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CADET DIES DURING TRAINING ACCIDENT – June 4, 2016

WEST POINT, N.Y. – U.S. Military Academy Cadet Mitchell A. Winey, a member of the Class of 2018, from Chesterton, Indiana, died along with eight other soldiers during a training accident after flood waters overturned the Light Medium Tactical Vehicle they were traveling in Thursday at Fort Hood, Texas.

“Our continued thoughts and prayers are with the Winey family and all those who have been affected in this unfortunate accident,” said Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Diana Holland. “This is a terrible loss that will be felt throughout the Army and academy communities.

“He internalized the ideals and values of West Point and exemplified them in all that he set out to do. Duty, Honor, Country were his touchstones,” said Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., Superintendent of U. S. Military Academy, in a [letter](#) to the West Point community.

Winey was at Fort Hood for Cadet Troop Leader Training, which is an annual summer military development program.

Approximately 100 cadets are conducting Cadet Troop Leader Training as part of annual military development at Fort Hood. During CTLT a cadet is placed in an operational unit for approximately three weeks for a realistic leadership experience at the lieutenant level of responsibility.

The incident is under investigation.

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