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Foreword

The Army is the primary Landpower arm of our Nation's Armed Forces. It exists to serve the American people, protect enduring national interests, and fulfill the Nation's military responsibilities. FM 1 is one of the Army's two capstone field manuals. It contains our vision for the Army. While the entire manual is important, I would direct your attention to four particular items.

FM 1 establishes the fundamental principles for employing Landpower. The most important of these are the Army's operational concept and the fundamentals that support it. They form the foundation for all Army doctrine. All Soldiers should understand and internalize them.

FM 1 describes the American profession of arms, the Army's place in it, and what it means to be a professional Soldier. Central to this discussion are the Soldier's Creed, Warrior Ethos, and Army Values. These three statements establish the guiding values and standards of the Army profession. To understand Soldiers, you must know about them. To be a Soldier, you must live them.

FM 1 discusses Army contributions to the joint force. As the Armed Forces achieve even greater joint interdependence, the Army will depend more on the other Services and vice versa. For this reason, the Army is currently transforming its units and institutions to enhance our campaign qualities for sustained operations and to achieve greater expeditionary and joint capabilities. It is important for Soldiers and all who support or are associated with the Army to understand these contributions and how the Army is transforming to better meet its obligations to the other Services.

Finally, FM 1 talks about Soldiers, the centerpiece of all Army organizations. Without Soldiers there is no Army. Soldiers of all components and the Army civilians who support them render selfless service to the Nation daily. FM 1 begins and ends with Soldiers because the Army begins and ends with Soldiers. It is they who, together with their leaders, will keep the Army relevant and ready, today and tomorrow.



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Preface

FM 1 is one of the Army's two capstone doctrinal manuals. The other is FM 3-0, *Operations*. FM 1's audience includes the Executive Branch; Congress; Office of the Secretary of Defense; Joint Staff; combatant commanders; other Services; officers, noncommissioned officers, and enlisted Soldiers of all Army components; and Army civilians.

FM 1 is prepared under the direction of the Army Chief of Staff. It states what the Army is, what the Army does, how the Army does it, and where the Army is going. It establishes the Army's operational concept and other fundamental principles for employing landpower in support of the National Security, National Defense, and the National Military Strategies. FM 1 delineates the Army's purpose, roles, and functions as established by the Constitution; the Congress, in Title 10, United States Code; and the Department of Defense, in Department of Defense Directive 5100.1. FM 1 is also the Army Chief of Staff's vision for the Army.

To facilitate joint interdependence, Army doctrine supports and is consistent with joint doctrine. FM 1 connects Army doctrine to joint doctrine as expressed in the relevant joint doctrinal publications, especially, Joint Publication 1, *Joint Warfare of the Armed Forces of the United States*, and Joint Publication 3-0, *Doctrine for Joint Operations*. FM 1 also links the National Security, National Defense, and National Military Strategies with the Army's operational doctrine in FM 3-0.

