



#### *Great Lakes, Ill.*

An SCPO was playing cards at his residence and drinking rum and coke with beer when he suddenly collapsed and fell off a chair onto the floor. Thinking he just had passed out from the booze, his wife let him lie on the floor for a half-hour before she called 911.

Emergency-medical technicians and police responded to the call. Resuscitation efforts continued all the way to a local hospital, where doctors pronounced the victim dead from alcohol poisoning. His BAC was 0.234.

To prevent alcohol poisoning, drink in moderation and never drink on an empty stomach. When you observe shipmates with a drinking problem, help them by notifying the command DAPA representative.

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#### *Aiea, Hawaii*

A summer-fun outing turned deadly for a Sailor who was swimming with some friends in

an apartment-complex pool. After finding him submerged and unresponsive, the friends revived the Sailor and arranged transportation to a local medical center. Doctors there stabilized the patient and transferred him to an Army medical center, where he required full-life support for an anoxic brain injury and an organ-function failure. His next of kin directed removal of life support.

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#### *Tallahassee, Fla.*

With their Easter visit at home over, it was time for two seaman apprentices to head back to their duty station. Unfortunately, they didn't fasten their seat belts.

En route, the driver lost control and hit a tree head-on. Both were ejected from the car. The driver died at the scene. The passenger escaped with a broken collar bone, a fractured pelvis, and broken ribs. Disability also is possible.

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#### *Mount Vernon, Wash.*

Pre-dawn darkness found a lieutenant commander driving along a fog-shrouded state highway. Because of the fog, he didn't see a stopped tractor-trailer that was blocking his lane.

The lieutenant commander dodged the truck but hit a guardrail when he corrected to get back on the highway. His car flipped several times before it came to rest on its top. He died at the scene from his injuries.

Police said he wasn't speeding.

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#### *Fallbrook, Calif.*

It had been a day of sight-seeing for a Marine lance corporal and others in a motorcycle-riding group. On the way back to the barracks, though, something went wrong.

The young Marine, who had been licensed for six months but hadn't attended the motorcycle-safety course, was separated from his friends. Suddenly, he crossed over the dividing yellow line of a state highway while rounding a sharp curve and collided head-on with a Chevy pickup truck. Witnesses speculated he may have been trying to catch up with his friends when the crash occurred.

In any event, the lance corporal was thrown from his bike and hit the pavement. The pickup then ran over the motorcycle and driver.