

Trust: “Inseparable Valor” Video Case Study

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

Video summary: Trust between individuals creates strong bonds among Army professionals that serve as a vital organizing principle necessary for the Army to function as an effective and ethical profession. SSG Green describes his deployment to Iraq and his close friendship with SSG Shaffer. While SSG Green is on QRF, he learns that SSG Shaffer has hit an IED “and has no radio communication.” SSG Green responds to his friend’s crisis, displaying the bond of trust between Soldiers.

Two parts; Length: 1:45, 2:56

Notes:

Part 1

- What events and experiences built the loyalty between SSG Green and SSG Shaffer? How is the Army Value of loyalty related to trust?
- What are some practical ways to build trust between Soldiers? Between leaders and Soldiers?
- Why is it important to build trust?
- Should there be a separation between professional and personal loyalties? Explain why or why not.

Part 2

- SSG Green and SSG Shaffer demonstrated military expertise and honorable service. How is their military expertise and honorable service related to trust?
- How do their actions affect trust between Soldiers and trust between Soldiers and leaders?
- During combat, what effect does trust on the actions of an individual Soldier? On an entire unit? On the Army as a whole?
- Is your organization’s climate conducive to developing and maintaining trust?
- Think of the “Warrior Ethos.” How is Trust related to the statements within it?