CREED OF THE USCG JROTC CADET

I AM PROUD TO BE A UNITED STATES COAST GUARD JROTC CADET.

I REVERE THAT LONG LINE OF SPLENDID COASTIES WHO, BY THEIR DEVOTION TO DUTY AND SACRIFICE, HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A SERVICE HONORED AND RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

I NEVER, BY WORD OR DEED, WILL BRING DISGRACE UPON THE NAME OF THE U. S. COAST GUARD.

I WILL CHEERFULLY FULFILL MY COMMITMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND SHALL ENDEAVOR TO DO MORE, RATHER THAN LESS, THAN MY SHARE. I WILL ALWAYS ACT WITH INTEGRITY AND BE RESPECTFUL.

I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO BE A MODEL CITIZEN IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH I LIVE.

I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO BE A NOBLE WORK, LIVING BY THE COAST GUARD’S CORE VALUES; HONOR, RESPECT, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.

IS BEING A COAST GUARD JROTC CADET RIGHT FOR YOU?

Hear what our graduates have to say:

“I do not hesitate to say I would not be where I am or the person I am today without the leadership experience I learned from CG JROTC.”

Perhaps the greatest gift given to me by the program was being able to be immersed in various Coast Guard experiences as a young high school student.”

“I am glad to have been a part of [CG JROTC], and it will always stand as one of the biggest influences in my high school career.”

“[CG JROTC] taught me how to lead my peers, conduct myself with maturity and forethought, maintain self-discipline and take responsibility of others. It was a formative and enriching experience in my growth as a person and leader and provided me with tools and experiences that I use and cherish to this day.”

“The CG has set me up for success, and it all started as a young 14-year old in the USCG JROTC program, where I learned the true meaning of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.”

“Most importantly, CG JROTC gave me the opportunity to have true responsibility and hold leadership roles at a really young age.”

“[CG JROTC] provides focus and direction to young students in a time that they need it most. Even if they don’t go on to serve in the military, there are endless benefits that will prove advantageous to them over their lifetimes.”

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About the CG JROTC Program

The Coast Guard launched its first JROTC pilot program in 1992, followed by another in 2010. With expanding legislative authorization, the Coast Guard is launching 2 new JROTC units in 2021.

Per 10 USC 102, a purpose of JROTC is “to instill in students in United States secondary institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, and personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment.”

The mission of Coast Guard JROTC in particular is to “train cadets on the COAST”:

- CITIZENSHIP: building character and values
- OPERATIONS: learning about government & military operations from history to present day
- ADVANCEMENT: preparing for a successful career
- SERVICE: honoring community and country
- TEAMWORK: learning to lead self, lead others, and to be a positive and productive team member

CG JROTC Curriculum Overview

The JROTC curriculum includes coursework on leadership, civics, health and wellness, Coast Guard operations and history, nautical science, and teamwork. The curriculum is based on the principles of performance-based, learner-centered education and promotes development of core abilities: capacity for lifelong learning, communication, responsibility for actions and choices, good citizenship, respectful treatment of others, and critical thinking techniques.

More important than “what” is learned in JROTC is “how” it is learned. Instructors are experienced Coast Guard personnel who provide invaluable inspiration, mentorship, and guidance to enhance whole-person development in the academic, character, and social/emotional spheres. As cadets advance through the program, they have the opportunity to grow as leaders and team members, assuming increased responsibility in their platoons, company, and battalion. The opportunity to hear from guest speakers, take field trips to local Coast Guard units, and develop strong bonds of friendship with other cadets adds to the fun.

Highlights

- Wear a CG uniform once a week
- Earn community service hours
- Participate in drill team and raider competitions
- Represent the Coast Guard at ceremonial events
- Take field trips to local Coast Guard units
- Learn skills and disciplines to help you succeed
- Grow in self-confidence, leadership and teamwork
- Become a citizen more equipped for tomorrow’s challenges