## Mission of the U.S. Armed Services

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- preserving the peace and security, and provide for the defense, of the United States, Territories, Commonwealths, and possession, and any areas occupied by the United States;  
- supporting national policies;  
- implementing national objectives; and  
- overcoming any nations responsible for aggressive acts that imperil the peace and security of the United States. |
| U.S. Army (USA) | To fight and win our Nation’s wars by providing prompt, sustained land dominance across the full range of military operations and spectrum of conflict in support of combatant commanders. | Section 3062 of Title 10 U.S. Code defines the purpose of the USA as:  
- preserving the peace and security, and providing for the defense, of the United States, the Territories;  
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| U.S. Marine Corps (USMC)| To serve as an expeditionary force-in-readiness.                       | Section 5063 of Title 10 U.S. Code outlines the areas of responsibility of the USMC:  |
|                        |                                                                          |   -  the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and other land operations to support naval campaigns;  
|                        |                                                                          |   -  the development of tactics, technique, and equipment used by amphibious landing forces in coordination with the Army and Air Force; and other duties as the President may direct. |
Oath of Enlistment and Oaths of Office

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Oath of Enlistment

I, ______________, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me according to law and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

(Title 10, US Code; Act of 5 May 1960 replacing the wording first adopted in 1789, with amendment effective 5 October 1962.)

Oath of Office for Commissioned Officers

I, ______________, having been appointed an officer in the (Branch of Service) of the United States as indicated above in the grade of __________ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

(DA Form 71, 1 August 1959, for officers)

Oath of Office for Civilians

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Oath of National Guard

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States and of my State against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to them; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of my State and the orders of the Officers appointed over me, according to law and regulations. So help me God.
Traits of Successful Military Families

Patriotic
Having a positive attitude about their involvement or their family member’s involvement with the military is paramount. Pride in their work and pride for their country are essential.

Adaptable
Military families face unique challenges associated with deployment, such as mobility and separation. They often experience new environments and new cultures. This exposure requires the military family to be flexible but structured – able to adapt to ever-changing environments while maintaining day-to-day routines.

Involved and Community Oriented
Getting involved, at individual and communal levels, helps military families cope with deployment by providing a reserve of social support to be accessed if needed. Social support from friends, family, and community-based groups helps with separation adjustment during deployment.

Sense of Humor
Perspective has a profound impact on how people get through tough situations. Being able to see the lighter side of a difficult situation helps people get through even the most trying times. Humor is an important coping mechanism that can help foster resilience. It can even influence how well adjusted military families are perceived by others.

Realistic Expectations
The military’s support of its families has changed and grown over time. Initially, families were expected to take in stride the hardships and challenges presented in military life. Today, the military family enjoys the best quality of life the American military has ever known. A fundamental requirement of a successful military, however, is a mission first environment. Successful families realistically understand that the military has a system of resources to create resilient families who know how to operate and thrive in the current military environment.

Resourceful
The military family learns how to make do and make the best of their current situation whether it is a permanent change of station move, a tour in a foreign country, or the loneliness of family separation.

Celebrate Adversity
The military family says they have to…how else could they love the military life?