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## Combat Skills/Military Unique Claims One Life

A Staff Sergeant assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, died in a combat skills/military unique mishap 10 May 2022 on the installation, at 1345 local. Soldiers were setting up a land navigation training course when they were attacked by a bear. One Soldier sustained severe injuries during the attack, was transported to the local hospital, and pronounced dead upon arrival by the attending physician. The other Soldier sustained non-fatal injuries and was treated at the local hospital.

**Since 2017, the Army has lost an average of three Soldiers a year to combat skills/military unique mishaps. This tragedy was the second combat skills/military unique fatality of FY22.**

*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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