

USNA Mission Statement

To develop Midshipmen morally, mentally and **physically**, and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government.



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- **The academy's mission statement hasn't materially changed over those years.**
- **It has always been to mold us mentally, morally, and physically to develop leaders both for the fleet as well as the country.**
- **All graduates are, in fact, athletes whether we participated in varsity sports or Battalion or company sports. We were required to pass rigorous swimming tests, run the obstacle course, take sailing lessons, and give or take a punch or two in boxing.**
- **It was all in the interest of preparing us for a military life that requires an ability to push through demanding conditions when we enter the fleet or marine corps and possibly in combat.**
- **I'd like to address how well this target has been met for the Class of 1960 as it relates to the physical aspect of the mission.**
- **I'd like to keep this session informal and would welcome your sharing comments or memories. It hasn't been easy gathering information from an era without the internet, and if I've left individuals out, I apologize.**