



# Leader Attributes (Character)

(This card is used to facilitate instruction, questions to ask – answers ETC... If the back is required – that’s OK – but try to limit to one card for reference)

What is Character?

- Character is the essence of who a person is.
- Character is what a person believes.
- Character is what a person does.

Leaders of Character will be AUTHENTIC and POSITIVE Leaders - Soldiers expect Leaders to abide by oaths of office and creeds associated with our profession, and the Army Values.

Leaders of Character and Integrity set the standard for others (LEAD BY EXAMPLE)

Positive Leaders of Character are Leaders of integrity and build TRUSTING cohesive units.

Do my Soldiers see me as a Leader of Character? Do I meet their expectations as a Leaders who leads by example? How does this impact unit morale and readiness?

Should be open an discussion with the Leader willing to facilitate candid communication with his/her subordinates. This may be difficult for those with more directive leadership styles, but the end result is an organization (or small unit) more in tune to the needs and expectations of its individual Soldiers. No Leader should feel threatened by “not knowing everything, or not being perfect” ...Soldiers expect it, and expect a Leader of Character to live by the Army Values. They also should expect their Leaders to be willing and capable to train them for combat, while setting the right example.