

THE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER CREED

NO ONE IS MORE PROFESSIONAL THAN I. I AM A NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER, A LEADER OF PEOPLE. I AM PROUD OF THE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER CORP AND WILL AT ALL TIMES CONDUCT MYSELF SO AS TO BRING CREDIT UPON IT. I WILL NOT USE MY GRADE OR POSITION TO ATTAIN PROFIT OR SAFETY.

COMPETENCE IS MY WATCHWORD, I WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN TACTICALLY AND TECHNICALLY PROFICIENT. I WILL ALWAYS BE AWARE OF MY ROLE AS A NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER; I WILL FULFILL MY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DISPLAY PROFESSIONALISM AT ALL TIMES. I WILL STRIVE TO KNOW MY SUBORDINATES AND USE THEIR SKILLS TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE POSSIBLE. I WILL ALWAYS PLACE THEIR NEEDS ABOVE MY OWN AND WILL COMMUNICATE WITH MY SUPERVISORS AND MY PEOPLE AND NEVER LEAVE THEM UNINFORMED.

I WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT AND RISK ANY RIDICULE TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH MY ASSIGNED DUTIES, I WILL NOT LOOK AT A PERSON AND SEE ANY RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, FOR I WILL SEE ONLY THE PERSON; NOR WILL I EVER SHOW PREJUDICE OR BIAS. I WILL LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND WILL RESORT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION ONLY WHEN NECESSARY. I WILL CARRY OUT ORDERS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES AND WILL ALWAYS OBEY THE DECISIONS OF MY SUPERIORS.

I WILL GIVE ALL OFFICERS MY MAXIMUM SUPPORT TO ENSURE MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. I WILL EARN THEIR RESPECT, OBEY THEIR ORDERS, AND ESTABLISH A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEGRITY WITH THEM. I WILL EXERCISE INITIATIVE IN THE ABSENCE OF ORDERS AND WILL MAKE DECISIVE AND ACCURATE DECISIONS.

I WILL NOT COMPROMISE MY INTEGRITY NOR MY MORAL COURAGE. I WILL NOT FORGET THAT I AM A PROFESSIONAL, I AM A LEADER -- I AM A

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER