

# HMMWV MISHAP CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A South Carolina Army National Guard Soldier was killed in a HMMWV mishap that occurred on 15 November 2014 at approximately 1230 local on Fort Stewart, Georgia. A total of six Soldiers were riding in an M997, Field Litter Ambulance (FLA), when it was struck on the right side of the passenger compartment area at an intersection by a vehicle that ran a stop light. The FLA spun and overturned, partially ejecting the assistant driver (SSG), who sustained fatal injuries as a result. The remaining occupants sustained treatable injuries. The SSG's seatbelt was found "fully retracted", he was pronounced dead at the scene.

## Leader Engagement Tips

- Do my operators and senior occupants understand they have a responsibility to ensure all occupants are buckled in before the vehicle is put into operation?
- What preemptive methods or incentive programs does my unit employ to ensure seatbelt usage is second nature, both on duty and off?
- What is the safety climate of my organization? When is the last time I've assessed it?

This is the **1<sup>st</sup>** Class A **AMV** fatality in FY15 compared to **1** for the same time frame in FY14. 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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