# WARRIOR ETHOS AS AIRMEN AND GUARDIANS (WEAG)

Warrior ethos is the embodiment of the warrior spirit: tough-mindedness, tireless motivation, an unceasing vigilance, a commitment to be the world's premier air, space, and cyberspace force, and if necessary, a willingness to sacrifice one's life for the defense of the Nation. USAF and USSF warfighters exemplify warrior ethos by examining the profession of arms and the nature of war through many perspectives and cultural dynamics. Armed with this knowledge, warfighters demonstrate warrior ethos through self-discipline in their personal and professional lives as they exemplify the core values and AF standards. They further exemplify the moral character and courage it takes to do the right thing in the face of adversity, even at an increased risk to themselves or the mission. Finally, warfighters exemplify warrior ethos by developing their resiliency through repetition and practice, while also employing the durable mindset necessary to keep moving forward and apply lessons learned despite significant challenges, mental and physical hardships, and even failure. The warrior ethos proficiencies that follow comprise a process of the intellectual development inherent to every warfighter on their journey to becoming a Leader of Character.

### USAFA GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO:

### Understand the Profession of Arms

<u>Proficiency 1</u>: Critically examine and demonstrate comprehension of the military profession of arms and the nature of war through multiple perspectives (AFH36-2647 Table A2.1, 1.5 – Information Seeking; AF724-A I.1 – Job Proficiency).

## **Exemplify Discipline**

<u>Proficiency 2</u>: Exhibit reliable, responsible, orderly composure while under stress that conforms to professional AF standards (AFH36-2647 Table A2.1, 1.1 – Accountability, 1.9 – Self-Control; AF724-A III.2 – Accountability).

#### Demonstrate Moral Character

<u>Proficiency 3</u>: Demonstrate and apply the USAF core values in a variety of contexts, personifying honesty and integrity, living honorably, lifting others, elevating performance, and doing the right thing in service to others and the unit (AFH36-2647 Table A2.1, 2.3 – Service Mindset, 2.5 – Fosters Inclusion; AF724-A II.1 – Inclusion and Teamwork; USAFAMAN 36-3526, 2.2 – A Leader of Character).

## Demonstrate Courage

<u>Proficiency 4</u>: Initiate and complete well-informed, appropriate actions to influence mission completion even at an increase to personal risk or risk of failure (AFH36-2647 Table A2.1, 1.4 – Decision Making, 1.8 – Initiative; AF724-A I.2 – Initiative).

#### Exhibit Resiliency

<u>Proficiency 5</u>: Work tirelessly toward long-term challenges, analyzing and applying creative strategies to adapt to changing conditions and increase physical, mental, and professional performance despite adversity, hardships, or failure (AFH36-2647 Table A2.1, 1.2 – Perseverance, 1.7 – Resilience, 3.3 – Creative Thinking; AF724-A I.2 – Adaptability, IV.2 – Innovation).