

Marines in MV-22B Mishap Identified

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. The five deceased Marines from the MV-22B Osprey mishap on June 8 have been identified, the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing announced June 10.

All were assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor (VMM) Squadron 364, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and were based at Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, California. The identities of the Marines are:

- Cpl. Nathan E. Carlson, 21, of Winnebago, Illinois, a tiltrotor crew chief.
- Capt. Nicholas P. Losapio, 31, of New Durham, New Hampshire, an MV-22B pilot.
- Cpl. Seth D. Rasmuson, 21, of Johnson, Wyoming, a tiltrotor crew chief.
- Capt. John J. Sax, 33, of Placer, California, an MV-22B pilot.
- Lance Cpl. Evan A. Strickland, 19, of Valencia, New Mexico, a Tiltrotor Crew Chief.

“It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of five Marines from the Purple Fox family,” said Lt. Col. John C. Miller, commanding officer of VMM-364. “This is an extremely difficult time for VMM-364 and it is hard to express the impact that this loss has had on our squadron and its families. Our primary mission now is taking care of the family members of our fallen Marines and we respectfully request privacy for their families as they navigate this difficult time. We appreciate all the prayers and support from the strong extended Purple Fox family and want them to know that more information will be forthcoming on how to help.”

At the time of the mishap, the MV-22B Osprey and crew were conducting routine flight training. The mishap is currently

under investigation.