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## U.S. Army pilot killed in Apache helicopter exercise

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FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Fort Campbell has released more information about Wednesday's accident that killed a soldier and left another injured.

- A cause hasn't been determined, but the accident remains under investigation

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dustin K. Wright was killed during an AH-64 Apache training exercise on June 11. Wright, 40, was a pilot assigned to the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Another pilot was with Wright. He suffered minor injuries and was released from the hospital the same night.

"The entire 101st Combat Aviation Brigade grieves the loss of CW2 Dustin Wright," said Col. Tyler Partridge, commander, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Div. "A former Infantryman, Dustin cherished every opportunity to be outside and support ground troops. He did so with strength and honor. We will forever cherish the memories of his service, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew him."

According to a news release from the post, Wright joined the Army in 2010 and was stationed at Fort Campbell in May 2022. Wright earned several awards during his time in the service including the Air Medal with "C" Device, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Army Aviator Badge, the Army Parachutist Badge, and the Army Pathfinder Badge.

Ft. Campbell said the accident happened just before 7 p.m. Wednesday. The cause of the accident hasn't been determined, and it remains under investigation.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, D-Ky., was among those offering condolences to the family of the soldier who died.

"No matter how it happens, when we lose someone who has committed to serving our country, I know it hurts that family but it should hurt us all," the Democratic governor said Thursday.

Sen. Craig Richardson, R-Hopkinsville, issued a statement and said, "This tragedy is a solemn reminder that the dangers our military faces are not limited to distant battlefields. The call to serve brings risks at home, in training, preparation, and quiet readiness."