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# Heritage Dinner

## *Puts the Spotlight on the P-3, Hall of Honor Inductees*

The Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) celebrated 50 years of the P-3 Orion at the annual Heritage Dinner on March 28, 2012 onboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville by honoring the strength and commitment of the many members, past and present, who have helped shape the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community.

"Last year we celebrated the Centennial of Naval Aviation in which we noted that maritime patrol has played a key role in the U.S. military aviation operations since the very beginning," said Rear Admiral Michael W. Hewitt, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group. "And tonight, we are here to toast a major accomplishment within our own community; the service of the P-3 Orion for the last 50 years."

The milestone anniversary of the celebrated aircraft attracted a crowd of nearly 450 guests in historic Hangar 117. One of the many distinguished attendees, guest speaker Vice Admiral Harry B. Harris, Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a former Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) member, spoke about the leaders who had helped mold the aviation community. He singled out dozens of active duty and retired members of the MPRF, many of them seated in the audience, who had played key roles in leadership and antisubmarine warfare (ASW), the critical mission of maritime patrol. It was clear that these people created the foundation upon which the community is

currently run.

Included in that group of stand-outs were the three individuals inducted into the MPRF Hall of Honor during the dinner.



Commander Scott Carpenter, USN (Ret.), one of the original Mercury astronauts and a former VP pilot (VP-6), flew aboard the Mercury-Atlas 7 mission, becoming the 4th American in space and the second to orbit the earth. After the completion of his astronaut tour, CDR Carpenter later joined the navy SEALAB program, which made him the only person ever

designated as an astronaut and an aquanaut.

Captain Arnold Isbell (deceased) was the commanding officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) ELEVEN during World War II, during which time he faced a hurricane while surveying military base sites in Newfoundland and skillfully maneuvered his aircraft to make an emergency night landing. Isbell later commanded the escort carrier Card (CVE-11), and



*The Heritage Dinner was held in Historic Hangar 117, a WWII facility.*



*Hall of Honor awards for 2012 recipients.*

coordinated action that destroyed eight U-boats in a two-month period in 1943. He then took his knowledge and experience to Washington DC where he set-up an antisubmarine warfare tactical research and development department. In March of 1945, en route to take command of the Yorktown (CV-10), Isbell was killed when a Japanese plane scored two bomb hits on the carrier in which he was embarked as a passenger.



Rear Admiral Daniel Wolkensdorfer (deceased) served in several VP squadrons throughout his career, commanding both Patrol Squadrons (VP) FORTY-SEVEN and THIRTY. Hailed for his dedication to the maritime patrol community, he was noted most for his service to the development of antisubmarine

warfare (ASW) and tactics during the Cold War. Among other positions, Wolkensdorfer served as head of the Air Branch of the Antisubmarine Warfare Division of the Antisubmarine Warfare and Ocean Surveillance Program Office for the Chief of Naval Operations. Wolkensdorfer spent much of his 35-year career in ASW planning,

acquisition, testing and operations, which helped shape much of current day ASW tactics.

Selected for their hand in shaping the heritage of the community and/or for bravery in combat, the awards for Carpenter, Isbell and Wolkensdorfer were accepted by family members and colleagues.

Another highlight of the evening's attendees was a group of nine retired officers who were members of the original P-3C delivery crew in 1969 and/or instructors from Patrol Squadron (VP) THIRTY at the time of the aircraft's arrival. The self-named "Det Burbank Crew" gathered at two distinguished tables at the Heritage Dinner where they recalled their infamous trip home with the first P-3C.

"When we arrived at NATC Pax River there was a large crowd gathering around to see the 'new baby'," recalled CAPT Ron W. Martin, USN (Ret.), Patrol Squadron (VP) THIRTY's first P-3C Project Officer who delivered the first P-3C aircraft to the fleet from the assembly line in Burbank, California. "Would you believe the new fancy electronic ladder wouldn't work?"

