

Military Expertise: “Shared Sacrifice” Video Case Study

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

Video summary: SSG Spaid demonstrated his Military Expertise when making the decision to postpone family plans in order to sit with his Soldier and the MPs in the Emergency Room. After signing out on leave, SSG Spaid learned one of his Soldiers tried to jump from a balcony - perhaps in a suicide attempt. SSG Spaid's actions emphasize the professional concepts of Competence, Character, and Commitment.
Two parts; length: 1:22, 1:36

Notes:

Part 1

- How does this situation call on SSG Spaid’s moral-ethical expert knowledge? Share how the Army Ethic and Army Values help professionals make discretionary judgments.
- What ethical situation is SSG Spaid faced with? How does this relate to his commitment as an Army professional?
 - How should SSG Spaid evaluate his options?
 - How does he demonstrate competence in weighing the choices available him?
- As an Army professional, what would you do?

Part 2

- How does this action use knowledge from the human-development field of expert knowledge? How will SSG Spaid’s decision educate others?
 - What does it reveal about SSG Spaid since he was on leave and was not required to respond, yet he did respond and remained with his Soldier?
- SSG Spaid reflected on his action – for him, it was an easy decision. What does this say about his character?