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# Somber memorial for missing crew



Lt.  
Commander  
Che Barnes  
of Capay

## Capay's Barnes called 'wonderful teacher'

By The Associated Press

Thousands of family members, friends and colleagues said farewell Friday to seven Coast Guard members who died when their plane collided with a Marine helicopter off the San Diego coast.

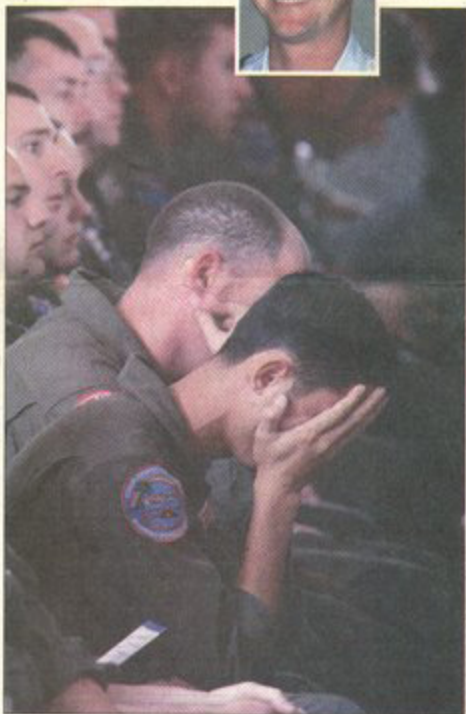
"No ceremony is as difficult as this one, at this place, at this time," Adm. Thad Allen, the Coast Guard commandant, said at a memorial service at Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento, where the crew was based.

The Coast Guard members were on a C-130 plane searching for a missing boater when the aircraft collided Oct. 29 with a Marine AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter on a training exercise. The two Marines in the helicopter also died.

A joint Marine-Coast Guard board is investigating the cause of the crash.

Capt. J.J. O'Connor, commanding officer of Air Station Sacramento, eulogized the Coast Guard members as smart, caring people who loved to fly.

Lt. Cmdr. Che J. Barnes, com-



Rich Pedroncelli/Associated Press

A Coast Guard air crewman holds his head in his hands during a memorial service for those killed in a midair collision last week, held at the Coast Guard Air Station, Sacramento, on Friday.