

HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE LIGHT SIX ZERO RECEIVES SECRETARY OF THE NAVY 2010 SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD, NAVY RESERVE AVIATION

The Honorable Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, presented the 2010 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Safety Excellence Award, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light SIX ZERO (HSL-60), at the 4 October 2010 awards ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center Theater, Washington, DC. Receiving the award on behalf of HSL-60 was Executive Officer CDR William Howey.



From left to right are: BG Gary L. Thomas (Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation), The Honorable Jackalyne Pfannestiel (Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment)), The Honorable Robert O. Work (Under Secretary of the Navy), CDR William Howey (Executive Officer HSL-60), and VADM John Bird (Director, Navy Staff).

The Safety Excellence Awards were established in 2002, by The Honorable Gordon R. England, who twice served as Secretary of the Navy. The awards recognize Navy and Marine Corps commands that demonstrate “extraordinary excellence by sustained mission success with simultaneous exemplary safety performance.” In addition to a citation and plaque, SECNAV Excellence Award winners receive the Secretary’s

distinctive safety flag. They are entitled to fly the flag for one year from the date of presentation.



Drugs seized by the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard in the hanger bay of the USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) before being offloaded by law enforcement officials. Samuel B. Roberts and embarked Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 60 (HSL-60) Detachment 2 based in Mayport, Fla. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Leah Stiles/Released)

HSL-60 was in competition with other Navy reserve aviation units. HSL-60 is a fleet reserve squadron based in Mayport, Florida. The Jaguars of HSL-60 conduct counter illicit trafficking operations and maritime security operation missions alongside the active-duty squadrons of Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Some of the 2009 safety successes that led to the command's selection, include:

- A Class A¹, B², and C³ mishap-free year both in the air and on the ground, while flying more than 12,485 hours, which included more than 900 sorties totaling 1,905 flight hours;
- Integration of operational risk management (ORM)⁴ into all facets of operations, resulting in designation as the community lead for night airborne use of force by Commander, Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, Atlantic, and setting the standard for operational and personal safety; and
- Effective use of ORM during a demanding op tempo supporting U.S. Southern Command's counter-illicit traffic interdiction maritime operations aboard USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (FFG 58), resulting in 332 incident-free sorties that resulted in seizing more than four tons of narcotics and the apprehension of 11 suspected narcotics-terrorists.

For more information on this success story, please contact the Public Affairs Officer at 904-270-6906:

¹ Class A Mishap. The resulting total cost of damages to DoD or non-DoD property in an amount of \$2 million or more; a DoD aircraft is destroyed; or an injury and/or occupational illness result in a fatality or permanent total disability.

² Class B Mishap. The resulting total cost of damages to DoD or non-DoD property is \$500,000 or more, but less than \$2 million. An injury and/or occupational illness result in permanent partial disability or when three or more personnel are hospitalized for inpatient care (beyond observation) as a result of a single mishap.

³ Class C Mishap. Total cost of damage is \$10,000 but but less than \$200,000 and/or involves an injury of 5 lost workdays.

⁴ ORM is a simple five-step process that is most frequently used in planning. These five steps are: (1) identify hazards, (2) assess the hazards, (3) make risk decisions. (4) implement controls, and (5) supervise and watch for change.