The primary aircraft of the US Navy Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF), the P-3 Orion has aided in anti-submarine warfare since the early 1960s when it was

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## THIS IS HOW

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE AS WE CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE P-3 ORION

With 21 operators from 17 nations, the P-3 Orion patrols the oceans of the world and protects shorelines around the globe. Maritime patrol and reconnaissance have been priorities of this superior hunter for five decades. And the hunt has only begun, as the aircraft's Mid Life Upgrade program will keep the Orion on station for years to come. Guarding shores around the world is a question of how. And it is the how that Lockheed Martin delivers.



introduced to the aviation community by aeronautics corporation Lockheed Martin. The P-3 turboprop was an answer to a late 1950s request by the Chief of Naval Operations for an aircraft with more cabin space, a larger radius and a longer endurance than its predecessor, the P-2 Neptune. In August of 1962, Patrol Squadron (VP) EIGHT took possession of the first P-3, and then in 1969, the final revamp of the Orion, the first "P-3C", came online.

"From a tactical standpoint, this new 'Charlie' was a quantum leap in improved sensors, data processing, tactical displays, weapons delivery, and decision making assistance over any P-3 system flying at that time," said Martin. "We all knew Maritime Patrol was about to become a force to be reckoned with."

A half century later, the celebration of the P-3C Orion comes at both a historic and pivotal point in the MPRF's future. In June of this year, Jacksonville-based Patrol Squadron (VP) SIXTEEN will receive the first of a fleet of replacement aircraft for the P-3. The P-8A Poseidon, a multi-mission maritime aircraft developed by Boeing, will be the first jet-powered maritime patrol aircraft commandeered by the US Navy.

Integration of the P-8A into the entire MPRF fleet, however, will take a minimum of six years. Until then, the P-3 Orion will continue to play an important role in the critical mission of the U.S. maritime patrol community.

"There are very few airplanes in the world that can tout the distinct honor of being in service for 50 years. This is testament to the ingenuity and innovation of the designers, manufacturers and assemblers who created the P-3 Orion," said Lockheed Martin Vice President of P-3 Programs and Greenville Operations Ray Burick. "The P-

3 is the world standard in maritime patrol and reconnaissance and will continue to serve operators around the globe for many more decades to come."

As a token of appreciation to the community, Burick presented the first of 755 copies of a limited edition P-3 lithograph to Rear Admiral Hewitt. The lithograph is inlaid with 21 roundels representing all P-3 operators, past and present. The number of lithographs being produced, represents the number of P-3s built by Lockheed Martin worldwide over the last half-century, and brings even more significance in 2012, Lockheed's 100-year anniversary.

"Throughout those years the men and women of Lockheed Martin have been by your side," said Burick. "And it is our commitment that we will be dedicated to remain by your side during this period of transition."

In addition to the Heritage Dinner, MPA coordinated several additional events during the 2012 Symposium in the last week of March, including the MPA general members meeting, a golf tournament, 5K, and flight suit social. ★

*By September Wilkerson, Executive Director, MPA*



*Vice Admiral Harry Harris, CAPT Chris Ramsden, Mrs. Carolyn Wolkensdorfer (widow of Rear Admiral Wolkensdorfer), MAJ Charles Isbell, USMC (Ret.) (son of CAPT Isbell), Rear Admiral Michael Hewitt.*



*Members of first P-3C delivery crew in 1969 pose with Lockheed Martin Vice President. Front Row L-R: CAPT Mike Brittingham, USN (Ret.), CAPT Les Carl, USN (Ret.), Mr. Burdick, CDR Denny Lough, USN (Ret.), CDR Andy Marrical, USN (Ret.), CAPT Paul Moessner, USN (Ret.); Back Row L-R: CAPT Pete Baxter, USN (Ret.), LT Dave Mueller, USN (Ret.), CDR Dave Weisbrod, USN (Ret.), CAPT Ron Martin, USN (Ret.).*

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# Hall of Heroes

## *Medal of Honor and Hall of Honor Recipients*

The new, Integrated Training Center on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville is a state-of-the-art training facility for the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force's (MPRF) newest aircraft, the P-8A Poseidon.

The building also serves as a reminder of the rich heritage of the community, as it houses the "Hall of Heroes" which is dedicated to the MPRF Medal of Honor and Hall of Honor recipients. For more information about the recipients and to submit nominations for the Hall of Honor, go to:

[www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/hallofhonor](http://www.maritimepatrolassociation.org/hallofhonor)



# P-8A Poseidon

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## *P-8 Introduced at Roll Out Ceremony*

**M**ore than 1,200 distinguished visitors and VIPs filled the VP-30 hangar at NAS Jacksonville March 28 to celebrate the first fleet delivery of the P-8A Poseidon multi-mission aircraft.

