ethic inspires our shared identity as trusted Army professionals with distinctive roles as *honorable servants*, *Army experts*, and *stewards of the profession*. To honor these obligations we adopt, live by, and uphold the moral principles of the Army Ethic. Beginning with our solemn oath of service as defenders of the Nation, we voluntarily incur the extraordinary moral obligation to be trusted Army professionals.

Trusted Army Professionals are

Honorable Servants of the Nation—Professionals of Character:

We serve honorably—according to the Army Ethic—under civilian authority while obeying the laws of the Nation and all legal orders; further, we reject and report illegal, unethical, or immoral orders or actions.

We take pride in honorably serving the Nation with integrity, demonstrating character in all aspects of our lives.

In war and peace, we recognize the intrinsic dignity and worth of all people, treating them with respect.

We lead by example and demonstrate courage by doing what is right despite risk, uncertainty, and fear; we candidly express our professional judgment to subordinates, peers, and superiors.

Army Experts—Competent Professionals:

We do our duty, leading and following with discipline, striving for excellence, putting the needs of others above our own, and accomplishing the mission as a team.

We accomplish the mission and understand it may demand courageously risking our lives and justly taking the lives of others.

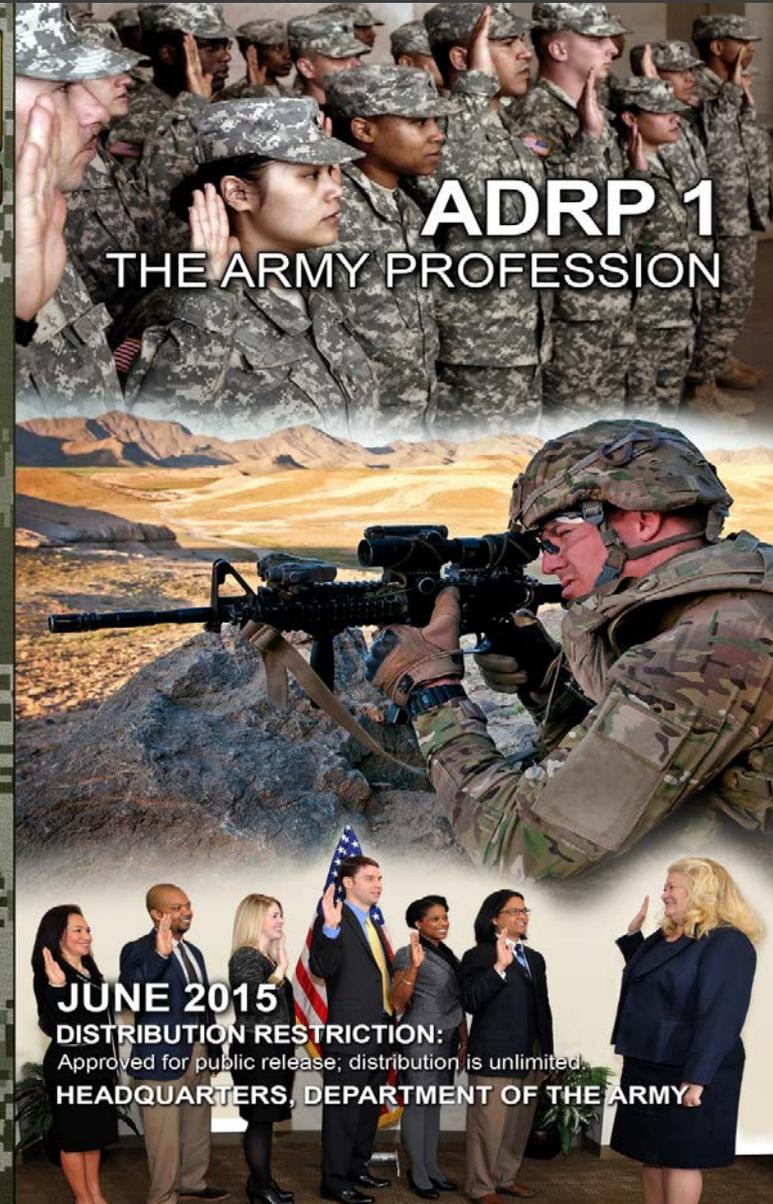
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Stewards of the Army Profession—Committed Professionals:

We embrace and uphold the Army Values and standards of the profession, always accountable to each other and the American people for our decisions and actions.

We wisely use the resources entrusted to us, ensuring our Army is well led and well prepared, while caring for Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Families.

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Implementing and Integrating the Army Ethic



Education



Training



Operations



Culture



Climate

Applying the Army Ethic



Developing Character



Certification

