

Case-Ex: Selfless Service – Combat (SSG Bell)

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

Part 1:

SSG Bell describes a mission in Afghanistan when his Company was ambushed. The unit is moving toward an Afghan village together with their Afghan National Army comrades. While moving through a valley, they are ambushed and begin to withdraw. Two Afghan Soldiers are left behind, and one of them is wounded. SSG Bell spots them trying to move back under fire.

1. **What challenge and decision does SSG Bell face?**
2. How aware was SSG Bell that he was confronted with an ethical decision?
3. **What are the implications if he helps the Afghan Soldiers? If he does not?**
4. **What are all the factors that could influence SSG Bell's decision?**
5. **Why is it important that a Soldier's sense of Selfless Service extends beyond his unit?**
6. What are SSG Bell's options?
7. Does he have any clear options?
8. What rules or regulations apply to SSG Bell's actions toward the Afghan Soldiers?
9. What could be considered the right action and attitude for SSG Bell?
10. How should he evaluate his options?
11. What external resources should SSG Bell consider as part of the solution?
12. Would it be easier just to ignore this situation and not take action?
13. What might be limiting SSG Bell's ability to take action?
14. Should SSG Bell be more concerned about the Afghan Soldiers or his own unit (and himself)?
15. Once SSG Bell has made his decision, what factors could stop him from following through?

Part 2:

SSG Bell relates that he grabbed the ATV and moved through the kill zone to pick up the ANA Soldiers. They make it safely back, and that night the ANA Commander invites the US Soldiers over for dinner. SSG Bell discusses the mission impact of his decision and how relations between his unit and the Afghan forces improved.

1. **How are SSG Bell's actions consistent with the Army's definition of Selfless Service?**
2. **How did SSG Bell's actions serve a greater purpose? How did he put the mission first?**
3. **What effects will SSG Bell's displays of Selfless Service have on the rest of the team?**
4. **What other Army Values did you see displayed in the scenario?**



5. Describe the definition or standard for Selfless Service that SSG Bell gives. How is SSG Spaid's definition of Selfless Service consistent with the Army's definition? How is it consistent with his actions?
6. How might this experience change SSG Bell's attitudes and actions in the future?
7. What Army Values are in conflict in this scenario? How so?

