



NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

As of 8/22/2017

Aviation Class A Mishaps

This page provides information on Aviation Class A fight mishaps for FY16.

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Class A Flight Mishaps

Navy

- 12 Aug 2017: (Bahrain) F/A-18E departed runway during landing after a ship to shore divert due to an engine malfunction. Pilot ejected. No injuries.
- 09 Aug 2017: (25 Miles South of Key West, FL) F-5N went down over water. Pilot ejected safely.
- 05 Aug 2017: (North Island NAS, CA) F/A-18F struck round down with right horizontal stabilator upon landing. Diverted successfully.
- 16 Jul 2017: (Bay of Bengal) F/A-18F engine borescope plug backed out in flight causing hot air to burn to engine bay and aircraft skin.
- 26 Apr 2017: (Off the Coast of Guam) MH-60R collided with water on initial takeoff from ship. No injuries.
- 21 Apr 2017: (Philippine Sea) F-18E lost on approach to landing on carrier. Pilot ejected without injury prior to water impact.
- 17 Jan 2017: (NAS Meridian, MS) T-45 crashed following a BASH incident on takeoff. Both crewmembers ejected. No fatalities.
- 21 Nov 2016: (Upper Mojave Desert Region) F/A-18F struck a tree while instructor pilot was conducting a currency flight event. Returned to base safely. No injuries.
- 13 Oct 2016: (Tinker, AFB) E-6B #2 engine sustained compressor blade damage due to bird ingestion. Aircraft landed safely. No injuries.

Marines

- 05 Aug 2017: (15 nm off NE Australia IVO Shoal Water Bay) MV-22B struck LPD flight deck on final approach and then crashed into water. 3 personnel are missing and presumed deceased. 23 recovered.
- 10 Jul 2017: (Indianola, MS) KC-130T crashed on logistics flight from Cherry Point to El Centro. 16 fatalities.
- 05 Apr 2017: (Yuma, AZ) CH-53E landed hard and rolled on day training flight. Crew of 5 uninjured. MAWTS-1
- 13 Dec 2016: (Off the Coast of Okinawa, Japan) MV-22B attempted a precautionary emergency landing (PEL) to dry land but crash landed in shallow water. Crew of 5 evacuated with injuries.
- 07 Dec 2016: (Off the Coast of Iwakuni MCAS, Japan) F/A-18C crashed into the water while conducting a night mission. Pilot ejected. 1 fatality.
- 09 Nov 2016: (Off the Coast of San Diego) Two F/A-18As were conducting basic flight maneuvers and had a mid-air collision. 1 aircraft crashed in the water. Pilot ejected successfully. 1 aircraft landed with significant damage.
- 27 Oct 2016: (MCAS Beaufort, SC) F/A-35B had an inflight weapons bay fire followed by an uneventful landing. No injuries.
- 25 Oct 2016: (Twentynine Palms, CA) F/A-18C crashed on final approach. Pilot ejected successfully. No injuries.
- 20 Oct 2016: (Yuma, AZ) CH-53E main rotor contacted building causing damage to the aircraft.

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Class A Aviation UAS/UAV, Flight-Related and Ground Mishaps

Navy

- 17 Aug 2017: (NW of San Clemente Island) MH-60R lost SONAR transducer at sea.
- 17 Aug 2017: (Naval Station Rota, Spain) EA-18G FOD damage to right engine during engine startup process (AGM)
- 29 Jun 2017: () EA-18G starboard wing damaged during spread when it traversed 40 degrees beyond the normal down position.
- 19 Jan 2017: (NAS Norfolk) Three E-2C aircraft damaged in an engine oil related event. (AGM)
- 18 Dec 2016: (Kadena AFB, Japan) Tow bar separation resulted in aircraft/tow collision with damage to nose gear and lower fuselage of P-8A. (AGM)
- 16 Dec 2016: (NAS Whidbey Island, WA) Canopy on EA-18G exploded/jettisoned resulting in severe injuries 2 personnel. (AGM)

Marines

- 11 Jul 2017: (New River MCAS, NC) Maintenance personnel struck by lightning on the flight line while working on MV-22B. 1 fatality. 2 others were treated and released.
- 25 Jun 2017: (MCAS Miramar, CA) Two Marines injured and F/A-18A damaged after flammable material in drip pan caught fire.