



Our nation's Naval service, made up of the Navy and Marine Corps, has successfully met every challenge. Between 13 October and 10 November 1775, the Continental Congress authorized a few small warships and a two battalions of Marines. Just after New Year's Day in 1776, five companies of Marines embarked aboard these new warships of the Continental Navy in Philadelphia and set sail. Eight weeks later and only 5 months after authorization by the Congress, 230 Marines & 50 Sailors assaulted across the beach in the Bahamas to capture gunpowder and weapons from a British fort. US Sailors & Marines had landed for the first time in history and the situation was well in hand. From those early days of naval expeditionary service, our bedrock principles have remained constant. Our core values of *honor, courage, and commitment* remain the distinguishing characteristics of the Naval Service.

**Honor:** *"I will bear true faith and allegiance ..."* I will conduct myself in the highest ethical manner in all that I do. I will abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, taking full responsibility for my actions and my word. I am accountable for my behavior, both professional and personal, and remain ever mindful of the privilege I have to serve my fellow Americans.

**Courage:** *"I will support and defend ..."* I will demonstrate the courage to meet the demands of naval service; to do what is right at all times, especially in the face of temptation or adversity. I will make decisions in the best interest of the nation without regard for personal consequence. I will adhere to the highest standard of personal conduct and decency. My moral courage will give me the strength to always do what is right.

**Commitment:** *"I will well and faithfully discharge ..."* I will demonstrate respect up and down the chain of command while caring for the professional and personal well-being of each of our people. I will treat everyone with human dignity and respect. I will work as part of the Navy-Marine Corps Team to accomplish each mission assigned and to insure the future of our nation.

*A midshipman is a person of integrity and stands for that which is right. I tell the truth and ensure that the full truth is known, I do not lie. I embrace fairness in all actions. I ensure that work submitted as my own is my own, and that assistance received from any source is authorized and properly documented. I do not cheat. I respect the property of others and ensure that others are able to benefit from the use of their own property. I do not steal."*

I have read and understand the NROTC Concept of Honor effective this date \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Signature of Midshipman*

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*Signature of witness*