CHAPTER 4: AIR FORCE CORE VALUES & AFJROTC CADET CREED

The Air Force holds certain ideals...certain values that are at the heart and soul of the military profession. These concepts also provide a basis for conduct in our society.

There are three core values that have been established for the Air Force. They are:

- INTEGRITY FIRST
- SERVICE BEFORE SELF
- EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

“Integrity First” is essential. It is the inner voice, the source of self-control, and the basis for the trust that is imperative to building individual character. It is doing the right thing when nobody is looking.

“Service before self” means that your professional duties take precedence over personal desires. In the military, every member realizes from day one, that his or her individual needs will be second to the needs of the nation. The cadet must follow this same rule-of-thumb. A leader unwilling to sacrifice individual goals cannot convince other unit members to do so. While personal goals often coincide with AFJROTC unit goals, there is no room for personal agendas at the expense of the unit and especially, ones fellow team members who also stake their success on every member putting self last.

“Excellence in all we do” directs us to develop a sustained passion for continuous improvement that will propel you into an upward spiral of accomplishment and performance.

The present times call for values that serve as a beacon toward the right path. They set the standard for our behavior, our service to country, and our treatment of one another. These core values -- Integrity First; Service Before Self; and Excellence In All We Do – are the foundations upon which a truly quality Air Force JROTC unit is built.

AFJROTC Cadet Creed

- I am an Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet.
- I am connected and faithful to every Corps of Cadets who served their community with patriotism.
- I earn respect when I uphold the Corp Values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.
- I will always conduct myself to bring credit to my family, school, Corps of Cadets, community, and to myself.
- My character defines me. I will not lie, cheat, or steal. I am accountable for my actions and deeds.
- I will hold others accountable for their actions as well. I will honor those I serve with, those who have gone before me, and those who will come after me.
- I am a patriot, a leader, and a wingman devoted to those I follow, serve, and lead.
- I am an Air Force ROTC Cadet.