

## ARMY VALUES Case-Ex: Personal Courage

### Case-Ex: Personal Courage – Garrison/Off Duty (PV2 Cevidanes)

**FACILITATOR NOTE:** (*Bolded questions are included in the Case-Ex video interface*)

**Motivator:** The Army's culture expresses its traditions and history, norms of conduct, and guiding values and standards. These have evolved over two centuries of operations in peace and war, of shared hardships and triumphs.

<b>Facilitator opening question:</b>	Q- What motivates a person to become a Soldier?  Q- How do Soldiers maintain their own identity and embrace the Army culture?
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#### **FACILITATOR NOTE- Play Part 1 of video-**

Video synopsis –

PV2 Cevidanes describes growing up in Brazil and struggling with her decision to join the Army. Her father was opposed to the decision and encouraged her to attend college first. The cultural norm for PV2 Cevidanes was for women NOT to serve in the Army. She balances the input of her father with advice from some respected mentors.

<b>Facilitator Questions-</b>  Use examples or create your own.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. In what ways did it require Personal Courage for PV2 Cevidanes to join the Army?</b></li><li><b>2. What factors were guiding her to join the Army? What factors were pushing her away from the Army?</b></li><li>3. What is the right thing to do?</li><li>4. What are the potential consequences of her decisions?</li><li>5. What factors are influencing PV2 Cevidanes' decision?</li><li>6. What might be limiting PV2 Cevidanes' ability to take action or to change her perception?</li><li><b>7. Which decision would require the most Personal Courage?</b></li></ol>
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	<p><b>8. Personal Courage applies not just to physical circumstances, but also to other types of difficult situations. Describe other types of difficult situations where courage is needed.</b></p>
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**FACILITATOR NOTE-** Play Part 2 of video-

Video synopsis –

PV2 Cevidanes describes her conversation with a mentor and how she realized how important joining the Army would be. She summoned the Personal Courage to tell her father what she was going to do. Many of her friends and family at first struggled to understand her decision, but now they all—including her father—are proud of her.

<p><b>Facilitator Questions-</b></p> <p>Use examples or create your own.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. How did PV2 Cevidanes display Personal Courage?</b></li> <li><b>2. Describe PV2 Cevidanes’ future challenges in the Army that will require Personal Courage.</b></li> <li><b>3. What other Army Values does PV2 Cevidanes display?</b></li> <li>4. What motivated PV2 Cevidanes to act as she did?</li> <li>5. How might this experience change PV2 Cevidanes’ attitudes and actions in the future?</li> <li>6. Were any of the Army Values in conflict in this scenario? Which ones?</li> </ol>
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**Conclusion:** Competence and courage aren't always measured in medals and victories. Personal courage is the strength of character. As a Soldier, to stand up for what is right in the face of those whom you must also display loyalty to is sometimes more of a difficult task. You are no longer protected by the Soldiers on your left and right flank....you stand alone....against someone much more formidable than the enemy. Your livelihood, way of life, finances, freedom, future and general freedom all stand to be lost; however, this is what personal courage is about. The bravery to stand alone for what is right...to take care of what is needed to accomplish the mission, to take care of your Soldiers, or to stand behind any principal or value that you belief is important.

**Check on Learning**



**Facilitator  
Questions-**

1. How important is courage in allowing the Army as a whole to overcome adversity and accomplish the mission?
2. When interacting with peers and superiors -How is courage displayed, in a peacetime garrison scenario as compared to a engaged in combat operations?

