

CADET NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS' CREED

No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Cadets. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I am a member of a Corps which is known as the "Backbone of the Academy." I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Sarasota Military Academy, and my Country, regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my rank or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal gain.

COMPETENCE is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind: accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Cadets. I will strive to remain proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill the responsibilities inherent in that role. All Cadets are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Cadets, and I will place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Cadets and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have the maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Cadets. I will be loyal to seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity or my moral courage. I will never forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget, that we are Noncommissioned Officers, LEADERS!