

# DEFENDING FREEDOM

## U.S. MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT

### ARTICLE 1

*“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.”*



*“As a member of the United States Armed Forces, I am prepared to give my life to defend our freedom, but I can't serve openly with dignity and integrity. For me, keeping America safe and winning the war on terror means living a lie.”*

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