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Foreword

Duty, honor, country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, and what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

*General Douglas MacArthur, on receiving the Sylvanus Thayer Medal
at the US Military Academy, 12 May, 1962*

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Preface

This field manual provides all Soldiers the doctrinal basis for the Warrior Ethos, Warrior Tasks, and other combat-critical tasks. It also updates weapon, equipment, and munitions information. This FM is not intended to serve as a stand-alone publication. It should be used with other Army publications that contain more in-depth information.

The target audience for this publication includes individual Soldiers and noncommissioned officers throughout the Army.

This book applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard (ARNG)/National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS), and the US Army Reserve (USAR) unless otherwise stated.

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Summary of Change

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Chapter	1		--	
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Chapter	2		--	
				<i>Individual Readiness (new)</i>
Chapter	3	Chapter	8	<i>First Aid and Personal Hygiene</i>
				<i>Renamed "Combat Care and Preventive Medicine"</i>
Chapter	4		--	
				<i>Environmental Conditions (new)</i>
Chapter	5	Chapter	1	<i>Cover, Concealment, and Camouflage</i>
				<i>Cover, Concealment, and Camouflage</i>
Chapter	6	Chapter Appendix	2 1	<i>Fighting Positions Range Cards</i>
				<i>Fighting Positions Includes former Appendix I, Range Cards, and updates the range card</i>
Chapter	7	Chapter Appendix	3 E	<i>Movement Tracking</i>
				<i>Movement</i>
Chapter	8	Appendix	D	<i>Urban Areas</i>
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Chapter	9	Chapter	4	<i>Observation</i>
		Chapter	6	<i>Combat Intelligence and Counterintelligence</i>
				<i>'Every Soldier is a Sensor'; incorporates former Chapter 4 (Observation) and Chapter 6 (Combat Intelligence and Counterintelligence); updates report criteria and limited visibility observation and devices</i>
Chapter	10	Appendix	G	<i>Weapons and Fire Control</i>
				<i>Combat Marksmanship</i>
Chapter	11	Chapter	7	<i>Communications</i>
				<i>Communications</i>
Chapter	12	Appendix	F	<i>Survival, Evasion, and Escape</i>
				<i>Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape; adds Resistance</i>
Chapter	13	Chapter	5	<i>NBC Warfare</i>
				<i>CBRN Weapons</i>
Chapter	14	Appendix	A B C	<i>Mines Demolitions Obstacles</i>
				<i>Mines, Demolitions, and Breaching Procedures; consolidates former Appendixes-- A (Mines), B (Demolitions), and C (Obstacles)</i>
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				<i>UXO and IEDs (new)</i>
---		Appendix	H	<i>Field Expedient Antiarmor Devices</i>

Introduction

Modern combat is chaotic, intense, and shockingly destructive. In your first battle, you will experience the confusing and often terrifying sights, sounds, smells, and dangers of the battlefield—but you must learn to survive and win despite them.

1. You could face a fierce and relentless enemy.
2. You could be surrounded by destruction and death.
3. Your leaders and fellow soldiers may shout urgent commands and warnings.
4. Rounds might impact near you.
5. The air could be filled with the smell of explosives and propellant.
6. You might hear the screams of a wounded comrade.

However, even in all this confusion and fear, remember that you are not alone. You are part of a well-trained team, backed by the most powerful combined arms force, and the most modern technology in the world. You must keep faith with your fellow Soldiers, remember your training, and do your duty to the best of your ability. If you do, and you uphold your Warrior Ethos, you can win and return home with honor.

This is the Soldier's FM. It tells the Soldier how to perform the combat skills needed to survive on the battlefield. All Soldiers, across all branches and components, must learn these basic skills. Noncommissioned officers (NCOs) must ensure that their Soldiers receive training on--and know—these vital combat skills.

PART ONE

Warrior Ethos

What is Warrior Ethos? At first glance, it is just four simple lines embedded in the Soldier's Creed. Yet, it is the spirit represented by these four lines that--

- Compels Soldiers to fight through all adversity, under any circumstances, in order to achieve victory.
- Represents the US Soldier's loyal, tireless, and selfless commitment to his nation, his mission, his unit, and his fellow Soldiers.
- Captures the essence of combat, Army Values, and Warrior Culture.

Sustained and developed through discipline, commitment, and pride, these four lines motivate every Soldier to persevere and, ultimately, to refuse defeat. These lines go beyond mere survival. They speak to forging victory from chaos; to overcoming fear, hunger, deprivation, and fatigue; and to accomplishing the mission:

THE SOLDIER'S CREED

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my Warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment, and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Military service is more than a "job." It is a profession with the enduring purpose to win wars and destroy our nation's enemies. The Warrior Ethos demands a dedication to duty that may involve putting your life on the line, even when survival is in question, for a cause greater than yourself. As a Soldier, you must motivate yourself to rise above the worst battle conditions—no matter what it takes, or how long it takes. That is the heart of the Warrior Ethos, which is the foundation for your commitment to victory in times of peace and war. While always exemplifying the four parts of Warrior Ethos, you must have absolute faith in yourself and your team, as they are trained and equipped to destroy the enemy in close combat. Warrior drills are a set of nine battle drills, consisting of individual tasks that develop and manifest the Warrior Ethos in Soldiers.

OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

1-1. This complex operational environment offers no relief or rest from contact with the enemy across the spectrum of conflict. No matter what combat conditions you find yourself in, you must turn your personal Warrior Ethos into your commitment to win. In the combat environment of today, unlike conflicts of the past, there is little distinction between the forward and rear areas. Battlefields of the Global War on Terrorism, and battles to be fought in the US Army's future, are and will be asymmetrical, violent, unpredictable, and multidimensional. Today's conflicts are fought throughout the whole spectrum of the battlespace by all Soldiers, regardless of military occupational specialty (MOS). Every Soldier must think as a Warrior first; a professional Soldier, trained, ready, and able to enter combat; ready to fight--and win--against *any* enemy, *any* time, *any* place.

ARMY VALUES

1-2. US Army Values reminds us and displays to the rest of the world—the civilian governments we serve, the nation we protect, other nations, and even our enemies—who we are and what we stand for (Figure 1-1). The trust you have for your fellow Soldiers, and the trust the American people have in you, depends on how well you live up to the Army Values. After all, these values are the fundamental building blocks that enable you to understand right from wrong in any situation. Army Values are consistent and support one another; you cannot follow one value and ignore the others. Figure 1-1 shows the Army Values, which form the acrostic LDRSHIP.

Loyalty	Bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other Soldiers.
Duty	Fulfill your obligations.
Respect	Treat people with dignity as they should be treated.
Selfless Service	Put the welfare of the nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own.
Honor	Live up to all the Army Values.
Integrity	Do what's right, legally and morally.
Personal Courage (Physical or Moral)	Face fear, danger, or adversity.

Figure 1-1. Army Values.

1-3. Performance in combat, the greatest challenge, requires a basis, such as Army Values, for motivation and will. In these values are rooted the basis for the character and self-discipline that generates the will to succeed and the motivation to persevere. From this motivation derived through tough realistic training and the skills acquired, which will make you successful, a Soldier who "walks the walk."

1-4. Army Values, including policies and procedures, form the foundation on which the Army's institutional culture stands. However, written values are useless unless practiced. You must act correctly with character, complete understanding, and sound motivation. Your trusted leaders will aid you in adopting such values by making sure their core experiences validate them. By this method, strategic leadership imbues Army Values into all Soldiers.