

The Dual Profession and the One Team Concept

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The One Team Concept of the Army is one team, one fight, one future. It entails combining the Army's components for total Army integration in order to achieve the maximum effective results. Throughout each component, it is essential to maintain positive relationships with every Soldier, regardless of the individual's rank, position, branch, or military occupational specialty (MOS). We are all here for the same purpose: "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" (Army Mission).

As paralegals and attorneys in the JAG Corps, our mission is to "provide principled counsel and premier legal services, as committed members and leaders in the legal and Army professions, in support of a ready, globally responsive, and regionally engaged Army." As legal professionals, it is our responsibility to uphold and enforce the standards expected of a Soldier in the United States Army, both on and off duty. When commanders or Soldiers come to us for guidance, we must always be trained, competent in our abilities, and ready to assist.

As Army Doctrine Reference Publication 1 states, we as Army professionals, are responsible for acting as a "steward of the Army Profession while adhering to the highest standards of the Army's ethic." The Army Profession is built upon five essential characteristics: military expertise, honorable service, trust, esprit de corps, and the stewardship of the profession. As a whole, the Army must continuously develop, apply, and certify the expert knowledge needed to defend the constitution and the people of the United States. We must embody the Army values and ethics through honorable service and gain intangible resilience through esprit de corps. We must use our

competence, character, and commitment to gain trust among our team and the people of the United States. As Army leaders, we are stewards of the profession. We maintain the trust of the people through adherence to the Army Ethic.

Being dual hatted as members of both the legal and Army professions, it is often said that we are held to a higher standard than others. Not only are we responsible for advising commanders and assisting Soldiers, but we are also responsible for completing regular day-to-day Soldier tasks, such as physical training and weapons qualification. We can deploy at any moment and will always be ready to defend the nation. We are expected to lead from the front and set the example for others to follow. We must maintain the highest level of professionalism and be prepared for current and future challenges that we may face within our ever-changing environment.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve my country and work as a member of the JAG Corps. I have had the privilege of working with Soldiers at multiple echelons and learned a lot from each of the different sections. At the end of every day, it is important to realize that we are the one percent of the population who chose to raise our right hand and defend our country. Each MOS within the Army plays a vital role to accomplish our mission. Regardless of what our job is, we must all come together in order for the Army to function effectively. We must foster relationships among each other and assist wherever needed. Lastly, we must be able to communicate effectively and build trust not only among ourselves, but among the people of the United States as well. We are one team, one fight, one future.

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