

Military Expertise: “Juice Squeeze: A Young Officer’s Conundrum” Written Case Study

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

Facilitator’s Summary: OBC is a period in which aspiring Army professionals gain professional knowledge and understanding. While attending Military Police OBC, one LT’s Military Expertise is challenged when faced with another LT’s lack of Competence, Character, and Commitment.

Notes:

- What is the ethical situation in this situation?
- How does this situation require knowledge from the moral-ethical field of expert knowledge? Share the aspects of the Army Values and Ethic that affected LT Jorgensen’s decision.
 - How does his decision demonstrate his competence?
 - Does LT Jorgensen have the necessary expertise to act as an Army professional? At what point should he be certified as a ready professional?
- Compare both LT’s adherence to the Army Values and Army Ethic. What do their actions demonstrate about their individual character?
 - Are they both committed to performing duties with discipline and to standards? Why, or why not?
- How does each LT display their military expertise?
- If you were the new LT, what would you do?
- Have you ever been in a situation like this? If so, share with the group your experience.
- How does this fit the human-development field of expert knowledge?
- How does the Officer Basic Course educate and train Lieutenants to develop them as Army professionals?