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Aviation Mishap Claims Three Soldiers' Lives

A Chief Warrant Officer 5, Chief Warrant Officer 4, and Chief Warrant Officer 2, assigned to the New York Army National Guard, Rochester, New York, died in an aviation mishap on 20 January 2021 in Mendon, New York, at approximately 1830 EST. The aircraft was conducting an Annual Proficiency and Readiness Test (APART) and Readiness Level (RL) progression flight from AASF #2 in Rochester, when it departed controlled flight and impacted terrain, fatally injuring all three aircrew members. The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center is leading a safety investigation into the mishap.

Since FY16, the Army has had an average of eight Class A aviation flight mishaps and lost an average of seven Soldiers per year to on-duty aviation mishaps. This was the third Class A aviation mishap of FY21 and below the 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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