



Training Squadron THREE Command Philosophy

Central to the United States military instrument of national power is its ability to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations anywhere on the globe. Everything we do should ultimately support this core capability. We will do this by teaching the next generation of military aviators the fundamentals of flight, developing them into empowered and adaptable leaders, and ensuring that each student military aviator that completes Primary Flight Training as a Red Knight is prepared for the awesome responsibility of wearing their “Wings of Gold.”

To that end, we shall always conduct ourselves as *Professionals*, working to preserve our status as a winning team noted for its consistent success. Red Knight civilian and military personnel alike will internalize the following principles that will guide our actions:

The Red Knight standard is to achieve *Excellence Through Teamwork*. I expect each of your best efforts in everything we do, always striving for excellence. In these times, “good enough” simply isn’t. We will only achieve excellence as a team – by all of us diligently doing our part, to the best of our abilities. Set the example of integrity, personal and professional readiness, and never compromise the core values of your Service. *Professional Red Knights shall ensure procedural compliance* – if something is not right, take the initiative and fix it!

Safety Conscious. There is no event in the training environment that is worth damaging our aircraft, hurting our people, or worse, taking someone’s life. If you do not have the proper equipment, weather, or adequate conditions to support a safe training event – Stop! Don’t take shortcuts. Don’t press a hazardous situation and remember you do not work in a vacuum – *communicate and together* we will find the solution.

The United States military enjoys a strategic advantage – that is the *Quality* of our people. The Red Knight mission is to *produce quality military aviators that are prepared to WIN THE FIGHT and READY TO LEAD*. In order to teach our students how to be professional aviators, each sortie must be a quality evolution. Quantity is not the mission – the result of our professionalism and teamwork to get the job done will give us the quantity required. Never sacrifice Procedural Compliance, Safety, or Quality for anything!

We are blessed to have the best job in our military, hands down! We, as a team, have an awe-inspiring opportunity to *Professionally* and *Safely* shape the next generation of military aviators. I have every confidence that each Red Knight is fully up to this task, and will continue to capitalize on every opportunity to make a lasting contribution to military aviation. Our Nation deserves no less!