



AMERICA'S ARMY OUR PROFESSION



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WHAT MAKES THE ARMY A PROFESSION?

Essential Characteristics of the Army Profession

Military Expertise



Our Ethical Application of Landpower

Honorable Service



Our Noble Calling to Service and Sacrifice

Trust



The Bedrock of our Profession

Esprit de Corps



Our Winning Spirit

Stewardship of the Profession



Our Long-Term Responsibility

Trust between Soldiers
Trust between Soldiers and Leaders
Trust among Soldiers, their Families and the Army
Trust between the Army and the American People

Loyalty • Duty • Respect • Selfless Service • Honor • Integrity • Personal Courage

Ethical Foundation: Legal and Moral

WHAT MAKES YOU AN ARMY PROFESSIONAL?

CHARACTER

Adherence to the Army Ethic as demonstrated in decisions and actions

COMPETENCE

In the performance of duty with discipline and to standard

COMMITMENT

To the mission despite adversity, obstacles, and challenges



ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ARMY PROFESSION

TRUST

Internal Trust: Reliance on the character, competence, and commitment of Army professionals to live by and uphold the Army Ethic.

External Trust: The confidence and faith that the American people have in the Army to serve the Nation ethically, effectively, and efficiently.

HONORABLE SERVICE

Support and defense of the Constitution, the American people, and the national interest in a manner consistent with the Army Ethic.

MILITARY EXPERTISE

Ethical design, generation, support, and application of landpower, primarily in unified land operations, and all supporting capabilities essential to accomplish the mission in defense of the American people.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PROFESSION

The responsibility of Army professionals to strengthen the Army as a profession and to care for the people and other resources entrusted to them by the American people.

ESPRIT DE CORPS

The Army's team spirit; a collective ethos of camaraderie, loyalty, and cohesion within the team.

CERTIFICATION CRITERIA: "The 3C's"

CHARACTER

Dedication and adherence to the Army Ethic, including Army Values, as consistently and faithfully demonstrated in decisions and actions.

COMPETENCE

Demonstrated ability to successfully perform duty with discipline and to standard.

COMMITMENT

Resolve to contribute honorable service to the Nation and accomplish the mission despite adversity, obstacles, and challenges.



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