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ACV Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Second Lieutenant assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, died 3 February 2020 as a result of injuries sustained in an Army combat vehicle mishap that occurred 22 January 2020 on the installation at 1420 local. The Soldier was serving as tank commander in an M1 tank when the vehicle struck a tree, causing a limb to fall and strike him on the head. The Soldier was transported via air medevac to the local hospital, where he later died. The USACRC is leading a safety investigation into the mishap.

Historically, the Army loses 12 Soldiers a year to Army vehicle mishaps. This was the fourth fatal Army vehicle mishap in FY20. While the Army is below the eight Army vehicle fatalities for the same time period in FY19, the nature of this mishap should be a reminder of how quickly routine training events can become deadly.

PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.

To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.

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Additional U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center PLR resources can be found on the USACRC website at <https://safety.army.mil/PLR>.

