

United States Marine Corps  
Professional Development Series



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# General Orders Code of Conduct

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# **US MARINE CORPS GENERAL ORDERS FOR SENTRIES**

- 1. TO TAKE** charge of this post and all government property in view.
- 2. TO WALK** my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
- 3. TO REPORT** all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
- 4. TO REPEAT** all calls from posts more distant from the guardhouse than my own.
- 5. TO QUIT** my post only when properly relieved.
- 6. TO RECEIVE**, obey, and pass on to the sentry who relieves me, all orders from the Commanding Officer, Officer of the Day, Officers, and Non-Commissioned Officers of the guard only.
- 7. TO TALK** to no one except in the line of duty.
- 8. TO GIVE** the alarm in case of fire or disorder.
- 9. TO CALL** the Corporal of the Guard in any case not covered by instructions.
- 10. TO SALUTE** all officers and all colors and standards not cased.
- 11. TO BE** especially watchful at night and during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, and to allow no one to pass without proper authority

## **PRINCIPLES OF THE GUARD**

(Sometimes called interior guard)

**P**reserve  
**O**rder  
**P**rotect  
**P**roperty  
**E**nforce  
**R**egulations

# **US ARMED FORCES CODE OF CONDUCT**

## Article I

I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

## Article II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

## Article III

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

## Article IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

## Article V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

## Article VI

I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

## **MISSION OF THE MARINE CORPS SQUAD**

THE MISSION OF THE MARINE CORPS RIFLE SQUAD IS :

TO LOCATE,CLOSE WITH AND DESTROY THE ENEMY

BY FIRE AND MANUVER, OR TO REPEL AN ENEMY ASSULT

BY FIRE AND CLOSE COMBAT.