

Code of Support

- I. *I am an American. I know that the men and women in our Armed Forces are prepared to give their lives to defend my country, my way of life and the blessings of liberty throughout the world. I am committed to their perpetual recognition, appreciation and support.*
- II. *As they have sworn to defend me and protect our country, so will I pledge to support them in every way that I can, and to avoid any action that would increase their risk. I will further do my part to ensure that they are never sent into harm's way without all of the necessary resources to protect them and to fulfill their mission.*
- III. *If they become prisoners of war, are missing in action, are wounded, or lose their lives, I will keep faith with them and their loved ones. I will not rest until we find them, heal them, and return them to their comrades, their loved ones and their nation.*
- IV. *For our military veterans, I pledge unfailing recognition and appreciation for their contributions to our national defense and our welfare. I will not forget my nation's responsibility to provide for their continued well-being, and meaningful compensation for their sacrifice.*
- V. *I understand that our service men and women do not make national policy, but are sworn to obey their civilian leadership and defend the constitution. I will respect their faithful service to the nation and always give them my unqualified support.*
- VI. *I will never forget that our service men and women are fighting for my freedom and are dedicated to the principles which make our country free. I will share the responsibility for preserving that freedom with those who proudly wear the uniform of the United States of America.*





Our service men and women are bound to follow the **Code of Conduct** for military personnel. That Code indicates that they are prepared to give their lives in our defense. What do we owe them in return?

The **Code of Support** was designed to help Americans give meaning to the phrase, "Support Our Troops." It expands that phrase into meaningful promises that we, in return, can make to these selfless men and women who sacrifice so much on our behalf.

To learn more about the **Code of Conduct** and the **Code of Support**, please go to www.codeofsupport.org. There you will also have the opportunity to make your personal pledge to follow the **Code of Support**, and dedicate that pledge to the service members or veterans, past or present, of your choice. You will also find recommendations regarding organizations that need your assistance in providing material support to the troops and to our veterans.

About the Emblem: The distinctive emblem of the **Code of Support**, shown above, was designed following the principles of military heraldry. The five stars represent the five armed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard), and the three red stripes represent the three components (Active, Guard and Reserve). The background colors represent veterans of all of the services and components. It is this entire spectrum of "Troops" that the **Code of Support** is intended to honor.

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