

Military Expertise: “I Would Do It Exactly the Same Way” Written Case Study

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

Facilitator’s Summary: While deployed, a MEDEVAC pilot's Military Expertise is challenged. Per policy, landing to evacuate a casualty required clearance and permission; however, the MEDEVAC pilot chose to forsake his orders in order to act and save a life.

Notes:

- What is the ethical situation at the time of the incident?
- How does this fit the moral-ethical field of expert knowledge? Share what Army Values and laws informed the pilot’s decisions and actions.
- What does the pilot’s demonstrated ability to perform assigned duties say about his Competence?
 - How did the pilot’s actions demonstrate his adherence to the Army Values, ethics, and morals?
 - What does this say about his Character?
- Are the leaders in this scenario operating according to the philosophy of mission command?
 - Does the pilot have the latitude to make the discretionary judgment at the scene – and the trust of his commander? Will he the next time?
- Despite obstacles and challenge, share how you feel the pilot accomplished the mission.
- Is the pilot faced with a conflict or tension of Commitment in this situation?
- How does this fit the human-development field of expert knowledge? How did the education, training, and experience develop the pilot to make the decisions he made in this situation?