

# NJROTC

History and Background of the NJROTC Program Congratulations! You have chosen to take part in one of the most diverse and interesting programs a high school student can participate in, joining more than half a million other students across the United States. The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, or JROTC, program currently enrolls students in more than 3,000 programs ranging from Alaska, Hawaii, and the continental United States to Japan, Italy, and Spain. The JROTC program was the brainchild of Army inspector Lt Edgar R. Stevens, who in 1911 began teaching high school students the values and discipline of a military life in the hopes of molding these students into better citizens. From this idea came the formation of the JROTC program with the signing of the National Defense Act of 1916 and the establishment of the first JROTC at Leavenworth High School in Kansas in 1917. After World Wars I and II, the JROTC program saw little to no growth because of limited funding and personnel. This lack of growth prompted Congress to pass the JROTC Vitalization Act of 1964, which allowed the other service branches to offer JROTC as well. The first Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) programs began in 1966. Today there are 620 NJROTC programs. The JROTC Vitalization Act charges the Secretary of the Navy with the maintenance and continued support of the NJROTC program. To this end, the Naval Service Training Command (NSTC), was established in Great Lakes, Illinois, to manage funding as well as the personnel and materials the NJROTC programs use. The program's office is in Pensacola, Florida. Directly beneath NSTC are area managers, who control the NJROTC's areas of operation and are responsible for maintaining the integrity of the programs in their areas through annual inspections. Beneath the area managers are program managers, or NJROTC instructors.

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To this end, the NSTC has established specific goals for the NJROTC program. These goals are as follows: •

Promote patriotism. This means love of country, respect for the flag, and pride in the government and the American way of life. •

Develop informed and responsible citizens. NJROTC should make students aware of their responsibilities, duties, and rights.

Promote habits of orderliness and precision. Experience shows that such habits help people succeed in life.

Develop a high degree of personal honor, self-reliance, self-discipline, and leadership. These qualities are embodied by the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. •

Promote an understanding of the basic elements and requirements for national security.

Students should understand the need for armed forces and their relationship to a democratic government. • Develop respect for and an understanding of the need for constituted authority in a democratic society. Students should understand why we have laws and governments. • Provide incentives to live healthy and drug-free lives. Students should know how drug use and other harmful actions affect both themselves and others. • Develop leadership potential. The NJROTC program provides students with a wide range of opportunities to test themselves in leadership roles such as leading a drill team and performing a staff job. • Promote high school completion. Students should know the value of their education. • Provide information on the military services as a possible career.

**A Focus on You** The focus of the NJROTC program is on you. The opportunities provided by the instructors, the school, the area manager, the NSTC, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Congress itself are designed to assist you in improving yourself and your fellow cadets. These opportunities are provided in the hope that you will learn through the NJROTC program the Core Values of honor, courage, and commitment, as well as qualities such as self-discipline, cooperation, and teamwork. Mastering the military skills that your instructors will teach you will give you confidence in yourself and those around you, as well as the pride of a job well done. Moreover, your actions through community service will allow you to play a role in the development and betterment of your community and to discover what it really means to be a citizen. Another advantage of the NJROTC program is the opportunity to lead and to teach your fellow cadets what you have learned during your time in the program. Many cadet graduates of these programs say these opportunities were the most lasting benefit of NJROTC. They say that these opportunities provided them with connections and friendships that lasted long after they graduated from high school.

#### Assignment:

1. In what year was the NJROTC developed
2. What was the first school to have a NJROTC program
3. NJROTC allows you to the opportunity to develop what
4. Is NJROTC program on every school around the nation
5. According to your reading the focus is on who
6. How many NJROTC program are there in the country
7. What was the name of the first school to have a NJROTC
8. Who was LT. Edgar R. Stevens
9. What is the vitalization act
10. JROTC stands for what

## Chapter 1

**What You Will Learn to Do** This chapter will introduce you to the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps—its background, mission, curriculum, and activities, as well as its benefits to cadets.

**Skills and Knowledge You Will Gain Along the Way** ✓ Explain the history and background of the NJROTC ✓ Describe the NJROTC's mission, goals, and policies ✓ Describe the Navy Core Values ✓ Describe the Naval Science curriculum ✓ Describe NJROTC unit activities ✓ Explain the NJROTC program's benefits

**Navy Core Values** A goal of the NJROTC program is to teach and instill the value of citizenship. Through the Core Values of the Navy—honor, courage, and commitment—you will learn to become a better citizen, regardless of whether you chose to continue on into the Navy or another of the armed forces. Values are your most deeply held ideals, beliefs, or principles. You learn values all your life, often without realizing it, from • family • faith community or spiritual tradition • school • friends • community • country. These values affect your thoughts, feelings, and behavior. They are the basis on which you make many of the difficult decisions that you face throughout your life. People who have compromised or lost touch with their values may engage in lawless or unethical behavior, which can lead to unfortunate consequences. The Navy's Core Values are heavily emphasized during your involvement with the NJROTC program, in the hopes that you will learn from them and avoid the traps that apathy or ignorance can create.

