

These are basic values that  
apply to all of us -

regardless of rank or position;

regardless of personal history;

regardless of social & cultural  
background;

regardless of any religious  
beliefs.

We are all here as Volunteers to  
work together to make Virginia a  
better and safer place for all.

We live these Seven Basic  
Values, not because we were  
raised to them (although most  
of us were), but simply because  
we choose to.

~ R. U. Gudenuff

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## ~ POCKET TOPIC ~

### Seven Basic Values of a Virginia Soldier

Three major services the VaDF provides to the Commonwealth are FIRST AID, COMMUNICATIONS and UNARMED SECURITY. While we can not be experts in everything, we should try to acquire a comfortable working knowledge of them.

~ THE SHORT VERSION ~

LOYALTY

DUTY

RESPECT

SELFLESS SERVICE

HONOR

INTEGRITY

PERSONAL COURAGE

*These and more are expected of the Virginia Soldier at all times whether on duty or not. Members of Virginia's authorized militia are called upon to meet and exceed these seven basic values at all times!*

## ~ **LOYALTY** ~

... to the nation and the commonwealth both, as well as to the VDF, your unit and fellow troops.

... both up and down the Chain of Command

Bear true faith and allegiance to both Constitutions and to the Virginia Defense force

## ~ **DUTY** ~

Fulfill your obligations within and without the VDF.

Accept responsibility for your own actions and those entrusted to your care. Find opportunities to improve yourself and your team.

## ~ **RESPECT** ~

Rely on the Golden Rule. How we treat others reflects on each of us and affects the way they respond to us both as individuals and as an organization.

## ~ **SELFLESS SERVICE** ~

Put the welfare of Virginia, the Defense Force, your subordinates and fellow citizens before your own.

Selfless service leads to organizational teamwork and encompasses discipline, self control and faith in the system.

## ~ **HONOR** ~

Live up to the Force's values and exceed our society's moral standards. Set the standards you would like all to follow.

## ~ **INTEGRITY** ~

Do what is right, legally and morally.

Be willing to do the right thing, even no one is watching and no one will know except you.

Integrity is our moral compass for our inner voice.

## ~ **PERSONAL COURAGE** ~

Our ability to face fear, danger and adversity, both physical and moral take personal courage.

Doing the right thing regardless of adverse peer pressure, takes personal courage.