



LIVING THE WARRIOR ETHOS

(This card is used to facilitate instruction, questions to ask – answers ETC... If the back is required – that’s OK – but try to limit to one card for reference)

1. Reference and discuss: In Mogadishu on October 1993, MSG Gary Gordon and SFC Randall Shughart, learning that no ground forces were available to rescue one of the downed aircrews and aware that a growing number of enemy were closing in on the site, MSG Gordon and SFC Shughart volunteered to be inserted to protect their critically wounded comrades. They were inserted one hundred meters south of the downed chopper. The two NCOs fought their way to the downed fliers. After MSG Gordon and SFC Shughart pulled the wounded from the wreckage, they established a perimeter, put themselves in the most dangerous position, and fought off a series of attacks. The two NCOs continued to protect their comrades until they had depleted their ammunition and were themselves fatally wounded. Their actions saved the life of an Army pilot.

The two NCOs knew there was no ground rescue forces available, they may have suspected that things would turn out as they did; nonetheless, they did what they believed to be the right thing. They acted based on Army Values, which they had clearly made their own: *loyalty to their fellow Soldiers; the duty to stand by them, regardless of the circumstances; the personal courage to act, even in the face of great danger; selfless service, the willingness to give their all.* MSG Gary I. Gordon and SFC Randall D. Shughart lived the Army Values to the end; they were posthumously awarded Medals of Honor.

2. Discuss how the Soldiers Creed ties Army Values and The Warrior Ethos together.

3. Discuss what each tenet means by asking individual Soldiers what they feel it means to them.

“I will always place the mission first”

“I will never quit”

“I will never accept defeat”

“I will never leave a fallen comrade”