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## **PMV-4 Crash Claims One Soldier's Life**

A Soldier assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McCord, WA, died from injuries sustained in a PMV-4 crash that occurred on 15 October 2016, at approximately 1230, in the vicinity of Athens, TN. The 31-year old SGT was on transition leave, en route to his home of record, and had pulled his vehicle and U-Haul trailer to the far side of the shoulder of the interstate highway for mechanical difficulties when he was struck by an 18-wheeled tractor-trailer that drifted onto the shoulder. The Soldier was pulled from his vehicle by immediate responders in the wake of a post-crash fire and he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

This accident is the 1<sup>st</sup> Class A, PMV-4 (four-wheeled motor vehicle) fatality in FY17, compared to 2 for the same time frame in FY16. 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).

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