

MILITARY OATH OF ENLISTMENT

All military Service Members begin their official time of service by taking this oath at a swearing in ceremony:

I, (name), DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC; THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME; AND THAT I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE ORDERS OF THE OFFICERS APPOINTED OVER ME, ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS AND THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE. SO HELP ME GOD.

Speaking these words has far more emotional power than these words on paper could ever convey, because each of us knows, in that moment, that we are agreeing to defend a principle with our very lives. It is a moment we never forget.