Several branches of the military have carried out research on aviation mishaps, which determined that the pilots and crews involved in the accidents were mostly experienced fliers. Common errors in the crashes were often communication problems between crew members, workload management, and task prioritization.

Responding to the lessons from these studies, the military developed a program called crew resource management training. Essentially, it teaches team members how to work as a team and function as a highly coordinated unit. Follow-up studies showed dramatic improvements in military aviation. This figure shows the Navy’s results; the Army cut the number of deaths per year by 17 and the losses to aircraft by $30 million per year.