

# MH-60S Seahawk Helicopter the First Navy Aircraft Loss of 2020

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Navy MH-60S Seahawk helicopter lost in the Philippine Sea on Jan. 25 is the first loss of a Navy aircraft in calendar 2020 and possibly fiscal 2020 as well.

The MH-60S, assigned to the command ship USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) with a detachment from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 12, crashed into the Philippine Sea on while operating from the Blue Ridge.

The five personnel on board were rescued by a UH-60 of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force and another MH-60S from the Blue Ridge. The rescued personnel were evaluated as in stable condition, the U.S. 7th Fleet said.

The loss is the first confirmed loss since July 31, according to an unofficial list, when an F/A-18E Super Hornet strike fighter collided with a canyon wall during a low-level flight over Nevada.

An RQ-4A Global Hawk was damaged on Nov. 26 by a foreign object during a takeoff from an airfield in the Middle East, according the U.S. 5th Fleet. It is not yet known if the mishap resulted or will result in a write-off of the aircraft.