VP-30 Commanding Officer and master of ceremonies Capt. Mark Stevens noted, “In the same year that our maritime patrol and reconnaissance force (MPRF) is celebrating 50 years of service for the P-3 Orion – we’re also celebrating the fleet introduction of P-8 Poseidon.”

In his remarks, Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson said, “The P-8 is the future of Navy maritime patrol. It will be a critical component of our maritime security and the fleet’s eyes and ears for generations to come. While this aircraft is impressive, the strength of our Navy does not rest with technology alone. The real capability will reside in the men and women who fly and maintain this aircraft. In the hands of our great Sailors, it stands ready to meet the needs of the nation and challenges ahead as we continue to operate forward to reassure allies, deter aggression and, when needed, prevail in conflict.”

Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work provided keynote remarks.

“As the Navy’s replacement platform for the P-3C Orion, the P-8A Poseidon is transforming how the Navy’s maritime patrol and reconnaissance force will man, train, operate and deploy. The P-8A is a network-enabled aircraft for the network age, and gives Sailors the added

benefits of working with manned and unmanned systems,” said Work.

“The training and readiness concept for the Poseidon was designed around a high fidelity simulator solution to provide cost-wise warfighting readiness. The P-8A Integrated Training Center includes leading-edge operational flight trainers, which will provide innovative and cutting-edge training for today’s warfighter,” he continued.

During his remarks he highlighted the partnership of the Navy and America’s industrial base, which made this day possible.

“On behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, I would like to thank the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community, veterans, industry, and the city of Jacksonville,” he added.

“Thanks and gratitude goes to the city of Jacksonville, which has been such a great host to this base for more than 75 years, and whose citizens embody the values our Sailors fight to protect.”

The next phase for Poseidon will be its integration with the unmanned BAMS platform to create a cohesive team that covers an even greater territory.

Maritime patrol is the forward indicator of the U.S. presence around the globe. MPRF is often the first to respond to natural disasters and provide humanitarian relief. These Sailors embody the CNO’s guidance for executing the maritime strategy by demonstrating daily that our Navy is flexible, adaptable and ready to respond globally to preserve the peace. Thank you for allowing me to be part of today’s ceremony.”

At the conclusion of Work’s remarks, Boeing President and CEO of Defense, Space and Security Dennis Muilenburg handed over the “key” for P-8A Poseidon LL 428 to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt. He, in turn, gave the key to Stevens who ordered, “Poseidon aircrew and



Guests wait in line to tour the new P-8A Poseidon aircraft after attending the P-8A Roll-Out Ceremony at VP-30 on March 28.

Photo by Kaylee LaRocque



maintenance department, prepare LL 428 for flight operations.”

Following the roll out, Work, Brown and Hewitt answered questions from the media.

Work was asked if every P-3 in the Navy would be replaced by the P-8A.

“As you know, the P-3 continues to fly after 50 years of service. Only two military aircraft have served longer –the U-2 spy plane and the B-52 bomber. As the P-3 fleet begins to retire aircraft, they will be replaced by a combination of the P-8 and its new partner, the unmanned BAMS,” said Work.

Brown was queried about the importance of Jacksonville’s mayor being part of the ceremony.

“This is a historic occasion for our great city and northeast Florida. We’ve been a military friendly city for a long time and I believe military affairs are an important part of our community. The P-8 shows the benefits of private/public partnerships for the Navy in their development and acquisition process. We’re proud to be part of the P-3/P-8 transition and will support it in any way we can,” replied Brown

Hewitt fielded the question, “How does this P-8 event help the Navy overall?”

“This is a great day for our maritime patrol and reconnaissance force. We wouldn’t be here today without bold leadership from the City of Jacksonville and the creativity of our industry partners. It’s also a humbling day in that many MPRF squadrons are actively patrolling oceans and land areas around the world. So while many P-3s are on station protecting American interests, we’re proudly rolling out the formidable, new P-8 Poseidon,” said Hewitt. “It brings new technology and innovation to bear wherever our country needs us. We’re also very proud of our young naval aircrew and maintainers who are bringing this aircraft to life. We know that the platform is new and important –but it’s the men and women who fly it that makes it a naval asset to be reckoned with.”

