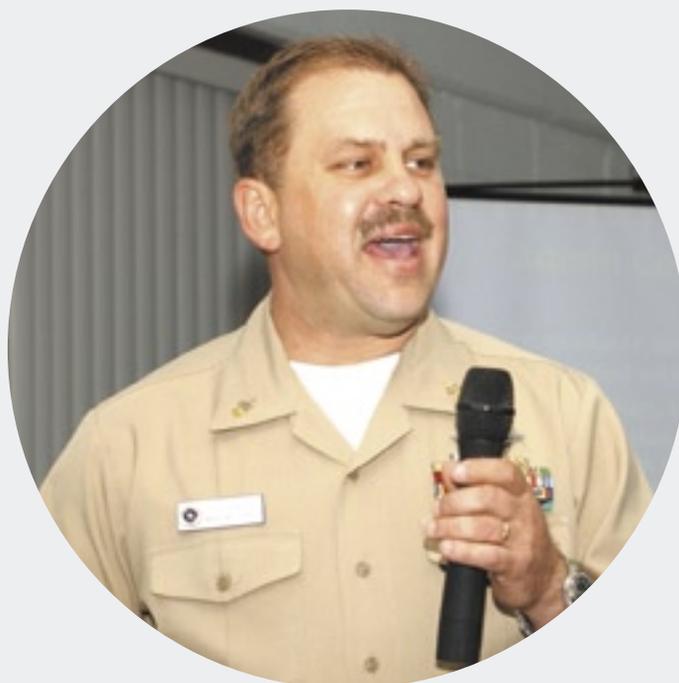


Maintainer's Review of the Fourth Annual Aviation Maintenance Safety Conference

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Continuing efforts to interact with the fleet and to stay in touch with their needs, the Aviation Maintenance Branch (Code 12) at the Naval Safety Center recently held the fourth gathering of maintenance and safety professionals in Norfolk, Va. More than 200 Sailors, Marines and civilians attended the Aviation Maintenance Safety Conference held 18-21 April.

The four-day event included presenters from the Naval Safety Center and from the aviation maintenance community. The discussions included aircraft maintenance, aviation programs, vehicle safety, and much more.

Commander, Naval Safety Center, RADM George Mayer opened the conference with remarks about the recent plateau in mishap rates, and the focus of leadership of personnel issues—human factors and skill-based errors.

He challenged the attendees to continue their efforts to maintain a good on-the-job safety record and urged the assembled officers, chiefs and senior petty officers to look at off-duty issues, too. He spoke of the challenge ahead of us as we try to reduce mishaps 75 percent over the next few years—by the end of FY 2008. A key part of that effort is risk management, and he reminded the audience that a critical step in moving ahead is taking the lessons learned at work home at night.

Some other topics discussed and ideas shared included the renewed effort to emphasize or reintroduce ORM, the top-ten discrepancies found during safety surveys, changes to various safety programs, and introductions to new equipment and technologies.

More than 10 different commands presented information on policies, programs or innovative ideas that

will make Sailors, Marines and Civilian's lives easier, better, safer, cleaner, or will save money.

This conference could not happen without the dedicated personnel in the Naval Safety Center or from the many other commands who helped make the conference a reality. A list of those commands that attended the conference and played a vital role in the sharing of safety information is included below. The Naval Safety Center wants to thank each and every one of them for their participation and continued support.

Next year's conference is being planned for April at NAS North Island, Calif. We hope as many commands as possible will attend and will continue to work on reducing mishaps, improving safety awareness, and sharing ideas to make commands safer and better. 

