Marine Corps’ Core Values

LE-I&II
Northridge High School
This lesson explains and provides examples of honor, courage, and commitment as they relate to the Marine Corps and MCJROTC.
Lesson Objectives

1. Define honor, courage, and commitment as they relate to the Marine Corps & MCJROTC.

2. Provide examples of honor, courage, and commitment.

3. Understand how honor, courage, and commitment relate to the code of conduct for the Marine Corps.
Key Words

- **Character** - Having moral and ethical strength.

- **Dilemma** - A difficult situation in which you have to choose between alternatives.

- **Justify** - Showing that a decision, action, or idea is reasonable and/or necessary.

- **Climate** - The general atmosphere or situation that exists in an environment.
Honor
Integrity, Responsibility, Accountability

Courage
Do the right thing, In the right way, For the right reasons

Commitment
Devotion to the Corps and my fellow Cadets
is a Cadet

MCJROTC CADETS...
1. Obey the law
2. Lead by example
3. Respect themselves and others
4. Maintain a high standard of integrity
5. Support and defend the Constitution
6. Uphold special trust and confidence
7. Place faith and honor above all else
8. Honor fellow cadets, the Corps, country, and family
Honor, Courage, Commitment Video

HONOR, COURAGE, COMMITMENT
They Have It All
Core Values

Honor
The quality that guides Marines to exemplify ethical and moral behavior.

- **Never** lie, cheat, or steal
- Abide by an uncompromising code of **integrity**
- Respect human **dignity**
- Respect and concern for each other
- Maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability
- Accountability for your actions
- Fulfillment of obligations
HONOR

The difference between the good guys and the bad guys is whether they use human shields or they make themselves human shields.
“COURAGE is being scared to death, but SADDLING up anyway”

JOHN WAYNE
Core Values

Courage

- A mental quality that recognizes fear of danger or criticism, but enables a leader to proceed in the face of it with calmness and firmness.

- Courage is a quality of mind that enables leaders to:
  - Take control over fear
  - Take responsibility
  - Act properly in a threatening situation
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Courage
There are two types of courage:

**Physical courage:** The ability to overcome the fear of bodily harm.

**Moral Courage:** The ability to stand firm in your values, morals, and convictions.

Napoleon: “The moral is to the physical as three is to one.”
You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.

-Rosa Parks
Core Values

Commitment

The dedication to carry out all unit tasks and to serve the values of the country, MCJROTC, and the unit.

- Being proud of your unit
- Having concern for others
- Keeping the determination to achieve excellence in any endeavor
COMMITMENT MEANS STAYING LOYAL TO WHAT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO DO LONG AFTER THE MOOD YOU SAID IT IN HAS LEFT YOU.
To be a winner, all you need to give is all you have.
Lesson Question

Your friends want you to buy illegal drugs. You decide that drugs are not something that will help you in your life so you say “NO.” What value did you primarily rely on to take this stand?

A. Honor

B. Courage

C. Commitment
Lesson Question

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Lesson Question

Identify the two most basic types of courage.

A. Spiritual and Emotional
B. Random and Constant
C. Moral and Physical
D. Fire and Ice
Lesson Question

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Regarding courage,

“The moral is to the physical as __ is to __.”

~Napoleon Bonaparte
Pressures of Leadership

Leaders are often put in situations where two or more values conflict, otherwise known as a dilemma.

If you make the right decision when faced with an ethical problem, you will build your character and leadership.

If you fall into the trap of taking the easy way out, you will tend to erode your character, and your fellow cadets will lose respect for you.
**CORE VALUES DEFINITIONS**

**Honor**: To live your life with integrity, responsibility, honesty, and respect

**Integrity**: To do what is right legally and morally

**Responsibility**: To be accountable for all actions & inactions

**Honesty**: To be trustworthy: to never lie, cheat, or steal; nor tolerate those who do

**Respect**: To value human life & dignity, our customs & courtesies, and our proud heritage

**Commitment**: Unwavering, selfless dedication to mission accomplishment, and personal and professional responsibilities

- **Unwavering**: Firm resolution and unbendable perseverance
- **Selfless**: Place duty and others before self
- **Dedication**: Bound to an ideal: God, Country, Corps

**Courage**: The mental, moral and physical strength to do what is right in the face of fear, uncertainty or intimidation

**Mental Strength**: A disciplined mind committed to personal and professional excellence

**Moral Strength**: A warrior spirit guided by our values, leadership traits and principles

**Physical Strength**: A body conditioned to succeed in combat & withstand hardships in any clime or place

**Commitment**

**Honor**

**Integrity**

**Responsibility**

**Honesty**

**Respect**

**Commitment**

**Courage**

**Mental Strength**

**Moral Strength**

**Physical Strength**