

Customs, Courtesies, and Traditions: “Inherent Callings” Video Case Study

Facilitator: This is a two-part video. Watch each part, asking the associated questions after the correct segment. Remember that PV2 Cevidanes volunteered to share this story and is a dedicated Soldier proudly serving in our profession of arms.

Video summary: 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. PV2 Cevidanes shares how she decided to join the Army and a new culture. Growing up in Brazil, where the cultural norm was that women do not serve in the Army, her father was opposed to her decision to enlist. Two parts; Length: 2:54, 2:08

Notes:

Part 1

- Soldiers join the Army to become part of a great long-standing, tradition-based organization. The Army Values are reminders of those traditions.
 - What influenced PV2 Cevidanes to join the Army?
 - What Army Values are apparent in her decision?
- Who taught PV2 Cevidanes about Army history?

Part 2

- PV2 Cevidanes discussed her family and friends.
 - How did the Army tradition of service influence her?
 - Ask the group to write down one way in which their organization is sustaining the Army tradition of honorable service; share and discuss their answers.
- Why did you join the Army?
 - What Army customs or traditions inspire you to commit to continue your service?
 - What would you strengthen in the Army culture to continue to draw and develop Army Professionals?