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## **JAGMAN Investigation Finalized for VAQ-129 Crash**

CORONADO, Calif. — The Navy completed a Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN) investigation Jan. 31, 2014, into the cause of the March 11, 2013, crash of an EA-6B Prowler assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129 based at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash.

The EA-6B jet assigned to VAQ-129 crashed at approximately 8:45 a.m. PST March 11, 2013, in a rural area while conducting routine training approximately 50 miles west of Spokane, Wash. The mishap resulted in the death of all three crewmembers and the destruction of the aircraft.

Concurrent with the aircraft mishap safety investigation, and in keeping with standard practice, a JAGMAN investigation was initiated by the Navy following the mishap to determine the cause of the crash.

The JAGMAN investigation found that the likely cause of the mishap was pilot error resulting in the controlled flight of the EA-6B into the ground. The mishap was not the result of any material failure of the EA-6B.

The three Navy crew members aboard the EA-6B were found to have perished in the line of duty and not due to misconduct. No punitive measures will be taken.

To view a copy of the redacted JAGMAN investigation, visit the following link:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/szmc2p2nu551ria/fe1sAfpQXP>.

For more information regarding the JAGMAN investigation, contact Commander, Naval Air Force, Pacific, Public Affairs at (619) 767-1623.