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Water-Related Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Soldier assigned to the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, TX, lost his life while tubing on Elephant Butte Lake, NM, on 3 September 2016, at 1320 local. The 26-year old SPC failed to resurface after he and another Soldier fell into the water when their tube float flipped in the boat's wake. Neither Soldier was wearing a flotation device. He was pronounced deceased on 9 September, after being recovered from the lake.

This is the **6th** Class A, water-related mishap fatality in FY16, compared to **7** for the same time frame in FY15. 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 through RMIS (RMIS Login Required).

PLR's are intended to alert leaders to mishaps resulting in the loss of Soldiers/Civilians and to provide awareness in the interest of prevention and combat readiness.

Our Army depends on you to use these PLRs to help Soldiers understand the impact of decisions made on and off duty.

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