## Navy Establishes CMV-22B Osprey Replacement Training Squadron

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The CMV-22B Osprey lands at NAS Patuxent River Feb. 2, after completing a ferry flight from Bell's Amarillo Assembly Center in Amarillo, Texas. U.S. Navy Photo

ARLINGTON, Va. — The fleet replacement squadron for the Navy's CMV-22B Osprey community has been established by the Navy to prepare future aviators, aircrew, and maintenance personnel for operating and maintaining the fleet's newest aircraft type.

Fleet Logistics Multi-Mission Squadron 50 (VRM-50) was established on Oct. 1 at Naval Air Station North Island, California. The SunHawks, as they are known, will grow the squadron over time to assume training of Navy personnel from Fleet Logistics Medium Multi-Mission Wing Training Detachment 204, attached to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204 at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina.

One of the two fleet squadrons destined to operate the CMV-22B, VRM-30, was established in 2018. It will be the first to deploy a detachment of CMV-22Bs to replace C-2A Greyhound carrier-onboard-delivery aircraft on aircraft carriers.

The Navy took delivery of its first CMV-22B in February. The aircraft type is scheduled to reach Initial Operational Capability on 2021, in time to deploy on USS Carl Vinson, which also will take the F-35C Lightning II strike fighter on its first deployment.

A fleet squadron for the East Coast carriers, VRM-40, will be established in the future.