

AH-1Z				
168002/UJ-43	HMLA-267	ex YQ-43/HMM-268		oct13
168052/QT-619	HMLA/T-303	ex UV-43/HMLA-267		oct13
168400/SN-42	HMLA-169	ex PF-42/HMM-364		oct13
168422/QT-629	HMLA/T-303	f/n		oct13
168517/UJ-51	HMLA-267	f/n		oct13
168521/UJ-54	HMLA-267	f/n		nov13
CH-46E				
154011/PF-07	HMM-364	ex YQ-04/HMM-268	2362	oct13
154831/28	309th AMARG	ex 28/HMX-1	2438	dec13
155311	HMX-1	ex YW-02/HMM-165	2480	mar13
156452/YT-16	309th AMARG	ex YT-16/HMMT-164	2522	dec13
156472/PF-01	HMM-364	ex YQ-00/HMM-268	2542	oct13
157710/YT-06	309th AMARG	ex YT-06/HMMT-164	2609	dec13
157715/26	309th AMARG	ex 26/HMX-1	2614	dec13
CH-53E				
162499/YF-54	HMH-462	ex YK-08/HMH-466	65-509	dec13
164361/51	HMH-462	ex YK-06/HMH-466	65-589	dec13
MH-53E				
163070/BJ-543	HM-14	w/o 08jan14	65-570	
MV-22B				
165849/YM-14	VMM-365	ex EM-04/VMM-261	D0035	jan14
166495/YM-03	VMM-365	ex EG-11/VMM-263	D0074	oct13
166692/(ML)-00	VMM-764	ex YS-09/VMM-162	D0086	dec13
167918/YM-02	VMM-365	ex YS-12/VMM-162	D0129	jan14
168012/ET-08	VMM-262	ex YZ-04/VMM-363	D0142	jan14
168017/ET-10	VMM-262	ex YZ-05/VMM-363	D0147	dec13
168240/ET-07	VMM-262	ex YZ-02/VMM-363	D0190	jan14
168278/ET-05	VMM-262	ex YZ-01/VMM-363	D0195	dec13
168282/ET-03	VMM-262	ex YZ-11/VMM-363	D0199	jan14
168283/ET-02	VMM-262	ex YZ-12/VMM-363	D0200	jan14

United States Coast Guard (CG)

The US Air Force is going to transfer their C-27Js to the US Coast Guard which will use them in the medium range surveillance missions such as maritime patrol, drug and migrant interdiction, disaster response, and search and rescue. The planes will be transferred to the USCG within six to twelve months. Once, the USAF planned 38 C-27Js in the tactical

transport aircraft role, but they were apparently too expensive to operate, in total 21 were purchased. After the decision to quit operations with the C-27J, the Air National Guard was eager to receive them. But... in November seven aircraft were transferred to the US Special Operations Command while the US Forest Service submitted a request for the remainder. But... the fourteen aircraft are too expensive for the USFS, so the USCG showed interest too. The USCG is requested to transfer seven of their old HC-130Hs to the USAF, in return they receive fourteen C-27Js. The USAF will shoulder the costs to modify the seven former USCG HC-130Hs into USFS fire fighters. A final decision is expected on 30 January 2014.

The C-27J Spartan will operate next to the HC-144As of the USCG. Mid-December 2013, the sixteenth Ocean Sentry made test flights from Sevilla, Spain. This aircraft, 2316 (construction number S-209) was delivered on 21 January 2014. As the USCG ordered eighteen HC-144As, number seventeen and eighteen are expected to be delivered during 2014. It is not decided yet if the follow-on order of eighteen aircraft will be executed, but as the C-27Js are expected within the USCG fleet, it is likely that the option on another eighteen HC-144A will not be executed. The HC-144s are currently based at USCGS Cape Cod (MA), Miami (FL) and Mobile (FL). The two other aircraft delivered during 2014 will be based at a fourth station, USCGS Corpus Christi (TX).

Credits

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Abbreviations

AF = Air Force	GV = Government
AG = Agricultural Aviation	JF = Joint Forces
AR = Army	NY = Navy
CG = Coast Guard	PO = Police
DF = Defence Forces	SV = Survey



Photo conditions at Imperial Beach are quite good. This colourful Navy Seahawk of HSC-15, serial 168530/NA-610, was photographed at North Island NAS. (10 October 2013, Hans Drost)