

Honor

This is the bedrock of our character. It is the quality that empowers Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior: to never lie, cheat, or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; to respect human dignity; and to have respect and concern for each other. It represents the maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability that commit Marines to act responsibly, be accountable for their actions, fulfill their obligations, and hold others accountable for their actions..

Courage

The heart of our Core Values, courage is the mental, moral, and physical strength ingrained in Marines that sees them through the challenges of combat and the mastery of fear, and to do what is right, to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct, to lead by example, and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure. It is the inner strength that enables a Marine to take that extra step.

Commitment

This is the spirit of determination and dedication within members of a force of arms that leads to professionalism and mastery of the art of war. It promotes the highest order of discipline for unit and self and is the ingredient that instills dedication to Corps and country 24 hours a day, pride, concern for others, and an unrelenting determination to achieve a standard of excellence in every endeavor. Commitment is the value that establishes the Marine as the warrior and citizen others strive to emulate.

Marine Corps Leadership Principles

- Know yourself and seek self-improvement.
- Be technically and tactically proficient.
- Develop a sense of responsibility among your subordinates.
- Make sound and timely decisions.
- Set the example.
- Know your Marines and look out for their welfare.
- Keep your Marines informed.
- Seek responsibility and take responsibility for your actions.
- Ensure assigned tasks are understood, supervised, and accomplished.
- Train your Marines as a team.
- Employ your command in accordance with its capabilities.

Marine Corps



Semper Fidelis - Forever Faithful

Marine Corps Leadership Traits

- Dependability:** The certainty of proper performance of duty.
- Bearing:** Creating a favorable impression in carriage, appearance and personal conduct at all times.
- Courage:** The mental quality that recognizes fear of danger or criticism, but enables a man to proceed in the face of it with calmness and firmness.
- Decisiveness:** Ability to make decisions promptly and to announce them in clear, forceful manner.
- Endurance:** The mental and physical stamina measured by the ability to withstand pain, fatigue, stress and hardship.
- Enthusiasm:** The display of sincere interest and exuberance in the performance of duty.
- Initiative:** Taking action in the absence of orders.
- Integrity:** Uprightness of character and soundness of moral principles; includes the qualities of truthfulness and honesty.
- Judgment:** The ability to weigh facts and possible solutions on which to base sound decisions.
- Justice:** Giving reward and punishment according to merits of the case in question. The ability to administer a system of rewards and punishments impartially and consistently.
- Knowledge:** Understanding of a science or an art. The range of one's information, including professional knowledge and an understanding of your Marines.
- Tact:** The ability to deal with others without creating offense.
- Unselfishness:** Avoidance of providing for one's own comfort and personal advancement at the expense of others.
- Loyalty:** The quality of faithfulness to country, the Corps, the unit, to one's seniors, subordinates and peers