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We're excited about you and your desire to touch the lives of cadets and college students.

This guide is designed by Military Ministry to help you begin a Valor movement on your campus.

Valor has three objectives: to WIN cadets/midshipmen to Christ, BUILD them in their faith and then SEND them to reach others.

The purpose for Valor on your campus is to *launch a movement* in ROTC units where the Gospel captures hearts, transforms lives, and launches military men and women into a lifelong adventure with Christ. The core of a movement is you and a friend or two coming together to live in authentic Biblical community. That community will be defined with a few basic principles: Devotion to the Word, Authentic Relationships, and Partners in the Great Commission. A movement is much, much more than a cool club. Its attractiveness will draw even the most hardened skeptics.

As you trust God to create this sort of movement at your school, the articles and documents in this packet inform you more on what a Valor movement entails and share some practical steps of what you as the leader need to do to launch one:

- + *Top Priorities*
- + *Qualities That Count*
- + *Critical Path for a Local Leader*
- + *Transforming Movements*
- + *Cadet & Midshipman 30 Second Questionnaire*
- + *Sample ROTC Life & Faith Bible Study*
- + *Sample Valor Posters*
- + *How It all Works*
- + *Defining our Cause*
- + *Statement of Faith*
- + *VALOR – Military Ministry Volunteer Application*
- + *VALOR – Military Ministry Volunteer Agreement*

For further resources, visit www.valormovement.com and www.godsquad.com. Any needed passwords are available from your staff coach.

We're here to help, so please keep in touch for coaching and resourcing. God bless!

Top Priorities

1. **Pray!** Invest time in prayer with like-minded friends, asking God to guide you each step of the way (Colossians 4:2). You will need a core group of friends who share your vision and can support the effort. Remember to talk to God about people before you talk to people about God.
 - Ask God to show you which steps of faith to take to reach your campus for Christ (Matthew 21:12).
 - Thank Him for the privilege of being involved in something that's eternally significant (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).
 - Begin praying for students (by name) to receive Christ as their Savior and Lord and ask God to develop the necessary leadership for the movement (Matthew 28: 18-20).
 - Pray for students to grow deeply in their faith and develop a passion for reaching your campus.
2. **Connect** to your Valor staff coach to get more information about reaching your unit for Christ. If Campus Crusade for Christ staff members are on campus, you will also want to be in touch with them. They will help teach you how to share your faith and lead a Bible study. Your Valor staff coach may be contacted at valor@milmin.org or at (269) 216-4993 if you have any questions.
3. **Communicate** to your ROTC cadre (faculty) to let them know:
 - What Valor is
 - What your campus CCC movement is (if applicable), and that Valor is part of it
 - That we (Valor and your CCC campus staff team) are here to help them with the spiritual readiness of their cadets/mids (and their cadre if they are interested)
 - This can be done by cadets/mids, campus staff, or by phone/personal visit by Valor staff.See "Some Thoughts" at the bottom of the page.
4. **Publicize** by using Cadet & Midshipman Survival Kits (CMSKs) and posters. Your Valor staff coach can provide you CMSK's in the summer for your first fall outreach; posters are available online.
 - If possible hand out CMSK's at a unit formation.
 - While handing out CMSK's, cadets/mids will ideally fill out the Cadet & Midshipman 30 Second Questionnaire (download from web site – a standard Campus Crusade survey) before they get a CMSK. You'll use this info to follow up every cadet/mid with personal invitations.
 - Each CMSK should have a meeting info card in it with the location and time of your meetings listed (available on the web site – fill out and put in each CMSK). This is a "must" if the cadre won't allow you to require cadets/mids to complete surveys in order to get their CMSKs.

5. **Gather** interested students together. Start weekly discipleship groups and begin forming the core leadership group. As this group forms, take time to plan and pray for your outreach and growth next month (Luke 6: 12).

- For the first 3 meetings use “God & the Military,” the 3 part Tommy Nelson video/DVD. You can get this resource from your Valor staff coach.
- Follow on with the “ROTC Life and Faith” Bible study series available on www.valormovement.com.
- Personal invitations are much more effective than emails; remind folks when you see them at PT, drill, or lab.
- Create an atmosphere where people feel comfortable. Bringing pizza is always a hit!

6. **Involve further.** Show students how to communicate their faith in Christ to others. Help them make appointments to talk with their friends about Christ. This builds commitment and stretches their faith. Training materials are available through the Valor office and www.godsquad.com.

Note: These are only guidelines based on years of experience. However, each campus is different and the way a ministry grows will vary. So be creative, flexible and trust God.

Some Thoughts: The key to a successful program is to get the cadre on board before doing anything. You don’t want to operate behind their backs. This can be done one of three ways:

1. If cadets are comfortable presenting the Valor program to their PAS (Professor of Aerospace Science), PMS (Professor of Military Science), or PNS (Professor of Naval Science) they can do it on their own, with assistance from us.
2. We can contact the PAS/PMS/PNS to let them know what we are all about, and then introduce you to them via phone or email.
3. We can visit your campus to introduce you/your team and the Valor program in person. We want the cadre to know that we are part of the same organization that resources their active duty chaplains, provides camo Bibles to their troops, etc. They need to know that Military Ministry is directed by many retired, reserve, and former officers and senior NCOs, many of whom have experience with ROTC (either as cadets or cadre). Some active duty officers, NCOs, and chaplains are also Military Ministry Associate Staff.