

## Army Values Case-Ex: Duty (continued)

### Case-Ex: Duty – ARMY VALUES (PFC Smith)

*(Bolded questions are included in the Case-Ex video interface)*

#### Part 1:

PFC Smith describes a challenge he faced while serving as the Trainee Platoon Leader during Basic. PFC Smith's Platoon was given a narrow window of time in the evening for everyone to call home. He worked out the math and everyone had time for a 3-minute call. Then he found out some members of the Platoon had already called home by sneaking down to the phones earlier in the day. The responsibility fell on PFC Smith to sort this out.

#### *Recognize the ethical dilemma*

1. What is PFC Smith's problem?
2. How aware was PFC Smith that was confronted with an ethical decision?

#### *Examine options through the ethical lenses*

**3. What factors are influencing PFC Smith's possible choices?**

**4. Do you think PFC Smith wants to sort out this problem?**

5. What options does PFC Smith have?
6. What possible outcomes may result from his decision?
7. What rules or regulations apply to this situation?
8. What could be considered the right action and attitude for PFC Smith?
9. How should PFC Smith evaluate his options?
10. Does PFC Smith have any resources that can guide his decision about what is "fair?"

#### *Commit to a Decision*

**11. Would it be easier for PFC Smith to just ignore this situation and not take action? What might happen if he did?**

12. What factors are influencing PFC Smith's decision?
13. What might be limiting PFC Smith's ability to take action or to change his perception?
14. What is the easiest course of action for PFC Smith?

#### *Act*

**15. Why is it important for PFC Smith to perform his Duty to the best of his ability? For himself? For his unit?**

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### **Part 2:**

PFC Smith describes how he made his decision and how the Platoon reacted to it. He had further challenges because some of the Soldiers that went to the phones earlier never actually used them, and wanted their turn. PFC Smith was able to resolve the issues and execute his plan. He talks about Loyalty to his friends and Duty as the Platoon Leader.

- 1. What challenges did PFC Smith face once he briefed his plan?**
- 2. Describe how PFC Smith's performance of his Duty fostered teamwork while still adhering to the rules. In what way did he show initiative?**
- 3. What other Army Values did you recognize in PFC Smith?**
- 4. How did PFC Smith find a balance between the Army Values?**
5. What motivated PFC Smith to act as he did?
6. Why is fulfilling one's Duty in this way important as a Soldier?
7. What might the long-term effects have been if PFC Smith did nothing?
8. How might this experience change the attitudes and actions of everyone that was involved?