

## Disc 2 – Carl Sitter Story

Beyond the Medal of Honor

### Lesson Plans

#### Into

1. Divide the class into three teams. Assign each team one of the following three books on leadership: Covey's *Principle Centered Leadership*; Greenleaf's *Servant Leadership*; or Ziglar's *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*. Assign each member of the group a portion of the assigned book to read. When finished with the reading assignment, regroup and compile a list of the leadership qualities outlined in your team's book. Share the findings with your class.
2. There are many types of conflict in life: personal, social, man against himself, man against nature, etc. Explore one or more of these types of conflict through art: an original drawing, poster board collage, poetry, song, etc.

#### Through

1. It has been said that when we die, we EXpire; so to live is to INspire. Based on this saying would you agree that Carl Sitter is a man who truly lived? Using references to the experiences that earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor, elaborate on what about Carl Sitter inspires you.
2. President Abraham Lincoln once remarked, "Determine that the thing can and shall be done and then we shall find the way." Despite overwhelming odds and one of the harshest Korean winters in one hundred years, Marine Carl Sitter gallantly led his troops in an important mission near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Explain what aspects of his character fueled Sitter's success.
3. Write an essay in which you discuss Carl Sitter's way of leadership.
4. Complete the "Conflict Exercise" on Carl Sitter.
5. Carl Sitter was often described as a gentle man. Explain how you believe it is possible for someone so humble to have accomplished something so extraordinary.

**Beyond**

1. View the *Beyond the Medal* story of Korean War Veteran Jerry Murphy. Murphy and Carl Sitter were both Marines dedicated to the Marine Corps values of courage, honor and commitment. Write an essay in which you compare the actions and spirits of each of these brave men.
2. Using one of the following two quotes somewhere in an essay: "Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway" (John Wayne) or "Courage is fear that has said its prayers" (Dorothy Bernard), tell about a time when you, someone you know or some figure from literature showed courage.

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### **Conflict Exercise**

There comes a time in every hero's life when he/she is faced with a conflict. Give specific examples of when Carl Sitter may have been conflicted within himself regarding:

**Duty**

**vs.**

**Desire**

**Progress**

**vs.**

**Retreat**

**Group goal**

**vs.**

**Individual goal**

**Hope**

**vs.**

**Despair**

**Confidence**

**vs.**

**Insecurity**

Choose one of the five conflict situations above and write about when you experienced a similar conflict between two choices/decisions.

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Class \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Comprehension Quiz**

1. What rank did Carl Sitter have when he earned the Medal of Honor?
  - a) Private
  - b) Lieutenant
  - c) Captain
  
2. What president presented Sitter with the Medal of Honor?
  - a) Harry S. Truman
  - b) John F. Kennedy
  - c) Franklin D. Roosevelt
  
3. What branch of the military did Carl Sitter join?
  - a) Marine Corps
  - b) Army
  - c) Air Force
  
4. What two wars did Sitter serve in?
  - a) Korea and Vietnam
  - b) WWII and Korea
  - c) WWI and WWII
  
5. Where in Korea did Sitter's "fateful" journey lead him and his company?
  - a) Pusan
  - b) Seoul
  - c) Chosin Reservoir
  
6. What enemy surrounded the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division at the Chosin Reservoir?
  - a) South Korean Army
  - b) Chinese Communist Forces
  - c) Russian Army
  
7. What did Sitter use to identify his men?
  - a) orange coats
  - b) red scarves
  - c) Camouflaged helmets

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8. For how many nights did Sitter and his company defend East Hill?
  - a) 3
  - b) 1
  - c) 5
  
9. In 1950, when did General MacArthur say the war would be over?
  - a) by Easter
  - b) by Halloween
  - c) by Christmas
  
10. The film describes winter of 1950 in Korea as
  - a) snowy but mild
  - b) bitter cold
  - c) hot & humid