



Customs and Courtesies



SOLDIER TRAINING READINESS MODULES

Terminal Learning Objective

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History of Customs and Courtesies



The Army is an organization that instills pride in its members because of its history, mission, capabilities, and the respect it has earned in the service of the Nation. A reflection of that pride is visible in the customs, courtesies, and traditions the Army holds. Adherence to them connects us with Soldiers throughout America's history.



Customs

- Is defined as an established practice
- Customs include positive actions – things you do, and taboos—things to avoid
- Many Army customs compliment procedures required by courtesy, while others add to the graciousness of Army life



Courtesy

- Means good manners and politeness in dealing with other people
- Military courtesy is not a one-way street. Enlisted personnel are expected to be courteous to officers and likewise, officers are expected to return the courtesy



Traditions

- Is a customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior by an identifiable group of people
- It is information, beliefs, and customs handed down by word of mouth from one generation to another
- Tradition gives Soldiers a feeling of pride to understand why we do things the way we do



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