After the roll-out event, attendees were invited across the street from VP-30 to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the P-8A Integrated Training Center (ITC). Flight crew and mission specialists are assigned to the ITC where they undertake classroom instruction as well as full-motion,

simulated exercises that present the highest degree of realism.

NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders welcomed a large crowd that seemed eager to tour the \$38 million training facility.

“Thank you for being part of this history making day at NAS Jacksonville,” said Sanders. “We’re proud you could join us and learn about the exciting future taking shape for the P-8A Poseidon within the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community.” ★

*By Clark Pierce, Editor, Jax Air News*



*Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work and Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown were joined by high-ranking naval officers on March 28 to cut the ribbon at the new P-8A Integrated Training Center at NAS Jacksonville. (From left) Whiting-Turner President Ron Eisenberg, Boeing President and CEO of Defense, Space and Security Dennis Muilenburg, Brown, NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Sanders, Work, VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Stevens, Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson, Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. Allen Myers, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt and Commander, Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Jack Scorby Jr.*

*Photo by Clark Pierce*



*Newly opened Integrated Training Center*

# 2012 Symposium

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## *Event-Filled Week A Resounding Success*

**T**he 2012 Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) Reunion and Symposium took place March 26th –30th. For the fourth year in a row, this series of Maritime Patrol Community events was held at NAS Jacksonville, hosted by Patrol Squadron THIRTY and Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN. More than 500 active duty, reserve, and retired Maritime Patrol personnel from around the world gathered to share ideas, experiences, perspectives, and to catch up with old squadron mates. All U.S. MPRF commands were represented, along with Maritime Patrol Forces from Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

Admiral John C. Harvey, Jr., Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command was the guest speaker for the Symposium, which culminated the week's events. This year's Reunion focused on recognizing the community's historical contributions while looking forward to its bright future. The Reunion was unique this year in that it also marked the much anticipated "Rollout" of the first operational P-8A Poseidon aircraft which is set to replace the venerable P-3C Orion. VP-30 Commanding Officer and master of ceremonies for the Fleet Introduction, Capt. Mark Stevens, captured the importance of this historic event, "In the same year that our Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force is celebrating 50 years of service for the P-3 Orion – we're also celebrating the Fleet Introduction of P-8 Poseidon."

The Reunion week kicked off with the Commander's Conference and was filled with a variety of briefs, discussions, round tables, and panels geared towards exchanging community experiences, current operations, and ideas. Wednesday's P-8A "Rollout" and the ribbon-cutting for the P-8A Integrated Training Center were the highlight of the week. These events drew national media attention and the guest list included the Undersecretary of the Navy Robert Work, Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson, Jacksonville Mayor Brown, and Boeing President and CEO of Defense, Space and Security Dennis Muilenburg.

Throughout the week, outside of the briefs and meetings, participants were able to enjoy more informal gatherings which included the MPA Heritage Dinner, MPA Golf Tournament, and a MOAA Hosted Luncheon. The most popular event for many was the Flight Suit Social which capped the week of festivities and was held at the NAS Jacksonville Officer's Club. Old squadron mates had the opportunity to reflect on their MPA heritage, mingle with old friends, swap sea stories, and catch up in a relaxed atmosphere.

Another highlight of the week was the popular Technology Expo. Staged in VP-30's Hangar, visitors were able to explore several exhibits hosted by Boeing, ASEC, WYLE, MOAA, Carley, Lockheed-Martin, and the local MTOCC 7 Team. On display was a full-scale BAMS Demonstration model, a P-8A flight simulator, where





guests could try their hand at landing the P-8A Poseidon, and the Boeing P-8A Trailer that included a fully-functional tactical crew simulator.

In their opening remarks for the Symposium's final day, both Admiral Harvey and Rear Admiral Hewitt spoke to the community's successes and future. They praised the personnel that fly and fight these aircraft, and remarked about the responsibilities placed on the shoulders of these Sailors to carry Maritime Patrol heritage into the future. Fittingly, the Military Officers Association of America recognized one such leader, VP-30 Executive Officer, CDR Tony Parton, with the 2012 MPRF Lifetime Leadership Award for his career-long pursuit of the advancement of the MPRF community and all of those with whom he's worked with during his distinguished career.

