



TOWARD THE GOAL
Reducing mishaps by 50%

The Naval Safety Center recently hosted the preliminary meeting of the Navy and Marine Corps Safety Council. Getting the top members of our safety teams together, developing and implementing a plan of action, and making real progress toward a 50 percent reduction in mishaps is the challenge before us.

Here is some feedback from our safety leadership we want to share with our readers.

"We hosted a preliminary, working-level Navy and Marine Corps Safety Council meeting aboard Naval Station Norfolk. During this meeting, USN and USMC representatives discussed our mishap-reduction plan, SECNAV's Safety Council Charter, and the Navy's strategic plan to reach the 50-percent mishap-reduction goal within two years. I

emphasize the operative word for successfully meeting and exceeding our mishap-reduction goals will be "buy-in" by everyone involved. Our actions will set the tone. We can no longer operate under the guise of business-as-usual, nor can we expect to reduce mishaps through administrative steps such as redrafting instructions and regulations. Let's not re-invent the wheel, as we sometimes do. It's time to change our cultural thinking, and "think safety" before, during, and after duty hours, while on liberty and leave—in short, '24/7.' And, as we all know, operational risk management (ORM) is critical to having a safety-conscious Navy and Marine Corps team able to sustain its lethality, meet operational commitments, and always be ready to meet unexpected surge requirements, all while protecting our most valued asset, our people.

"It's up to all of us, from the CO down to the most junior supervisors, to set the example and motivate our deck-plate Sailors and field Marines to understand and accept safety as a way of life, not something temporarily thought of only while on the job. Senior leadership must engage itself and set the tone for their command. The challenge to all of us is to 'make it happen.' We need across-the-board participation at all levels to take our DoN safety program where it must go."

—RAdm. Dick Brooks, COMNAVSAFCEM

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Here's information on our safety status as we work toward the goal.

Aviation (Rates = Mishaps Per 100,000 Flight Hours)

Class-A Flight Mishaps (FY04 thru 31 Dec)

Service	Total/Rate	FY03 thru 31 Dec	FY04 Goal*	FY05 Goal*	FY01-03 Avg	Fighter/Attack	Helo
USN:	1/0.41	5/1.87	14/1.24	10/0.88	20.3/1.76	1/1.72	0/0.00
USMC:	4/4.91	1/1.21	10/2.75	7/1.94	10.3/2.76	3/8.26	1/3.08

* Goals based on FY02 baseline.
■ FY04/05 rate at or below goal.
■ FY04/05 rate above goal.

For current information on aviation statistics visit:
www.safetycenter.navy.mil/statistics/aviation/default.htm

**Mishap-Free
Milestones**

VP-46	40 yrs.	280,000 hrs.	VR-53	10 yrs.	40,126 hrs.
VFA-37		10,000 hrs.	VFA-113	15 yrs.	
CPRW-2	18 yrs.	15,100 hrs.	VS-30	24 yrs.	83,400 hrs.
Executive Transport Det			VFA-131	16 yrs.	67,900 hrs.
VAQ-136	16 yrs.	26,270 hrs.	VMFA-314	7 yrs.	33,000 hrs.
VFA-34	1 yr.	3,600 hrs.	VAW-121	37 yrs.	
			VP-4	32 yrs.	211,000 hrs.