

## **ARMY VALUES Case-Ex: Loyalty (continued)**

### **Case-Ex: Loyalty – ARMY VALUES (PV2 Miller)**

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

#### **Part 1:**

PV2 Miller describes having a buddy in Basic who gets a “Dear John” letter from his fiancée. PV2 Miller describes the Soldier’s struggle to stay motivated and how he ultimately thought of committing suicide. The Soldier ends up cutting his wrists in the latrine, but survived. The Platoon reacts to him in various ways, and many shun or mock the Soldier as “just trying to get kicked out.” PV2 Miller has to decide whether or not to stick by his friend.

*Recognize the ethical dilemma*

- 1. What challenge is PV2 Miller facing with the Soldier in his unit?**
2. What are the real issues?
3. How aware was PV2 Miller that he had been confronted with an ethical decision?

*Examine options through the ethical lenses*

- 4. How is the platoon demonstrating a lack of Loyalty?**
- 5. Is helping this Soldier seen as a sign of weakness or a sign of strength? Why?**
6. What options does PV2 Miller have?
7. What possible outcomes might result from how PV2 Miller treats this Soldier?
8. What rules or regulations apply to PV2 Miller’s actions toward fellow Soldiers?
9. What could be considered the right action and attitude for PV2 Miller?
10. How should PV2 Miller evaluate his options?
11. What external resources should PV2 Miller consider as part of his solution?

*Commit to a Decision*

12. What factors could influence PV2 Miller in how he treats his buddy?
13. Would it be easier to just ignore the other Soldier?
14. What might be limiting PV2 Miller’s ability to take action or to change his perception?

*Act*

15. Should PV2 Miller’s actions address his Loyalty to this Soldier? To his Platoon? To the Army? How are they different?
16. Would helping this Soldier be seen as a sign of weakness or a sign of strength? Why?

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### **Part 2:**

PV2 Miller describes how he remained a friend to this Soldier. He describes the “little things” that he did to encourage his friend. The rest of the Platoon began to respond to this Soldier as well—rather than making fun of him. PV2 Miller describes the bond that he has to his Battle Buddies.

- 1. Did the way PV2 Miller act show Loyalty to the Soldier? To the unit? To the Army? How are they different?**
- 2. Why is demonstrating Loyalty in this way important as a Soldier?**
- 3. What negative effects could have happened if PV2 Miller failed to demonstrate Loyalty?**
- 4. What other Army Values did you recognize in PV2 Miller?**
- 5. Who can Soldiers turn to if they need help?**
6. What motivated PV2 Miller to act the way he did?
7. How did the Soldier react at first when PV2 Miller expressed an interest in his personal life? How did he react later?
8. How might this experience change the attitudes and actions of everyone that was involved?
9. How can one experience like this change our attitudes?
10. Were there any Army Values in conflict with each other?