Additional recognition for Fleet Excellence was given to the Squadron Crew-members who participated in the 2012 Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Fleet Challenge. The Fleet Challenge is an opportunity for the top Combat Air Crews from each squadron to demonstrate their ASW prowess. Rear Admiral Hewitt announced this year's

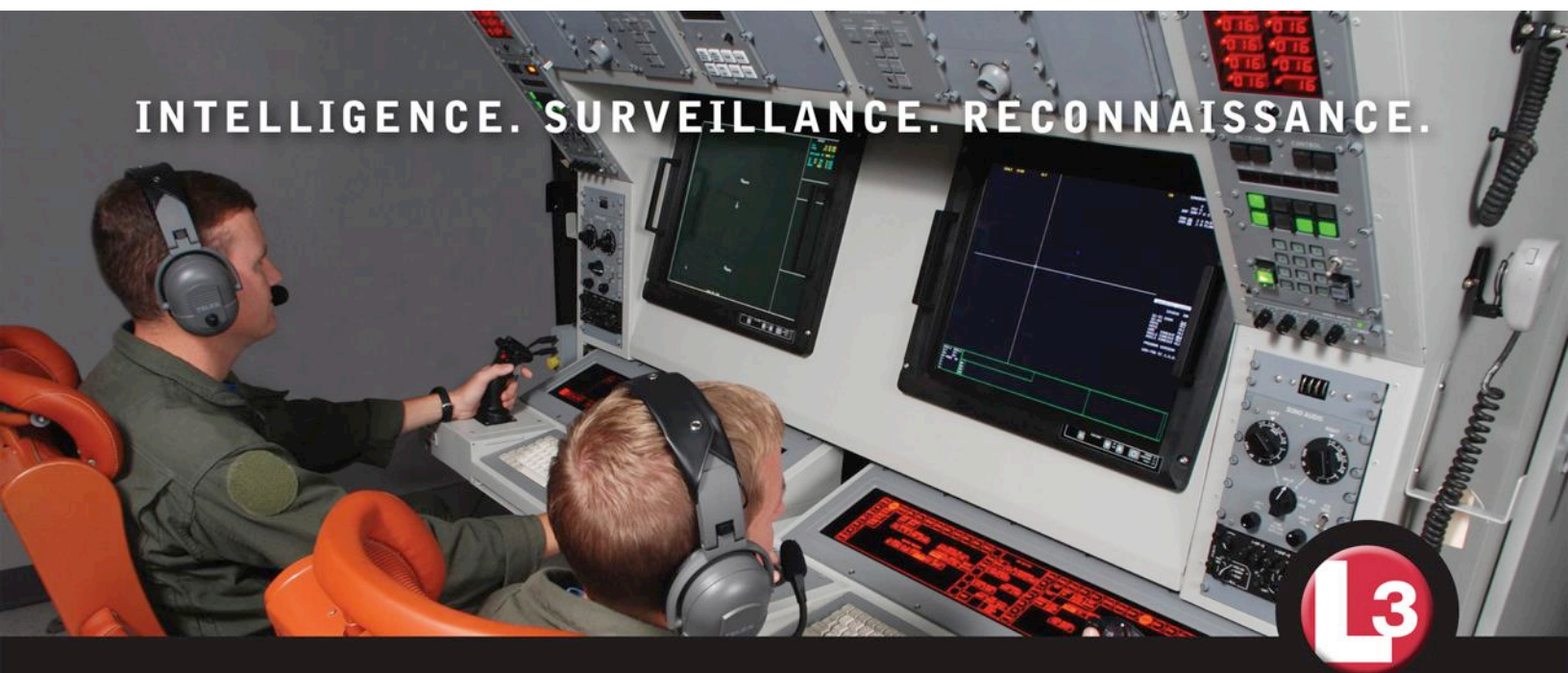
champion, Combat Air Crew 1 of VP-4 from MCBH Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Guests at the 2012 MPRF Symposium returned to their commands to share with the rest of the community the information they gathered from the MPRF leadership. The Symposium was a success and will continue to build upon the rich heritage of the Community. ★

*By LT Michael Garcia, PAO, Patrol Squadron (VP) THIRTY*



*Patrol Squadron (VP) TEN's mascot, "Redman", and other wardroom members, arrive to Friday evening's Flight Suit Social on a fire truck.*



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# 2012 Symposium

## Photos and Raving Fans



VP-90 members attending the dinner: Ron Hilson, John Larson (standing), Ed Cleary, and Bob Korman with his wife, Rosalie.