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Commands Represented at the Fourth Annual Aviation Maintenance Safety Conference

SHIPS	SQUADRONS	TEST/ADVERSARY	TEST
USS Theodore Roosevelt	VFA-31/NAS Oceana	VC-6/Norfolk DET	HX-21/NAS Pax River
USS Harry Truman	VFA-32/NAS Oceana	VC-6/NAS Dam Neck	
USS Nimitz	VFA-87/NAS Oceana	VX-20/NAS Pax River	NAVAIR
USS Saipan	VFA-105/NAS Oceana	VX-23/NAS Pax River	NAVAIR 6.4/Pax River
USS Bataan	VFA-106/NAS Oceana	NAVTESTWINGLANT/Pax River	CNAF/AMMT (East)
	VFA-131/NAS Oceana	AIRTEVRON 23/Pax River	
ACC	VMFA-134/MCAS Miramar		
2nd CG MTAT/MCAS Cherry Pt	VMFA-101/MCAS Miramar	HELICOPTERS	CIVILIAN/SCHOOL/NADEP
MARFORCOM ALD-B	VFA-125/NAS Lemoore	MINE COUNTERMEASURES	CNATTU Norfolk
MARFORPAC ALT-D/K-Bay	VFA-86/MCAS Beaufort	HM-14/NAS Norfolk	TSC Hampton Roads
CPRG/NAS Norfolk	VMFT-401/MCAS Yuma		CNI/Occptl. Safety Pax River
CNATRA Wing One/Meridian		COMBAT SUPPORT	ASEMICAP
CSCWL/NAS JAX	EARLY WARNING	HSC-3/NAS North Island	NADEP/North Island
CVWP NAS Whidbey Island	VAW-117/NAS Pt. Mugu	HCS-4/NAS Norfolk	NAS Whidbey Island SAR
CPRW-2/MCAS Kaneohe Bay	VAW-123/NAS Norfolk	HSC-25/NAS Guam	Wyle Lab/Virginia Beach
CPRW-5/NAS Brunswick	VAW-124/NAS Norfolk	HSC-26/NS Norfolk	Boeing Integrated/Seattle
1st MAW MWHS-1/Futema	VQ-4/Oklahoma City	HSC-28/NAS Norfolk	
2nd MAW/MCAS Cherry Point		HSC-85/NAS North Island	
3rd MAW ALMAT/Miramar	SEA CONTROL		
4th MAW/New Orleans	VS-31/NAS Jacksonville	MEDIUM/HEAVY LIFT	
	VS-33/NAS North Island	HMM-265/MCAS Okinawa	
MALS		HMH-769/Edwards AFB, CA	
MALS-14/Cherry Point	ELECTRONIC WARFARE	HMM-774/NAS Norfolk	
MALS-26/Cherry Point	VAQ-129/NAS Whidbey Island	HMT-303/Camp Pendleton	
MALS-29/MCAS New River	VAQ-138/NAS Whidbey Island		
MALS-31/MCAS Beaufort	VAQ-132/MCAS Iwakuni	LIGHT ATTACK	
MALS 36/Okinawa		HMLA-773/NAS Atlanta	
MALS-39/MCAS Miramar	PATROL		
	VPU-1/NAS Brunswick	LAMPS	
AIMD	VP-10/NAS Brunswick	HSL-43/Nas North Island	
AIMD Oceana	VP-69/NAS Whidbey Island	HSL-37/MCAS Kaneohe Bay	
AIMD Pax River		HSL-44/NAS Mayport	
AIMD Fallon	LOGISTICS	HSL-45/NAS North Island	
AIMD North Island	VR-1/NAF Washington DC	HSL-49/NAS North Island	
AIMD Whidbey Island	VR-46/NAS Atlanta	HSL-51/NAF Atsugi	
AIMD Willow Grove	VR-54/NAS New Orleans		
AIMD Fort Worth	VR-55/NAS Pt. Mugu	CARGO/REFUELING	
AIMD New Orleans	VR-58/NAS Jacksonville	HC-2/NAS Norfolk	
AIMD Jacksonville	VR-61/NAS Whidbey Island	HS-6/NAS North Island	
AIMD Brunswick	VR-62/NAS Brunswick	VMGR-452/Stewart ANGB NY	