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Maritime Patrol Association Awarded Engineering Support Personnel Sponsorship

JACKSONVILLE, FL – In response to the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) 2018 Corporate Sponsorship Program, Engineering Support Personnel, Inc. (ESP) became a MPA Gold Level corporate sponsor for the second year in a row. ESP's financial contribution will assist the organization in its mission to build a strong foundation of support for the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF).

ESP supported the P-3 training community by providing simulator support from 1998 – 2012 on the training systems located at NAS Brunswick, ME; NAS Jacksonville, FL; MCBH Kaneohe Bay, HI and NAS Whidbey Island, WA and continue today by providing Contractor Engineering Technical Services (CETS) for the Taiwan P-3C. "As innovations in technology change the playing field of military actions every day, we strive to provide the maritime patrol community with the most forward-thinking technological resources available," said John N. Russell, Owner, President and CEO of ESP. We are proud to continue our support of the MPA and supporting MPRF personnel both on the job and beyond".

The sponsorship by ESP will enable MPA to extend a number of opportunities to the members of the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, including; networking and education offered through a variety of meetings, events and media; awards, recognition and scholarships to those persons who have made significant contributions to this aviation community; and information regarding new developments and accomplishments in the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community.

Incorporated little more than seven years ago, MPA has grown from wishful thinking to thriving official Florida non-profit corporation. In its first 7 years, MPA: attracted more than 1,200 members, received over \$268,000 from corporate sponsors, raised over \$41,000 for the MPA Scholarship Fund, entertained over a thousand of guests during the last six annual symposium weeks, and released 24 issues of the quarterly newsletter, *PLANESIDE*.

A Florida not-for-profit corporation established in 2011 and headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., the Maritime Patrol Association is dedicated to its mission to be the premier professional organization representing the U.S. Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community by promoting the use of the patrol and reconnaissance aircraft in the United States Navy. The organization is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID No. 45-1968605).

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