At the Heritage Dinner: AWCS Jerry Lach, USN (Ret.), CAPT Pat Peterson, USN (Ret.), and ATC Bob Park, USN (Ret.).



At the Flight Suit Social: CDR Carlos Sardiello (PXO CVN-73), Commodore Dan Schebler (CTF-67), LT Donnie Miller (VP-5).

"HATS OFF TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED WITH YESTERDAY'S EVENT. I was greatly impressed with the congeniality of all the Officers and Enlisted who showed that they are part of the 'Maritime Family.' The BEST THING TO HAPPEN IN THE PATROL NAVY WITHOUT A DOUBT."

*ATCS Francis Houle, USN (Ret.)*

"MPA Team, congratulations on a successful MPA initial general membership meeting and our involvement with the MPRF Symposium. I wanted to say Thank You, my wife and I enjoyed ourselves very much at all the related functions."

*David Kyser, RBC, Inc.*

"Had a blast, Thanks! Lots of work on your part, and it worked well. Nice mix of old guys, young guys, Navy and Industry."

*LCDR Pat Gorman, USN (Ret.)*

"YOU all did a SUPERB job!!!"

*Rear Admiral Dick Brooks, USN (Ret.)*

"The roll out dedication was a great celebration as was the dinner."

*Cheri L. Jones, CPA*

"The thanks go to you, the MPA team, and team Jax for a phenomenal reunion. In 28 years, the best one I have ever attended. BZ!"

*Rear Admiral Sean Buck, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group*

"Many thanks for a 'World Class' event. A huge BZ to all the planners & people who made it happen!! The role that MPRA continues to play in this great Country's National Security should not be understated – these events serve to re-enforce the Community's dedication to Mission success."

*CAPT Dick Norwood, USN (Ret.)*

"And to add to everyone's applause - all of you did a great job on the Reunion. Having thrown parties of this magnitude when I was an aide at the Naval Academy, I can tell you it was a 5.0 on a 4.0 schedule!"

*CDR J. Kevin Mattonen, USN (Ret.)*



# 2012 Symposium

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## *Golf Tournament Photos*



Two hundred golfers participated in the MPA Golf Tournament on March 29, 2012. The weather was perfect, the golfing attire was eye-catching and the "Mulligans" were selling like hot cakes! The tournament fundraiser generated more than \$2,000 for the MPA Scholarship Fund. The winning foursome for 2012: LCDR Brett Thompson, LT Ian Peterson, LT Curtis O'Neal and DeAnn O'Neal.

A large advertisement for Northrop Grumman. The left side features a black and white image of a Northrop Grumman B-2 Spirit stealth bomber in flight against a cloudy sky. Below the bomber, a silhouette of a naval ship is visible on the horizon. The right side of the advertisement has a solid blue background with white text.

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# Community

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## *Rear Admiral Buck Relieves Rear Admiral Hewitt as CPRG*

**R**ear Admiral Sean S. Buck relieved Rear Admiral Michael W. Hewitt as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group and Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Pacific during a change of command ceremony, April 13, at the Vista Point Conference Center on Naval Station Norfolk. Buck most recently served as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 5th/7th Fleet and Fleet Air Forward. RDML Buck is a 1983 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and previously commanded Patrol Squadron 26 and Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11.

Headquartered in Norfolk, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group is responsible for manning, training, and equipping three Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Wings, 18 operational squadrons, a fleet replacement squadron (FRS) and numerous subordinate activities. The Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) is in the midst of an aircraft transition from the P-3C to the P-8A and Broad Area Maritime Surveillance UAV. The first fleet P-8A Poseidon was delivered in March at a ceremony in Jacksonville Florida during which Patrol Squadron 30 accepted the aircraft and commenced training FRS instructors.

