

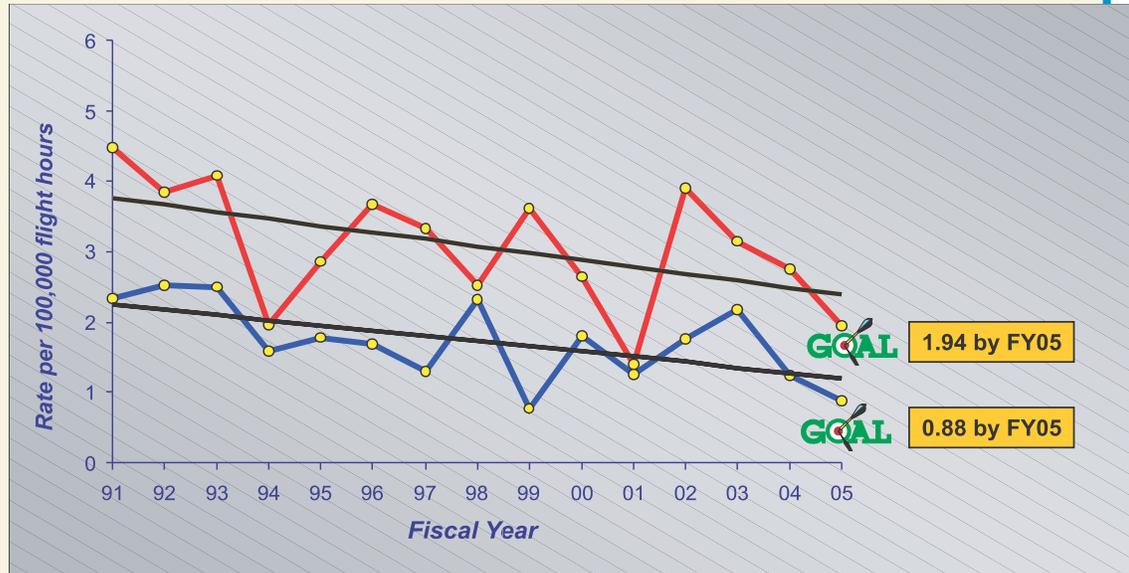
TOWARD THE GOAL...

The goal for naval aviation is to reduce mishaps by 50 percent over the next two years. The Naval Safety Center staff is dedicated to helping save the lives of our Sailors, Marines, and civilians, and saving valuable assets.

This magazine, through stories from our readers who share their real-life experiences, plays a role toward that goal.

The Safety Center conducts cultural workshops and sends survey teams to units, offering advice and critiques. Our website is designed to provide a wide variety of information; visit it at www.safetycenter.navy.mil. Safety programs that focus on operational risk management (ORM) and crew resource management (CRM) make a difference in the way we do business.

The above chart shows our Navy and Marine aviation Class A mishap rates since 1991. If you compare our recent rates of the last decade to historic rates, we're doing well. But, if you look back over the past



few years, the decline has flattened out. The bottom line: we must do better! We still lose too many aviators and damage too many aircraft. A 50 percent reduction will mean 14 Navy and Marine personnel and over \$300 million are saved, not just one time, but year after year. Yes, our operational commitments are heavy, and yes, the reduction goal is challenging.

Take a few moments and read the mission statement that appears on the inside front cover of this magazine. Let's work toward the goal.

Mishap-Free Milestones

HS-75	25 years	54,500 hours
VF-32	5 years	17,608 hours
VRC-40	20 years	
VAW-115	18 years	38,000 hours
VP-8	25 years	154,000 hours
VAQ-209	26 years	27,617 hours
VAW-125	35 years	
HMT-303	21 years	162,602 hours