

PROTECTORS OF OUR NATION (OUR FUTURE VETERANS)

US Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard. 1776 - 2013

Military members of the United States of America live by oaths and creeds. Myself, a veteran, and others in the military, both past and present, were proud to say these words:

AS U.S. NAVY ENLISTED: (WILLOW GROVE NAVAL AIR STATION, PA 1957)

"I, George Gemberling, 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."

ELEVEN GENERAL ORDERS - SAILOR'S CREED: (USS INDEPENDENCE CVA-62, 1960, FORRESTAL CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER)

I, George Gemberling, am a United States Sailor.

I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me.

I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world.

I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

1. To take charge of this post and all government property in view.
2. To walk my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
3. Report all violations of the orders I am instructed to enforce.
4. Repeat all calls from posts more distant from the guardhouse than my own.
5. To quit my post only when properly relieved.
6. Receive, obey, and pass on to the sentry who relieves me all orders from the commanding officer, command duty petty officer, officer of the deck, and officers and petty officers of the watch.
7. To talk to no one except in the line of duty.
8. Give the alarm in case of fire or disorder.
9. Call the officer of the deck in any case not covered by instructions.
10. To salute all officers and all colors and standards not cased.
11. To be especially watchful at night, and during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, and to allow no one to pass without proper authority.

AS U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER: (BETHLEHEM, PA, CITY HALL, 1973)

"I, George Gemberling, having been appointed an officer in the Air Force of the United States, as indicated above in the grade of 1st lieutenant 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; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; So help me God."

CODE OF THE U.S. FIGHTING FORCE: (OFFICERS ORIENTATION SCHOOL, SHEPPARD AFB, TX)

I, George Gemberling, as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, will follow the Code of the U.S. Fighting Force:

CODE OF CONDUCT I.

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.

CODE OF CONDUCT II.

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

CODE OF CONDUCT III.

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

CODE OF CONDUCT IV.

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

CODE OF CONDUCT V.

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

CODE OF CONDUCT VI.

I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

FLIGHT NURSE'S CREED: (SCHOOL OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE, BROOKS AFB, TX 1985)

I, GEORGE GEMBERLING, AS A FLIGHT NURSE:

I will use my knowledge, skill and energy in the best interests of the persons entrusted to my care.

I will maintain and preserve the dignity of the patient's using all the means available to me.

I will be mindful of the trust placed in me and do nothing to diminish that trust.

I will accept my responsibilities as an aeromedical team member and acknowledge the contributions of each member toward successful mission accomplishment.

I will hold faith with those Flight Nurses who have preceded me and endeavor to bring honor and respect Air Force Nurse Corps.

This I will do. I will not falter in peace or in war.

OTHER PROMISES, PLEDGES, OATHS, VOWS, CODES AND CREEDS THAT I AND OTHERS HAVE KEPT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (MONOCACY GRADE SCHOOL, BETHLEHEM, PA 1946)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CUB SCOUT PROMISE: (BETHLEHEM, PA 1948)

I, George Gemberling, promise to do my best

To do my duty to God and my country,

To help other people, and

To obey the Law of the Pack.

(POST 1954) LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL, BETHLEHEM, PA 1955-57

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CATHOLIC WEDDING VOW: (HOLY INFANCY CHURCH, 1957, BETHLEHEM, PA)

I, George Gemberling, take you, June Casey, to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health.

I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

U.S. CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT WITNESS (x2):

I, George Gemberling, solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help me God.

NIGHTINGALE NURSE PLEDGE: (EASTON HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING, 1969, EASTON, PA)

I, George Gemberling, solemnly pledge myself before God and presence of this assembly;

To pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling.

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

VFW POST 948, SECTION 3, CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER: (IN UNISON, ALL MEMBERS)

The purposes of the Corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational, and are:

- To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members.
- To assist worthy comrades;
- To perpetuate the memory and history of our comrades, and to assist their widows, and orphans;
- To maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;
- To foster true patriotism;
- To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and
- To preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

Veterans Day is coming up.
Be sure to THANK A VETERAN
for your freedoms.

GEORGE GEMBERLING
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