Rear Admiral Hewitt used his remarks to praise the Sailors and Officers of the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force. He reminded the audience that you will find MPRF aircraft, aircrew, and support personnel deployed in to every Combatant Commander's Area of Responsibility flying missions ranging from overland combat support to humanitarian relief. After praising the MPRF's adaptability and ability to successfully execute a diverse mission set he closed by saying "In our more traditional role, we are spending a lot of time just like we did in the 1960s, 70s and 80s -- hunting submarines. This is our core competency and the warfare specialty that the Navy counts on us to deliver anytime, anyplace."

Rear Admiral Buck expressed his appreciation for the visionary manner with which Hewitt has led the MPRF through a most critical juncture as the community begins to transition to the P-8A Poseidon and BAMS UAV. Buck

acknowledged his predecessor's tenure by saying, "Mike, you were the right guy for this job at the right time. You were there 10 years ago at the inception of the P-8A as part of the source selection team and you were there last week at the finish line with the roll-out of our first Fleet P-8A aircraft."

Hewitt has commanded Patrol and Reconnaissance Group since July, 2010. His next assignment will be Director, Special Programs Cross Functional Team, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. ★

*By LT Brian Blaschke, MPA Plank Owner Member*



*Rear Admiral Sean Buck reads his orders at the CPRG Change of Command Ceremony on April 13.*



# Community

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## *Rear Admiral Carter Relieves Rear Admiral Buck as CPRF-7<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Fleet*

**F**leet Air Forward/Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 7<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Fleet held a change of command ceremony at Naval Air Facility ATSUGI, Japan, March 23. Rear Admiral Sean S. Buck was relieved by Rear Admiral Matthew J. Carter at the ceremony.

Buck said that the success of his 19-month tour was attributable to the people with whom he served. "When I look around today, so honored to have you all in one place where I can thank you, I realize that with a team this outstanding, the success of our commands was never in doubt. You all made this tour what it was for me, by your tremendous leadership, your daily contributions, your unwavering support, your expert counsel, your candid advice, and your warm, genuine friendship," said Buck. "Today, I leave you in the capable hands of Rear Admiral Matt Carter. Matt is as fine an officer as the U.S. Navy has to offer. He's ready to take lead of this pack, and the pack is ready to support him, and I can't wait to marvel at the things you'll accomplish together."

Vice Admiral Scott H. Swift, Commander, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet, praised Buck for his outstanding leadership during the past year, and presented him a Legion of Merit for his service. "I can't think of an operational plan, mission or joint task force in the Western Pacific that doesn't include a P-3 as a critical element for its success," said Swift. "Admiral Buck and his team have successfully met all mission requirements and more."

Swift said Buck and his team enabled the United States to project credible, persistent power all around the globe. "From providing real-world surveillance to forces combating piracy to assisting vessels in distress, you're first on the scene ...ensuring we have a clear understanding of the conditions and environment in which we are operating, saving lives and setting the stage for success of both 5th and 7th Fleet," said Swift. "The combination of your leadership, the talent and dedication of your staff and crews that man your squadrons and fly your missions, has sent a clear, consistent and powerful message throughout the Pacific, Asia and Indo theater: 'Task Force 72 is here, now, engaged and operating

forward.'"

As Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force 7<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Fleet, and Commander, Task Forces 57 and 72, Buck provided administrative oversight, planning, coordination, and control of forward deployed Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces (MPRF).

As Commander, Fleet Air Forward, Buck was the type commander in the forward operating areas of FIFTH and SEVENTH Fleet as executive agent for Commander, Naval Air Forces. His command oversaw naval aviation requirements, policies, and programs for Forward Deployed Naval Force aviation units, aviation capable ships, airfields, and air facilities and assisted aviation units operating in the FIFTH, SIXTH and SEVENTH Fleets to achieve and maintain the required levels of operational readiness. He was also the NATOPS Model Manager for U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps UC-12B/F/M Series aircraft, and SEVENTH Fleet Air Logistics Commander to support operational logistics for peacetime theater engagement or contingency operations.

