

Victory Starts Here! I Cor 15:57

Fort Jackson conducts Basic Combat Training to provide our Army with trained, disciplined, motivated, and physically fit soldiers who respond to leadership, are focused on teamwork, demonstrate the warrior ethos, and espouse the Army's core values. (Ft Jackson Website)

The Warrior Ethos is a set of principles by which every Soldier lives. (Warrior Ethos is a way of life)

-Applies to our personal and professional lives as well.

-Defines who the soldier is and aspire to become.

-Soldiers are instructed to live by the 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.***

Army Values:

LOYALTY: Bear true faith and allegiance to the US Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other soldiers. (God/Word/Brth/Chrc)

DUTY: Fulfill your obligations. (Christian, Child, Servant, Soldier, Ambassador)

RESPECT: Treat people as they should be treated. (Follow Christ Example, demonstrate the love of God)

SELFLESS SERVICE: Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army, and your soldiers before your own. (Put Kingdom of God 1st/ministr)

HONOR: Live up to all the Army values. (Honor thy Heavenly Father by living in obedience and faithful service to Him)

INTEGRITY: Do what's right, legally and morally. (If you love me keep my commandments/not grievous/ Do Right)

PERSONAL COURAGE: Face fear, danger, or adversity. (Run the race, do not be ashamed of God or the Word, resist temptation, submit to the will of God)

DISCIPLINE: Many misunderstand what discipline really is. Discipline is the glue that holds units together in order to accomplish assigned missions. It is the culmination of the **genuine acceptance of the Army values** (Need to have spiritually disciplined lives)

Illustration: 165th Infantry Brigade - The 39th Infantry Regiment . *For its part in World Wars I, II and the Vietnam Conflict, the 39th Infantry Regiment possesses 21 battle streamers. Its decorations include four Presidential Unit Citations, four French Croix de Guerre (two with Palm and one with Gilt Star), and the Belgian Fourageré. Following reactivation and transfer to the Training and Doctrine Command, the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment departed Fort Dix, New Jersey for Fort Jackson, South Carolina, arriving on 22 August 1990. The battalion is justifiably proud of its historic past and today continues to uphold these same high standards of excellence in Basic Combat Training as it prepares young men and women for service to their nation. Anything, Anywhere, Anytime . . . Bar Nothing* (Ft Jackson Website 2/39 History)

-We are in a war (not fought with modern weapons)

-This war raging for 1,000's of years

-Where does victory start for us? Or do we go around living oppressed and defeated lives?

We can do nothing on our own to have the victory. *Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

Sin makes us weak and powerless and prevents us from being obedient. (God Liberates man)

Only one option for victory: *Rom 8:3/4 2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Then in 4That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.* God had to bring us the victory, according to Mt 1:21 Jesus came to SAVE His people,

Eph 1:7 7In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph 2:8-9 8For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Through Jesus we are saved/Victorious

If we can have the greatest of all victories why do we go around oppressed and living in defeat?

- Struggles with sin (Oppression/attack) do not put up with it
- Go around down and out unenthusiastic about our Victory about our salvation (Favorite team/event)
- Carrying around weight that we do not need to (Baggage)

Need to be enthused, motivated, excited. (BCT Grads)

- Reading Bible Prayer (Freedoms, ability, relationship)
- Going to church
- Telling others/See it in your life (Favorite Team/God)

Don't let the enemy hinder us or stop us. *1 John 5:18* **18** We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Illustration Continued: During World War II the 39th regiment fought as part of the 9th Infantry Division. The Fighting Falcons of the 39th became the first unit of United States combat troops to set foot on foreign soil when they stormed the beaches of Algiers in November 1942. During fighting in Sicily, Italy, the regiment came under the command of the legendary Colonel Harry A. "Paddy" Flint who gave the regiment its triple A- Bar Nothing slogan ...**Anything, Anywhere, Anytime - Bar Nothing**. The regiment took great pride in the AAA-O slogan, displaying it on their helmets and vehicles, even in combat. When questioned about the soundness of the practice, Colonel Flint confidently declared, "The enemy who sees our regiment in combat, if they live through the battle, will know to run the next time they see us coming." (Ft Jackson Website 2/39 History)

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

In the midst of the violent spiritual war we are engaged in we can have victory (Presence of God) **Anything, Anywhere, Anytime - Bar Nothing...NOTHING!!! for if God is for us who can possible be or stand against us? That leaves us with one result VICTORY!**

*If we are well trained, disciplined, motivated, and spiritually fit soldiers who respond to leadership of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, are focused on working as part of the body of Christ and teamwork, demonstrate the warrior ethos in a spiritual sense, and adhere to the core values of the Lord's Army.... **Then Spiritual Victory here in this church**, in these pews in your life and my life is a place where starts!*

***1 Jn 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. **Rom 8:37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

*If we have spiritual victory in our lives then we will be ready to give our testimony of Jesus Christ, ready to serve and ready to do spiritual battle and ready to meet Him **Anything, Anywhere, Anytime . . . Bar Nothing***