

**THE ROLE OF PATRIOTIC EDUCATION IN THE PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES OF MILITARY MEN AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES**

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ABSTRACT

This article discusses the issues of improving patriotic culture in the professional activities of military men and law enforcement bodies. Furthermore, some aspects of foreign experience on the military history of different countries and the role of patriotic education in the army are studied.

KEYWORDS: *patriotism, education, Armed Forces, law enforcement bodies, professional activity, service duties, discipline, democratic values, loyalty to the Motherland, image of the army.*

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper analyzes the formation and strengthening the patriotic culture and immunity of military men and law enforcement bodies serving in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Important issues such as the love of the Motherland, responsible attitude to the state through professional and service activities, the characteristics, methods and trends of patriotic education are investigated in this article.

According to the results of the study, a number of proposals have been developed for the proper organization of patriotic education in customs authorities, thereby further strengthening the sense of civic patriotism of employees.

Mankind has been living in a difficult time for the last ten years. In the age of globalization, on the one hand, there are fierce aspirations for new opportunities on the path of economic and scientific-technological development, on the other hand, ideological struggles are gaining momentum. As the head of our state Sh. Mirziyoyev noted: "Today's rapidly changing world opens up new and great opportunities for humanity and youth. At the same time, it also exposes them to various evil dangers that have never been seen before. Malicious forces are killing simple, making children against their parents, against their country, and taking their lives. [1]"

In order to respond to these threats of the world, it is necessary to strengthen the country's defense capabilities, increase the morale of military officers in the defense of the Motherland, strengthen patriotic education, implement its new conceptual approaches and innovative mechanisms. In this context, the further strengthening of patriotic immunity in the minds and hearts of citizens, especially young people, is crucial point today.

There is a saying among Uzbek people: "Loving the homeland is a matter of faith." From the

content of this wisdom, it is possible to understand that such a great virtue as patriotism has a high status and raising the love of the Motherland to the level of faith is important.

It is known that ensuring the peace of the country and the security of citizens has always been a constant and main goal of the Armed Forces and law enforcement bodies. The role of highly qualified, responsible and patriotic, selfless and courageous military men and skilled law enforcement bodies in full implementation of this important task is invaluable.

Patriotism is a vital quality for defense and law enforcement bodies, as they have high responsibilities, such as service to the Motherland, adherence to the requirements of the Military Oath, to perform service duties, combating crime, and maintaining the peace of citizens.

Patriotism - is a love and devotion to the Motherland, a willingness to serve its interests and even to sacrifice a life for its protection.

Patriotic education –is a systematic and purposeful activity carried out by the state, society and social institutions aimed at preparing for the civic and constitutional duty to protect the interests of the Motherland and formation of a huge sense of patriotism in citizens.

The scientific and theoretical basis for the formation of patriotism has ancient historical roots. Well-known thinkers of the ancient world, such as Plato (in “The Ruler”) and Aristotle (in “Politics”), believed that a good citizen had a love of perfection within the law. A good citizen is a law-abiding, patriotic person who devotes all his efforts to contribute for society. [2]

Moreover, the famous French enlighteners of the XVIII century as J. Russo, D. Diderot, K. Galvetius, and P. Golbach recognized patriotism in a person's feeling of national pride in his country.

The history of Russia witnessed the difficulties in the development of the state. The difficult days were experienced by the awakening of spiritual and patriotic values in people and the army. This law is still in force today. The spirit of boundless love for the homeland is the basis of any military system. Based on the military-heroic experience of history and time, the activities of officers embodied such high concepts as patriotism, military duty, honor of the officer, strict discipline, responsibility, professional competence. The peculiarities of Russian military-professional patriotism are reflected in the following:

- Unlimited devotion to the motherland and readiness to give a life for it;
- Loyalty to the military oath and its fulfillment in any circumstances;
- High notions of military honor and military duty among officers, soldiers and sailors;
- Perseverance and courage in battle, heroism - as the main moral norm;
- Loyalty to the regiment, to the ship, to its flag, to its traditions;
- Respect and observance of military ceremonies, awards and officer's uniform;
- To behave heroically even in the case of arrest;
- Readiness to help people in need;
- Officer should be a model for his subordinates;
- To perform the job skillfully from a commander to an ordinary soldier. [3]

The issue of patriotism is also a topical issue in US policy. From an early age, young Americans are brought up with the mental ability to grow up through the social ladder and become the person they want to be, even to be a president. Indeed, not everyone achieves such level, but current

educational ability helps to instill the involvement in fate of the state, to form personal responsibility in social processes taking place in society, the development of civic sense and political activism in human mind. Its central idea is the principles of justice, freedom and equality.