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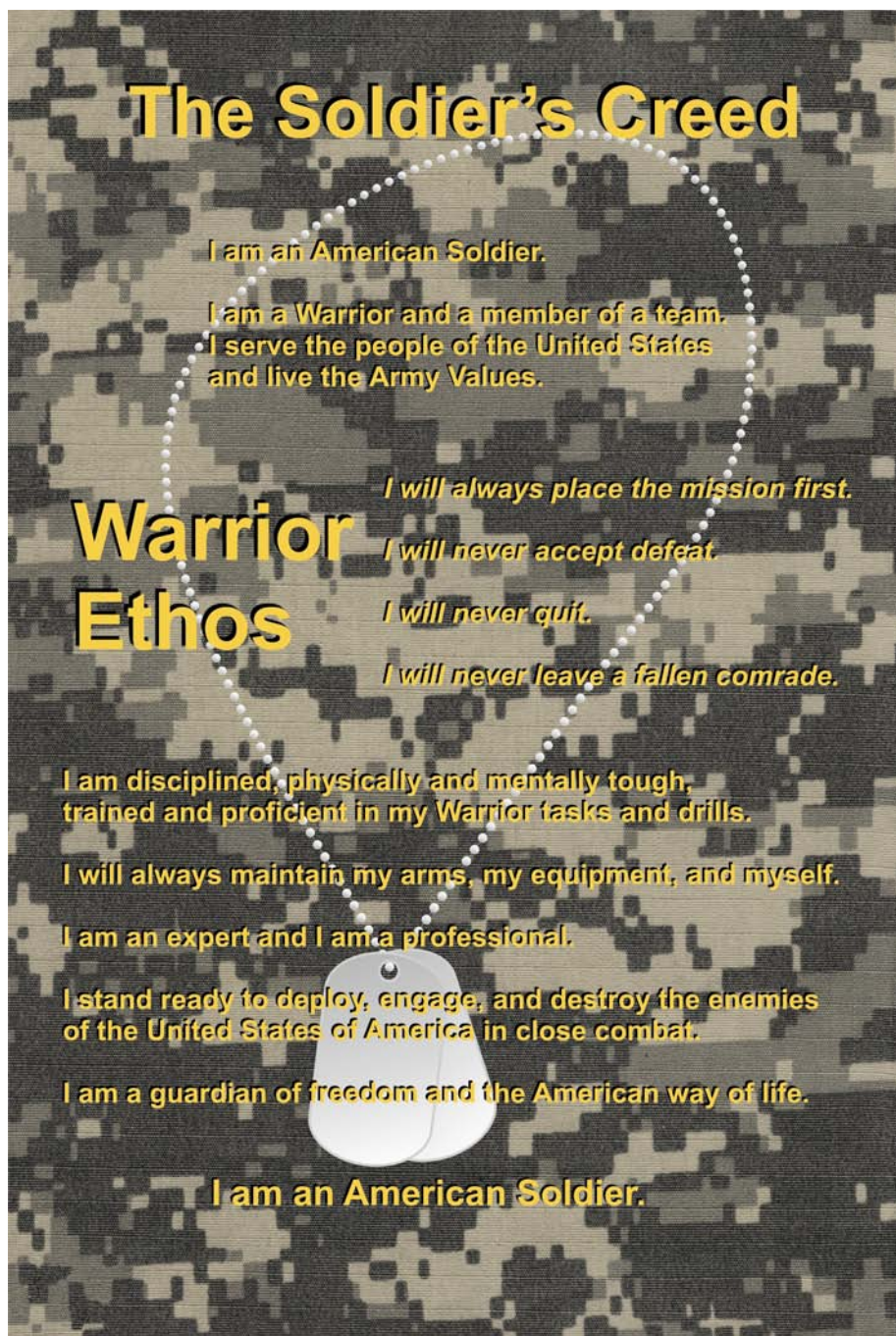


Figure 1-1. The Soldier's Creed

Chapter 1

The Army and the Profession of Arms

...[Y]ou may fly over a land forever; you may bomb it, atomize it, pulverize it and wipe it clean of life—but if you desire to defend it, protect it, and keep it for civilization, you must do this on the ground, the way the Roman legions did, by putting your young men into the mud.

T.R. Fehrenbach
This Kind of War

1-1. First and foremost, the Army is Soldiers. No matter how much the tools of warfare improve, it is Soldiers who use them to accomplish their mission. Soldiers committed to selfless service to the Nation are the centerpiece of Army organizations. Everything the Army does for the Nation is done by Soldiers supported by Army civilians and family members. Only with quality Soldiers answering the noble call to serve freedom can the Army ensure the victories required on battlefields of today and the future.

1-2. The Army, a long-trusted institution, exists to serve the Nation. As part of the joint force, the Army supports and defends America's Constitution and way of life against all enemies, foreign and domestic. The Army protects national security interests, including, forces, possessions, citizens, allies, and friends. It prepares for and delivers decisive action in all operations. Above all, the Army provides combatant commanders with versatile land forces ready to fight and win the Nation's wars.

1-3. The Army's contribution to joint operations is landpower. *Landpower* is the ability—by threat, force, or occupation—to promptly gain, sustain, and exploit control over land, resources, and people. Landpower includes the ability to—

- Impose the Nation's will on adversaries—by force if necessary—in diverse and complex terrain.
- Establish and maintain a stable environment that sets the conditions for a lasting peace.
- Address the consequences of catastrophic events—both natural and man-made—to restore infrastructure and reestablish basic civil services.
- Support and provide a base from which forces can influence and dominate the air and sea dimensions of the joint operational area.

1-4. While the Army is an integral part of the joint force, the value of its contribution depends on its ability to exercise landpower. Ultimately, Army forces' ability to control land, resources, and people through a sustained presence makes permanent the advantages gained by joint forces.