

**HONORABLE SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP OF THE ARMY PROFESSION HANDOUT**  
**AMERICA'S ARMY – OUR PROFESSION (AAOP) "STAND STRONG" PROGRAM**

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**Army professionals:**

- Uphold the Army Ethic, live by Army Values, hold each other accountable, and conduct themselves in a manner worthy of their professional status and calling to support and defend the American people.
- Motivate and inspire *honorable service* through ethical conduct of the mission and in performance of duty with discipline and to standard.
- Strengthen understanding of and dedication to *stewardship of the Army Profession*.
- Enhance *esprit de corps* - "Our Winning Spirit" embedded within our culture, sustained by customs, courtesies, and traditions - and foster ready and resilient units and organizations with the courage to persevere.

***Honorable Service – Our Noble Calling to Serve the Nation*** – is demonstrated by devotion to duty, defending the American people, in a manner consistent with the Army Ethic. Army Professionals live by Army Values in conduct of the mission and performance of duty, with discipline and to standard.

- The Army Profession serves the nation by supporting and defending the Constitution, upholding the rights and interests of the American people. This is the basis for the Army Ethic.
- The Army Ethic guides the Army, both as a military institution and as a profession; it informs proper policies and procedures within organizations; and it defines ethical decisions and actions for Soldiers and Army Civilians.
- In joining the Army Profession, swearing by oath their "true faith and allegiance" to the Constitution, Army Professionals dedicate themselves to *honorable service*, foregoing some of the rights of their fellow citizens. Most importantly, they relinquish the "right" to make decisions or to take actions that violate the Army Ethic.
- It is the duty of Army Professionals to demonstrate competence, character, and commitment – frequently demanding the moral courage to do what is right despite risk, uncertainty, and fear.
- In demonstrating "true faith and allegiance to the Constitution" Army Professionals uphold the Army Ethic and "Stand Strong" to deter misconduct, to support each other in the proper conduct of duty, and to do what is right to stop unethical practices.

***Stewardship of the Army Profession – Caring for Soldiers, Army Civilians, Army Families, and Resources*** – is the responsibility of all Army Professionals. Through *stewardship*, we strengthen the Army Profession and the institutional Army, now and for the future.

- We develop our subordinates, peers, and leaders: our willingness to offer coaching, counseling, and mentoring.
- As Army Professionals, we continuously develop in competence, character, and commitment; and certify that we are ready to accomplish the mission, performing present and future duties with discipline and to standards.
- We strengthen the institutional Army: develop future concepts and strategy, design and manage major programs, prepare operational plans, and accomplish the mission – ethically, effectively, and efficiently.
- Army Professionals improve and manage education, institutional and organizational training, and operations; thus honing *military expertise* in the design, generation, support, and ethical application of landpower.
- We safeguard, maintain, and improve our property (weapons, equipment, facilities, and installations). We are responsible and accountable for the proper use of our supplies and provisions.
- We enhance *esprit de corps* as we honor our customs, courtesies, and traditions – reinforcing an Army culture of *trust*. We uphold the Army Ethic, live by Army Values, inspire exemplary conduct – in all aspects of our lives – and demonstrate the perseverance and courage to overcome adversity, obstacles, and challenge.
- All Soldiers and Army Civilians are stewards of the Army Profession, sustaining and strengthening the Army, in support and defense of the Constitution of the United States. *Stewardship of the Army Profession* is accepting the obligation to sustain and strengthen the institutional Army and the Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Army Families, entrusted to our care.