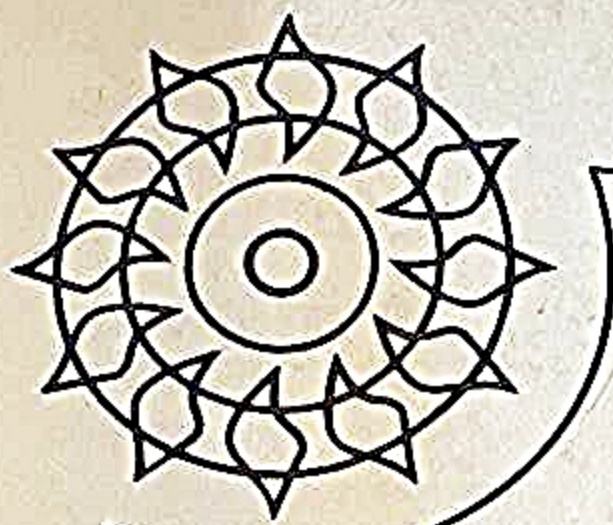


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Roosy Aids In Sea Rescue Goodrow Gets Medal

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A Fleet Composite Squadron Eight helicopter crewman has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his rescue of survivors in the recent Antilles Air Boat crash.

ADJ2 T.W. Goodrow received the medal in ceremonies at the Naval Aviation 60th Anniversary celebration from Capt. William A. Mackey, Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range.

Other members of the crew who received a plaque from the local Navy League include Ltjg. William C. DeBrun, Ltjg. Steven D. Daunis and ADR2 Jesse Starley.

The pilot of the Antilles Air boat recently credited Goodrow with saving his life. In an interview with pilot George Hubschman, Hubschman said: "If it wasn't for that guy (Goodrow) coming out of the helicopter, I wouldn't be here today."

Hubschman revealed a dramatic personal account of the crash during a recent interview conducted at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Hospital. The injured pilot is reported to be in high spirits, and is expected to remain at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Hospital

for some time before being transferred to a Veteran's Administration hospital for rehabilitation.

Hubschman said that after both of his seaplane's engines faltered, he unsuccessfully attempted to radio a "Mayday" to the Saint Thomas Air Terminal.

Seeking to land parallel to the wave troughs in the six to eight foot swell-filled water, the craft skipped off one wave and slammed into another.

The plane broke in half with the front half sinking almost immediately following Hubschman's escape.

The after part of the craft remained afloat for several minutes with two persons clinging to it.

Hubschman said he ordered all passengers away from the plane but to remain in the vicinity. The passengers had been instructed before the crash to don their life jackets. It is not known how many persons had jackets on.

Six of the nine passengers either not hearing or choosing to ignore the pilot's instructions headed downwind in hope of finding help.

This left Hubschman with two other survivors, Jose Manuel Velasquez and Marlene Kaufman.

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