

## The Cadet Leader's Code

### Part One



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## The Leader's Code

- *I become a cadet leader by what I do. I know my strengths and my weaknesses, and I strive constantly for self-improvement. I live by a moral code and set an example that others can follow. I know my job, and I carry out the spirit as well as the letter of the orders I receive.*
- *I take the initiative and seek responsibility, and I face situations with boldness and confidence. I estimate the situation and make my own decisions as to the best course of action. No matter what the requirements, I stay with the job until the job is done; no matter what the results, I assume full responsibility.*
- *I train my cadets as a team and lead them with tact, enthusiasm and justice. I command their confidence and their loyalty: they know I would not assign to them any duty I, myself, would not perform. I make sure they understand their jobs, and I follow through energetically to ensure their duties are completed fully. I keep my cadets informed, and I make their welfare one of my prime concerns.*
- *These things I do selflessly in fulfillment of the obligations of leadership and for the achievement of the group goal.*

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**I become a cadet leader by what I do**



- My actions make me a leader, not the position I hold.
- If I act like a leader, people will want to follow me.

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**I know my strengths and my weaknesses**



- What I am good at and what I am not good at
- What I need to improve upon and what I already do very well

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**And I strive constantly for self-improvement**



- I am always trying to get better at the things I am not as good at
- I am always showing people that I do not know everything, but I am trying to get better

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**I live by a moral code**



- I do not lie
- Cheat
- Steal
- Tell dirty jokes
- Drink alcohol
- Smoke
- Do drugs
- Etc

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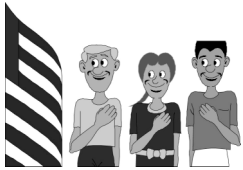
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**And set an example that others can follow**



- People see me and the way I act
- My behavior is always better than other cadets and they can always count on me to behave properly

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**I know my job**



- I am good at my assigned job(s)
- I have a lot of knowledge about the Cadet Corps and everything I am responsible for

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**And I carry out the spirit as well as the letter of the orders I receive**



- The “letter” of orders means I follow the exact orders I am given, word for word
- The “spirit” of the orders means I follow the ideas behind the orders

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**An example of “spirit” and “letter” or orders**



- I ask you to guard the front door of school for Open House to help guests and I tell you not to move from there.
- An older woman asks you to escort her to the office.
- The “letter” of the orders says do not move, but the “spirit” says it is OK to help

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