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Cadet dies in off-base incident

[U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.](#) – The Academy mourns the loss of Cadet 1st Class Cole Kilty, 22, of Elk Grove Village, Illinois. The Park County, Colorado, coroner notified Academy officials of Kilty's death late Monday. The cause of death is under investigation.

Kilty, a member of the Class of 2023 was to commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force and enter undergraduate pilot training this year. He was majoring in behavioral sciences and leadership.

"Today, we mourn the loss of a cherished member of our cadet wing," said Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark, United States Air Force Academy Superintendent. "Cole was known for being a friend to others, for his jokes, and his unique ability to find humor in any situation - from everyday life to a tough training event. I extend my personal condolences to his family, his squadron, and his friends."

Brig. Gen. Paul D. Moga, Commandant of Cadets, gathered the Cadet Wing in Mitchell Hall dining facility before classes on Tuesday. "With great regret, I inform you that Monday evening we received word that C1C Cole Kilty from Cadet Squadron 22 has died. Additional details will be shared in time. He leaves behind many grieving friends and a grieving family."

Classes and training throughout the day were optional for cadets who needed that time to mourn. A full complement of support services including Academy chaplains, mental health professionals and others were in place for cadets, faculty and staff.

Agents of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Park County Coroner's Office are conducting an investigation, standard protocol in the death of a military member.

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Linked: [PHOTO OF CADET COLE KILTY](#)

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