



Why & How We Serve: “Honorable Retaliation” Video Case Study

Facilitator: This is a two-part video, Part 1 and Part 2. Watch each part, asking the associated questions after the correct segment. Remember that SSG Huntley volunteered to share this story and was a dedicated Soldier proudly serving in Our Profession.

Video summary:

SSG Huntley describes losing his Platoon Leader to a sniper in Iraq. The Platoon later finds out where the sniper is and plans a deliberate raid to kill or capture him. SSG Huntley talks about his desire for vengeance and his doubt whether the Iraqi justice system would punish the sniper. He discusses the possibility of killing the sniper in his house regardless of whether or not he tries to surrender.

Two parts; length: 1:51, 3:05

Notes:

Part 1

- How was SSG Huntley’s platoon’s mission with the Iraqi people serving the American public? Why was it important to respect the local population?
- How can stress of war affect Soldiers’ decision-making process? What moral challenges does the platoon face?
- SSG Huntley said, “He had killed one of ours, so we think we should do the same to him.” How can the Army Ethic help Soldiers in situations like this?

Part 2

- How did the platoon obey the laws of the Nation and reject illegal or immoral actions?
- How did the platoon take pride in honorably serving the Nation with integrity and demonstrating character in the operation?
- How did the platoon recognize the intrinsic dignity and worth of all people, and treat them with respect?
- How did the platoon demonstrate courage by setting the example for right conduct despite risk, uncertainty, and fear? How did the Soldiers candidly express their professional judgment to subordinates, peers, and superiors?