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Military Parachuting Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A 20-year-old Private assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, died in a military parachuting mishap 9 September 2020 on Fort Stewart, Georgia, at 1934 local. While conducting a Tactical Combat Equipment Night Jump, the Soldier experienced a complete malfunction (cigarette roll) of a T-11 main parachute during an airborne operation into Galahad drop zone. The Soldier was pronounced dead at the scene. The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center is leading an investigation into the mishap.

Since FY16, the Army has had an average of one military parachuting fatality per year. This was the second military parachuting fatality of FY20 and the same number of similar mishaps during the same time period last year.

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>.

