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## **Investigation results of helicopter accident released**

HEIDELBERG, Germany (17 Apr 2008)— The 15-6 investigation into the crash of a U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter on November 8, 2007, in the vicinity of Aviano, has found that the accident was caused by a loss of yaw control; however a definite cause for that loss could not be determined. There was no evidence of pilot error or environmental factors contributing to the accident.

The accident cost the lives of two U.S. Army Soldiers and four U.S. Air Force Airmen. Eleven U.S. service members were on board the aircraft attached to G Company, 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation regiment, 1st Battalion, 214<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment; four U.S. Army soldiers as the crew and seven U.S. Air Force Airmen passengers.

The flight was a training flight which also afforded Airmen the opportunity to perform a reenlistment ceremony and to gain a better understanding of joint operations. In addition, it served as an orientation flight for a U.S. Army junior officer.

The accident sequence began at the Piave River training area, when the aircraft began a slow, nose low, left-pedal turn. Upon initiation of the turn, the aircraft began a diving spin to the left from which the crew could not recover. The aircraft subsequently crashed into the Piave river bed.

We extend our sincere condolences to the families on the loss of their loved ones and we are committed to providing them support and assistance in their time of need.

The outstanding support by the local Carabinieri (police) and emergency response teams who responded to the site is highly appreciated by this command.