

Ethics Instruction For Combat Logistics Battalion 6 Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 12 – 15 October 2010 Lejeune Leadership Institute Ethics Branch



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The Lejeune Leadership Institute Ethics Branch was invited to Camp Lejeune,

NC, to speak to Combat Logistics Battalion 6.

From 12 to 15 October the Ethics Branch provided instruction in Moral Decision Making, Battlefield Ethics and Law of War.







Over 300 Marines received a total of fifty three hours of instruction on ethics, law and leadership.





SgtMaj William Skiles spoke to NCOs and SNCOs about how ethics and ethical leadership begin with mentoring and a sincere concern for junior Marines.





Chaplain Buford organized break-out sessions and led group discussions on ethics, the principles and ideas included in ethics, and the habits of ethical leaders.





Major Connelley presented several sessions on the origins, principles and implementation of the Law of War. Major Connelley used fictionalized legal and ethical dilemmas to

lead guided discussions about appropriate responses to various situations Marines might encounter.

Chaplain Buford and Major Connelley used interactive software in conjunction with slide presentations from laptop computers to involve the Marines in lively discussions.









After the speaker presented a discussion topic or a video vignette of an ethical dilemma, Marines were asked to respond to a

multiple-choice question. They registered their anonymous responses with hand-held "clickers" and the results were displayed on the front screen. This helped to actively engage the Marines in discussion and prompted challenging dialogue among them.





Chaplain Hodges presented an edited version of the

documentary "Taxi to the Dark Side" which examined the background and context of the Abu Ghraib incident. After the presentation, Chaplain Hodges led a guided discussion on ethical behavior and asked participants to identify the point when detainee treatment became unethical. Dr. Tripodi discussed applied ethics and how the ethical decision making process can be compromised by emotions. He engaged Marines on how dealing with ethical dilemmas is influenced by several factors:

the individual; the system; the situation.







The Ethics Branch staff conducted simultaneous presentations to multiple groups to maximize contact with Marines.









On the last day, the Ethics Branch team gave an informal out-brief to the battalion leadership and reported on the results of their presentations to the battalion.







If you are interested in a visit by the LLI Ethics Branch to supplement required command annual training, please contact:

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