

POW DISCHARGE CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 4/3rd Infantry Regiment, (The Old Guard), Fort Myer, Virginia, Soldier was killed as the result of a gunshot wound from a privately owned weapon (POW) on 19 August 2014 at approximately 0300 local in Omaha, Nebraska. The 26-year-old SPC was on PCS leave and was handling a .45 caliber handgun in the presence of friends when he discharged a round which struck him in the head. The Soldier had been consuming alcohol. [Obituary](#)

Including this accident, there has been **3 Negligent Discharge** fatalities involving a **Privately Owned Weapon** in FY14 compared to **3** for the same time frame in FY13. This PLR does not identify specific root causes of this incident as the investigation is ongoing. Further details will be available at a later date on RMIS (RMIS Login Required).

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