

Military Expertise: “Civilians on the Battlefield” Written Case Study

Facilitator: Reading the Case Study twice often ensures that participants are prepared to discuss the issues.

Facilitator’s Summary: LT Aguero displays Military Expertise when his platoon encounters insurgents firing over the heads of women and children. His actions demonstrate verification and validation of his Competence, Character, and Commitment to fulfill responsibilities and perform assigned duties with discipline and to standards.

Notes:

- Describe the ethical situation LT Aguero and his Soldiers are faced with.
- “If they don’t care about their own children, I don’t care either,” LT Aguero told himself.
 - What does this say about his Competence? How did LT Aguero demonstrate his ability to perform his duties as a leader?
 - What does this say about his Character? How do his decisions and actions reflect on his dedication and adherence to Army values?
 - What does this say about his Commitment? Despite adversity, obstacles, and challenge, how do you feel LT Aguero strived to ethically accomplish the mission?
- What decisions would you make? What would you do?
- How does this fit the military-technical field of expert knowledge? Through professional development, how do you feel LT Aguero demonstrated his ability to plan and execute military operations?
- How does this fit the moral-ethical field of expert knowledge? How do you feel LT Aguero applied the Army Values and laws of the Army Ethic to inform his decision and actions?
- How does LT Aguero display his Military Expertise?