1. What are Navy Core Values
2. What does Honor Courage and Commitment means

honor— a keen sense of ethical conduct

courage— mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty

commitment— a state of being bound, emotionally or intellectually, to a course of action, or to a person or persons

apathy— a lack of feeling or emotion; a lack of interest or concern

ignorance— lack of knowledge, education, or awareness

**Definition of Navy Core Values** As a member of the NJROTC program, you have chosen to dedicate yourself to the Core Values of honor, courage, and commitment. These build a foundation of trust and leadership upon which your NJROTC unit is based. These values are the principles that will give you strength and guide you in your daily activities throughout your stay in the program. Your duty as a cadet is to be faithful to these Core Values and to exemplify their

true worth through your words and actions: •Honor—I am accountable for my professional and personal behavior. I will be mindful of the privilege I have to serve my fellow Americans. •  
Courage—Courage is the value that gives me the moral and mental strength to do what is right, with confidence and resolution, even in the face of temptation or adversity. •  
Commitment—the day-to-day duty of every man and woman in the NJROTC program is to join together as a team to improve the quality of their unit, their fellow cadets and classmates, and themselves.

1. Why is Honor Courage and Commitment important
2. Should this model be something you should follow on a daily and weekly basis
3. What is commitment
4. Who is a Cadet
5. What is adversity
6. What is confidence
7. What is the definition of Ignorance
8. What is Apathy
9. What is the definition of Navy Core values
10. What does temptation means

Behaviors That Detract From Navy Core Values Four patterns of behavior detract from the Navy Core Values:

Hazing,  
discrimination,  
sexual harassment,  
and fraternization.

What is sexual Harassment?

What is Fraternization in your own words

Have you ever been discriminated against

In their vulnerable teenage years, young people long for friendship, approval, and acceptance. This leaves them open to peer pressure, which can lead them to do foolish or even dangerous things they would otherwise avoid. Hazing is any conduct that causes another person to suffer to be exposed to an activity that is:

- cruel •
- abusive •
- humiliating •
- oppressive •
- demeaning •

harmful.

Write a sentence to every offensive word at the top.

Many people think of hazing as only something college fraternities do, but it can take place in any kind of organization, including NJROTC. Hazing can be especially damaging to people in high school. It has no place in NJROTC and cadets and adult leaders alike need to be aware and vigilant to remove any appearance of hazing from the program. Discrimination is any act that denies equal treatment to individuals because of their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or other differences. Sexual harassment is a particular form of gender discrimination. It involves unwanted sexual advances, direct or indirect requests for sexual favors, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, or the creation of an atmosphere of fear and distrust. For instance, if you hang a suggestive photo in your locker, that may be a form of sexual harassment because it may cause someone else who sees it discomfort or embarrassment. You'll read more about discrimination and sexual harassment in Unit II, Chapter 4.

Fraternalization is an inappropriate relationship between a superior and a subordinate—between a boss and an employee, or a teacher and a student, for instance—that could result in favoritism or discipline problems on the job. The rules on this are not as strict in NJROTC as in the Navy itself. Nevertheless, cadet officers should avoid dating their subordinates. In fact, they should avoid any friendships that could create, or even be perceived as, unfair or favoritism. These four behaviors—hazing, discrimination, sexual harassment, and fraternalization—violate the Navy Core Values. Sticking to the Core Values will help you avoid these four behaviors. If you value your sense of honor, you won't want to haze or harass anyone. If you have the courage to resist peer pressure, you will be able to avoid misbehavior and even talk others out of it. If you are committed to respect for other people, these behaviors will simply lose their appeal.

Practicing the Navy Core Values Mastering the Core Values is not a matter of instinct. It is something that you must learn through conscious effort. After time, you will act instinctively on these values.

The acronym LATAR is one tool that can help you master the Core Values: •

Learn •

Adopt •

Think • Act

Reevaluate.

Naval Knowledge You will learn about the concept of sea power as presented by Alfred Thayer Mahan (1840–1914), an influential naval historian who believed that sea power was the key to success in international politics. In his view, the ability of a coastal nation, like the United States, to use the oceans for trade, commerce, science, industry, and national defense would largely determine that nation's role in the world. Your studies in Naval Knowledge will consider the history of United States strategy from our country's beginnings to the modern era and how the three classic schools of strategy—sea power, air power, and land power—affect a modern-day engagement. Your instructors will explain the national security planning process. You'll learn about how our government looks at current threats to national security and takes steps to counter them with some of the most advanced surveillance methods on the planet. Coupled with the national security unit, you'll learn more about the responsibilities of the Merchant Marine and the Coast Guard in the maritime defense of the United States. Your instructors will explain the role of naval operations, communications, intelligence, logistics, and research and development. To wrap up your unit on Naval Knowledge, your instructors will explain the differences between military and civilian law and how the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or UCMJ, is rooted in the Constitution. From this you'll be better able to learn about maritime

In your own words, who was Alfred Thayer Mahan.?