As one of six military colleges in the country, the University of North Georgia provides cadets with the foundational discipline and education to lead soldiers. One of UNG's responsibilities is to help these future army officers make informed decisions that pairs their passions and interests with the operational needs of the army. The 11 army branches, while varied in mission, all seek the following six attributes in an army officer.

Character. Aspects of character include showing army values, empathy, warrior ethos, service ethos and discipline. In particular the military police seek officers who are talented leaders of character.

Presence. For army officer's presence means military and professional bearing, fitness, confidence and resilience.

Intellect. Mental agility, critical thinking, innovation and problem-solving skills are vital especially in the army's technical branches.

Leader. Builds trust, extends influence, leads by example but most importantly has interpersonal skills. The ability to manage and lead other people especially through tough situations.

Developer. It's important for an officer to create a positive environment, develop others and steward the profession. They should leverage, learn and develop individual skills and talents to get the job done.

Achiever. Gets results, anticipates, gives feedback, executes and adapts. All army officers are expected to get results in their specific jobs but quartermasters specifically are called upon to be excellent project managers and multitaskers.

These six traits establish the core set of requirements that inform our future officers of the expectations for what they must be, know and do. Every army officer must possess all six traits. Enduring the physical hardships, danger and uncertainty of combat requires an army that is professionally committed, and guided by an ethic that motivates and guides its forces in the conduct of mission's duty performance and all aspects of life.

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