

The Enlistment Oath



"I Do Solemnly Swear (or Affirm)"

In taking this oath, I make it a matter of conscience and, when combined with an invocation to the deity, make a covenant between myself and the supreme being in which I believe. In my relationship with society, I understand this declaration may subject me to the penalties of perjury if falsely made.

"That I Will Support and Defend the Constitution of the United States"

The Constitution of the United States is the founding document of this nation . . . The original document, together with its amendments and the legal interpretations of its meaning and intent, form the basic charter under which our government of law operates. To preserve this nation as a government of law, I will uphold and champion its provisions and will shield and protect it.



"Against All Enemies, Foreign and Domestic"

I will do so in opposition to those who are hostile to its provisions and who seek its change by threat or revolution, whether they be citizens of this country, or aliens from other lands seeking to impose a form of government or philosophy contrary to our laws and beliefs.



"That I Will Bear True Faith and Allegiance to the Same"

In word and deed, I will continue to express my devotion and loyalty to our constitution and government which operates under its charter. I have an obligation to uphold it and will say or do nothing which can be interpreted as expressing a lack of confidence or belief in it.

"And that I Will Obey the Orders of the President of the United States"

I recognize the President as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces and his authority is the Constitution of the United States.

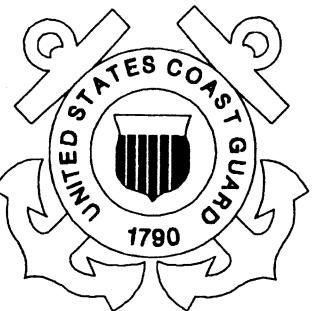


"And the Orders of the Officers Appointed Over Me"

I acknowledge that the officers appointed over me are responsible for maintaining the order and discipline necessary in a military environment.

"According to Regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice"

Since military environment and duties are unique and worldwide, a special system of laws and courts is required to help maintain good order and discipline. The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) is the system of criminal justice that protects my rights while in the Armed Forces.



"So Help Me God"

Through my belief in the supreme being, I hereby make this covenant of conscience with that being and invoke his assistance in carrying out this oath. I understand that our society may impose upon me the penalties of perjury if this oath is falsely made.

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 Signature of Enlistee

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 Signature of Enlisting Officer

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 Date