

## Case-Ex: Selfless Service – Garrison/Off Duty (SSG Spaid)

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

### **Part 1:**

SSG Spaid describes one of his Soldiers who was having a hard time after deployment. The Soldier has resorted to drinking. One night SSG Spaid receives a phone call that he had tried to jump off a balcony while drunk. Someone needs to go to the ER to sit with him and the MPs until he sobers up. SSG Spaid has already signed out on leave.

- 1. What challenge has SSG Spaid identified?**
2. How aware was SSG Spaid that he had been confronted with an ethical decision?
- 3. What personal issues does SSG Spaid consider when deciding how to respond to the phone call?**
- 4. How should Soldiers balance family needs with supporting Soldiers in their unit?**
5. What options could SSG Spaid be considering in how to respond?
6. What possible outcomes might result from how he chooses to respond?
7. What rules or regulations apply to SSG Spaid's actions toward the inebriated Soldier?
8. How should he evaluate his options?
9. What external resources should SSG Spaid consider as part of the solution?
10. What factors might influence how SSG Spaid responds to his Soldier? Do any of these factors indicate what "the right" decision is?
11. Would it be easier just to ignore this situation and not take action?
12. What might be limiting SSG Spaid's ability to take action?
13. Should SSG Spaid be focused on getting to his family on leave or responding to the Soldier's situation?
14. Besides his Soldier, who will be impacted by SSG Spaid's actions?

### **Part 2:**

SSG Spaid relates back to his actions—for him, it was an easy decision. He describes the conclusion of the evening and how the Soldier needed help and counseling. SSG Spaid discusses the impact on his wife and how sometimes the family has to "come second."

- 1. How does SSG Spaid demonstrate Selfless Service?**
- 2. What possible negative impacts may result if Soldiers do not display Selfless Service?**
- 3. How might this experience motivate SSG Spaid to demonstrate Selfless Service more in the future? How would you demonstrate Selfless Service more in the future?**
- 4. What other Army Values are displayed in this scenario?**
5. How did SSG Spaid's choices indicate his willingness to share burdens? To serve a greater purpose?



6. What was SSG Spaid's attitude toward the Soldier? Does he think he could have helped him more?
7. How can one experience like this change our attitudes?

