



Weapon-Related Mishaps Claim Soldiers' Lives

A Soldier was fatally injured after being struck by a 5.56 mm round during fire team training. The Soldier was in an OPFOR role and participating in a blank-fire iteration — prior to live-fire training — when a BLUFOR Soldier fired a live round from his M4 rifle. Following evacuation, the Soldier was pronounced dead.

A Soldier died after a round discharged from a firearm and struck him in the head. The Soldier was one of seven Soldiers from the same unit that had gathered at a residence. Alcohol use was a factor.

A Soldier was demonstrating the safety features of his new pistol to another Soldier. In an attempt to prove the weapon would not chamber a round with the magazine inserted, he chambered a round, dropped the loaded magazine and then reinserted it. He then placed the weapon against his head — to prove its safety features — and pulled the trigger. The weapon discharged and the Soldier was pronounced dead at the scene. Alcohol use was a factor.

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Safety challenge grows with record firearms purchases

If the number of Federal Bureau of Investigation background checks is any indication, Americans are buying personal weapons at a record clip. In 2016, there were more than 25 million firearm background checks, the most since recordkeeping began in 1998.

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According to the saying, there are no new accidents, just new victims. This is evidenced by the fact that we continue to lose Soldiers to the same types of preventable accidents year after year despite the Army's best efforts to keep them safe.

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While the number of Soldiers with privately owned weapons has increased, off-duty firearm fatalities have not. The Army lost five Soldiers in 2013, four in 2014 and three in 2015. Numbers held steady in 2016 when three Soldiers died in off-duty firearm accidents.

The downward trend is good news, but Soldiers must remain focused on safety, and it doesn't matter if a Soldier is a first-time gun owner or has been shooting for years. The basics for safe weapons handling never change. Soldiers should apply the same procedures they learned in basic training to their privately owned weapons.

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