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Memorial Service for Soldier Killed during a Black Hawk training flight

WASHINGTON – A memorial service for Spc. Jeremy Darrell Tomlin, a UH-60 crew chief from the U.S. Army Aviation Brigade is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 21 at the Fort Belvoir Memorial Chapel.

Tomlin died as a result of a UH-60 Black Hawk crash during a routine training flight, April 17 at Breton Bay Golf Course in Leonardtown, Maryland.

“Spc. Tomlin was an excellent crew chief, dedicated soldier and outstanding American who was a valued member of the 12th Aviation Battalion,” said Col. Prescott Farris, commander, U.S. Army Aviation Brigade. “The aviation community and the Army family deeply mourn the tragic loss of our teammate, Spc. Tomlin, and extend our condolences to his family and friends.”

Tomlin, 22, was assigned to the 12th Aviation Battalion originally from Chapel Hill, Tennessee. He was pronounced dead at 1:34 p.m., by a St. Mary’s County first responder.

The cause of the crash is under investigation. A team from the Army Combat Readiness Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama is conducting the investigation.

“The families of the service members request that we respect their privacy during this challenging time,” said Farris.

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EDITOR’S NOTES:

- The memorial service is closed to the public.
- At the time of the incident, three UH-60 Black Hawks were conducting a routine training mission. Only one helicopter was involved in the incident, the other helicopters were not impacted and there were no injuries to their crew members.
- The Army investigation team has requested that anyone that may have photos or video of the incident to upload their imagery to: <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/SAFE/>. Use the non-CAC user entry. **Note:** file limit is 2 GB. Any questions specific to this request should be directed to Mr. Michael Negard, (334) 470-1884 or (334) 255-3770.