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One of our readers who wants to be better informed has asked us to publish the Code of Conduct for Members of The Armed Forces Of The United States. Here it is:

1. I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

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

3. 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.

4. If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in my 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.

5. When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only 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.

6. I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, 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.

A copy of the above Code of Conduct, drafted by executive order of President Eisenhower in 1955, is now given to every member of the armed forces of the United States.

Situated in close proximity to Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune, all of us in New Bern are or should be Marine conscious. Even so, you may not realize that at the present time there are no less than 51,000 leathernecks serving in South Vietnam.

And no doubt it will come as a surprise to most of you to learn that there are 7,500 at Okinawa, and 5,000 on duty in Hawaii. In other States a total of 155,000 are on hand. No Marines are stationed in Alaska, however.

There are 7,500 leathernecks in Japan, 1,500 assigned to Vieques Island, and 1,250 at Guantanamo. The remaining 1,750 serving their country are with the Sixth Fleet. Needless to say, these various locations are considered vital to the nation's defense.

By comparison, the United States Army has 225,000 soldiers in West Germany and 165,000 in South Vietnam. There are 22,000 in Hawaii, 17,000 in France, 15,000 in Alaska, 8,000 in the Canal Zone, 13,000 at Okinawa, 50,000 in South Korea, 4,500 each in Italy and Thailand, 3,000 at Puerto Rico, 5,500 in Japan, 1,900 in Turkey, 1,500 in Ethiopia, 1,000 at Formosa, 700 in the United Kingdom, 500 in the Philippines,

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HEADING NORTH—Claudia June Parker, a rising sophomore at New Bern High School, will be North Carolina's Yankee Doodle Dandy for Philadelphia's annual Freedom Week, June 30 through July 4. She is the daughter of Peggy and D. M. Parker, Jr., of 1707 River Drive, and her mother has been invited to accompany her on the expense paid trip, tendered by the City of Brotherly Love. Claudia, born on July 4, has written an essay which she will present in compe-

tion with 12 other Yankee Doodle Dandies from the 13 original States. Freedom Week is quite an affair, with top leaders of the nation in attendance. Representing the Old North State is an honor that couldn't have come to a sweeter girl than Claudia. One of Catherine Latta's piano students, she loves music and sports, and looks forward to being a NBHS majorette next September.