The Armed Forces of this country are a symbol of patriotism. Especially after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, there was a high level of patriotism among American citizens and an increase in the number of people willing to serve in the US Army. Although, presently such trends have decreased so far, 87 percent of Americans still consider it a privilege to serve in the military.

Large-scale social assistance will also be provided after the U.S. military completes its service. One of these is the availability of preferential programs that pay tuition for higher education. That is why military veterans, as well as soldiers who have served in hot spots around the world such as Iraq and Afghanistan, are very common among university students.[4]

U.S. films about the U.S. Armed Forces are strictly censored by the Pentagon's Special Film and Television Department. The scripts of the films will be thoroughly studied to make sure that nothing that could damage the image and reputation of the US military will pass through them.

The training in special programs such as "Command Information", "Ethical Heritage and Human Perfection", "Equal Opportunities" is one of the most important aspects of educational activities in the United States Armed Forces. These weekly trainings with the participation of the commander provides high moral topics such as "Duty, glory, homeland", "Armed Forces in the service of the nation", as well as discussions on behavior of military officers and soldiers in different situations, conflicts and contradictions in the army, free thinking are held in the form of information exchange.

In the development of patriotic education of the US Army, the military press, various institutions of the Ministry of Defense (museums, clubs, libraries, cafes, etc.), fiction, military-historical literature, dictionaries and posters play an important role. In general, the patriotic system here is based on a solid material base.[5]

During the years of independence, the army and law enforcement bodies of Uzbekistan have formed a well-thought-out, scientifically-based and institutionalized system of military patriotism and spiritual-moral education. Spiritual and educational work and measures in this area are aimed at formation of necessary moral and combat qualities in the personnel, including the choice of high moral motivation of behavior in conditions of combat and military; quality and successful performance of assigned tasks; reach combat readiness and activism; cultivating important skills such as the ability to carry physical and mental loads in unstressful manner and maintain a normal emotional state in complex situations that may occur while performing service-related tasks.

In particular, according to the Resolution approved by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on April 2, 2021 "On additional organizational measures for further enhancement of activities of law-enforcement bodies in the field of ensuring public safety and fight against crime" the conceptual idea "Loyal service to the motherland and the people is our highest duty!" is conducted in spiritual and enlightenment work of law enforcement bodies, the main point of which is to form qualities such as selflessness, patriotism, loyalty and honesty in employees in the fight against any crime ensuring public safety and the rule of law in the country.[6]

Preparing the country for possible military conflicts "Continuous work to educate the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the spirit of patriotism and strengthening their sense of responsibility for the fate of the Motherland, as well as morally and psychologically effective training of personnel of the Armed Forces" [7] is defined in the Military Doctrine of the Republic of Uzbekistan as one of the main directions.

The Concept of increasing the effectiveness of spiritual and educational work in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan was approved by the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated August 4, 2018 "On radical improvement of the system of raising the morale of servicemen of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan". According to it, spiritual and educational work in this area "The homeland is sacred, it is an honorable duty to protect it!" Was organized based on this conceptual idea. The main point of this idea is to form patriotic, selfless, loyal, honest servicemen and young people who will make an effort in the fight against any enemy to ensure peace, prosperity and development of our country. [8]

It can be seen that in the modern period of social reform, the spiritual and educational work in the national army and law enforcement bodies is conceptually perfectly substantiated and focused on the development of the individual. In turn, it shows that people under state protection are paid deep attention in formation and strengthening of patriotism. It is an important task at the level of public policy. Its main directions are as follows:

- Attitude to the state (patriotic education in the national interest, political and legal level, citizenship and a sense of duty, strict obedience to the law);
- Attitude towards society (community, civic values, social activism and responsibility, aimed at the formation of high human and social qualities in the individual);
- Attitude towards human beings (respect for human rights and freedoms, humanity and humanism);
- Attitude to spirituality and culture (respect for national and world cultural heritage, harmonization with cultural values, understanding of national identity, enrichment of the spiritual world and the formation of a strong will, a sense of beauty)
- Attitude to the profession (mastering professional ethics, understanding the essence and tasks of their profession, a sense of responsibility for the quality of their work, understanding the importance of their profession for the fate of society);
- Personal relationships (family, children, moral upbringing, awakening of conscience and formation of other qualities).

Patriotic upbringing of law enforcement bodies is a ongoing pedagogical and practical process of forming a service-oriented, patriotic feeling that unites the individual with the profession. This process reflects targeted, multifaceted, systematic, orderly, planned and coordinated activities. The moral and ethical values that shape and strengthen patriotism are embodied in the behavior of the employee. The fact that such values are reflected in all employees ensures positive image and high human resources for professional team and the organization as a whole. Patriotism should be not only a quality of professional importance, but also a life position and the principle of employee.

Patriotism of military men and law enforcement bodies, their love for the Motherland, national pride, honor, dignity, duty, knowledge and respect for the history of the Motherland; professional patriotism and obedience to the ancient military-patriotic traditions of the people, military oath and manifests itself in important qualities such as commitment to duty.

The culture of patriotism in its nature combines a synthesis of high factors such as ideology and psychology, spirituality and the history of many years of patriotic activity, politics and civic devotion, love and patriotism at the highest level.

A number of tasks are aimed at educating the Armed Forces and law enforcement bodies in the spirit of patriotism comes out. Their implementation will help to increase the social activity of employees and their readiness to serve the Motherland in any situation and at any time. Such tasks include:

- Formation and regular strengthening of loyalty of employees to the Motherland, military oath and duty;
- Ensuring unconditional obedience of employees to the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Republic of Uzbekistan and norms related to professional ethics;
- Enhancing the prestige of the military and law enforcement agencies among the population, especially young people, increasing public confidence in the army and law enforcement agencies by ensuring human rights and freedoms, strict adherence to the rules of service, discipline and justice;
- Formation of spiritual, moral and psychological qualities of a true patriotism, democracy, social responsibility in employees, training of professionals who have mastered their profession based on a high legal level;
- Formation of skills that highly support the unity and solidarity of the military team, strengthening the mental and ideological stability, representing readiness to prevent various threats (external enemy threat, extremism, terrorism, threats of force, crime) that threaten the peace of the individual, society and country;
- to strengthen the aspirations of employees to acquire professional knowledge and improve their professional skills, to be ready for the proper use of firearms and special military equipment;
- formation of practical skills aimed at proper communication with citizens during off duty hours.

The following measures should be taken for the successful implementation of these tasks:

- Pursue a targeted policy aimed at creating the necessary conditions for social, cultural, spiritual and physical development of military men and law enforcement bodies;
- Creating opportunities for socialization of young workers, their active involvement in solving socio-economic, cultural, scientific, environmental and other problems;
- Establishment of patriotic values, respect for the elderly and young, respect for religious beliefs of citizens, historical and cultural past of people in the minds of employees;
- Enrichment of patriotic education by updating and improving its methods, forms and means;
- Creation and improvement of mechanisms for effective implementation of the system of patriotic education of employees;
- Organizing and conducting ongoing research and museum work;
- Improving the coaching school of experienced staff in relation to young employees, increasing their mutual responsibility to each other and on this basis to form a young employee's attitude to the service and the system;
- Conducting (intra-system and inter-system) sports competitions, creative evenings, competitions aimed at strengthening the physical and spiritual potential of employees;
- Supporting the creative talents and activities of officers.

Indeed, patriotism is a powerful tool that develops a sense of personal responsibility, a sense of belonging to the Motherland, an active life position and strong faith, professionalism in military men and law enforcement bodies. Taking advantage of this, it forms an ideological immunity against foreign ideas, strengthens a sense of responsibility for the fate of the motherland and

ensures their devotion to their profession.

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