

## WARRIOR ETHOS AS AIRMEN AND CITIZENS

Warrior ethos is the embodiment of the warrior spirit: tough mindedness, tireless motivation, an unceasing vigilance, a willingness to sacrifice one's life for the country, if necessary, and a commitment to be the world's premier air, space and cyberspace force<sup>1</sup>. Warrior ethos is also one of the four attributes of officership as defined by the USAFA Officer Development System (ODS)<sup>2</sup>. The warrior ethos proficiencies that follow comprise a structure that is based on the intellectual development inherent to the Profession of Arms, and the values development prescribed by the Air Force Core Values.

USAFA GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO:

### *Analyze and Value the Profession of Arms.*

Proficiency 1: Comprehend the military profession of arms (including elements of the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.3 Warrior Ethos).

Proficiency 2: Critically examine the profession of arms and the nature of war through multiple perspectives (including elements of the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.3 Warrior Ethos).

### *Demonstrate Integrity as Related to Moral Courage*

Proficiency 3: Exhibit moral courage: the ability to act and do the right thing even in the face of adversity (including elements of the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.3 Warrior Ethos).

### *Demonstrate Service before Self as Related to Physical Courage*

Proficiency 4: Demonstrate physical courage: the ability to put the mission and others before one's self, even at an increased personal risk or risk of failure (including elements of the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.3 Warrior Ethos).

Proficiency 5: Exhibit grit: a hardiness of spirit and resistance to accept failure despite physical and mental hardships (including elements of the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.3 Warrior Ethos).

### *Demonstrate Excellence in All We Do as Related to Discipline*

Proficiency 6: Exhibit discipline: orderly or prescribed conduct that conforms to professional AF standards (including elements of the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.3 Warrior Ethos).

Proficiency 7: Explain the role of continuously honing physical, mental and professional skills in supporting the ability to employ military capabilities (including elements of the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competency A2.1.3 Warrior Ethos).

Proficiency 8: Apply techniques to maintain effectiveness when experiencing changes in new work structures, processes, requirements or cultures (including elements of the Air Force CELOs listed under sub-competencies A2.1.3 Warrior Ethos and A.2.7.3 Adaptability).

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<sup>1</sup> Air Force Instruction 36-2014, Commissioning Education Program (2012), Attachment 1 Glossary

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<sup>2</sup> USAFA Pamphlet 36-3527: The Officer Development System