

# Fort Devens PLR Updates April 2014

Preliminary Loss Reports (**PLR**) are For Official Use Only and are to provide leaders with awareness of Army loss as we experience it and to point out potential trends that affect our combat readiness.

## **PLR 14044**

### **PMV-2 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE**

A 916th Support Brigade, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, Soldier died on 5 April 2014 from injuries sustained in a private motor vehicle (PMV-2) crash that occurred on 4 April 2014, at approximately 0200 local, in Victorville, CA. The 23-year-old SGT was operating his Harley Davidson Sportster 883 motorcycle, following a civilian rider, when he collided with the rear end off the lead bike and both riders were ejected. The civilian rider was admitted for injuries and was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident. The SGT was wearing PPE and had completed BRC June 2013.

## **PLR 14045**

### **POW DISCHARGE CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE**

A 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, Soldier was killed as the result of a fatal privately owned weapon (POW) gunshot wound on 4 April 2014 at approximately 2030 local in El Paso. The 29-year-old SGT was handling his pistol in his apartment with another Soldier when it discharged. The SGT had been holding it to his temple when the round discharged. He was pronounced deceased at a local medical center. Both Soldiers had been consuming alcohol.

## **PLR 14046**

### **PMV-4 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE**

A Colorado Army National Guard Soldier died from injuries sustained in a PMV-4 crash that occurred on 6 April 2014 at approximately 1930 near Monarch Pass, CO. The 27-year-old SPC was traveling as a passenger in a vehicle driven by another Soldier (1SG), en route from their IDT location, when he encountered ice and lost control. The vehicle slid into oncoming traffic and was struck broadside. The SPC was trapped inside the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. The 1SG was admitted to the hospital with serious injuries. Both occupants were wearing their seat belts.

Leader Engagement Tips:

- Remind Soldiers that alcohol and weapons do not mix. When socializing with alcohol leave weapons alone.
  - \* Never handle a weapon under the influence
  - \* Armed and hammered

*These PLR's does not identify specific root causes of these incidents as the investigations are ongoing. Our Army depends on you to use these PLRs to help Soldiers understand the impact of decisions made on and off duty.*