Buck was in command during one of the most significant natural disasters in recent world history, the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011,



*Rear Adm. Sean S. Buck (left) and Rear. Adm. Matthew J. Carter salute during the national anthem) at the change of command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Smelley)*

and ensuing tsunami. As the operational commander for patrol and reconnaissance aircraft in the region as well as all aviation support and maintenance, his commands were deeply involved in the Navy's historic humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts, now referred to as Operation TOMODACHI.

"We spent much of the year 2010 celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the (U.S. – Japan) alliance, and we spent much of 2011 demonstrating its worth, following the catastrophic events of March 11," said Buck. "Together, we learned to grow under crisis conditions and adapt, improvise and to fight the fear of the unknown – with a force that, together, could land on its feet within hours of a disaster and prove by its actions what it means to be a friend."

Carter, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, assumed command following a tour as executive assistant to the commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. In addition to thanking Buck for his leadership and the superb condition of the commands he was assuming, Carter had one primary message for his staff.

"Continue to take care of the warfighter, work closely with our allies, partners, and friends, be ready, do your best, and take care of our Sailors, Marines, civilians, and their families," Carter said. "If we do those things, then everything else will fall into place."

Buck's next assignment will be as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group in Norfolk, Va.



Vice Adm. Scott H. Swift (left), commander of U.S. 7th Fleet, Rear Adm. Matthew J. Carter (center) and Rear Adm. Sean S. Buck cut a cake at the reception of the change of command ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Smelley)



Rear Adm. Matthew J. Carter renders a salute as he walks through the side boys after the change of command ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Smelley)



Attendees bow their heads during the benediction at the change of command ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Smelley)



CPRF-7<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Fleet change of command ceremony held March 23, 2012 at Naval Air Facility ATSUGI, Japan. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Smelley)



# Community

## *The Red Lancers Win Coveted "Battle E" Award*

In February, Patrol Squadron (VP) TEN was notified by Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, that they had been named as the Patrol Squadron Battle Efficiency award winner from 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011. The Battle "E" is awarded annually to ships and aviation units that display the maximum condition of readiness in their group, and for their capability to perform their wartime responsibilities. Squadrons are graded in areas such as operational efficiency, readiness achievements, aircraft material readiness, training, scheduling and cost performance.

"Congratulations to the Red Lancers of VP-10 for winning the 2011 COMNAVAIRLANT Battle "E," said Rear Admiral Branch, COMNAVAIRLANT. "As leaders in anti-submarine warfare, maritime patrol, and fleet interoperability, you have set the highest standards of excellence. In virtually every category of this most demanding competition, you have distinguished yourselves as an exceptional squadron."

Patrol Squadron TEN had an outstanding operational year, beginning with surge operations in support of FOURTH Fleet in El Salvador and culminating in an extremely successful deployment in support of FIFTH Fleet and CENTCOM. The RED LANCERS expertly conducted counter-drug and combat operations throughout three AORs, from the Caribbean to Iraq to the Horn of Africa, and sustained an astounding 99% mission completion rate. The RED LANCERS flew over 900 sorties while executing more than 6,500 combat support flight hours on deployment.

The RED LANCERS excelled across the entire MPRA spectrum – heavy execution in support of Operations NEW DAWN and ENDURING FREEDOM, counter-piracy operations, and counter-drug operations, coupled with taking advantage of every possible ASW opportunity. The Squadron successfully sustained 12 Combat Ready aircrews across nearly every MPRA mission area continuing a 38-year and 227,000-hour mishap-free record.

The RED LANCERS not only succeeded operationally but in the community as well. Patrol Squadron Ten contributed nearly 700 hours of community service time to the Jacksonville community including projects dealing with Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and Take Stock in Children.

"Winning the Battle "E" identifies VP-10 as the standard to strive for in leadership, tactical acumen, and combat preparedness within all of AIRLANT. You have clearly established yourselves as the best in your community," said Rear Admiral Branch.

The RED LANCERS have yet again proven themselves to be the premier maritime patrol squadron in the fleet. ★  
By LTJG Brett Copare, PAO, Patrol Squadron (VP) TEN



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# Community

## *VPU-1, VQ-2, VP-4 Win Coveted “Battle E” Award*

**The Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet takes pleasure in presenting the BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD to:**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS PATROL SQUADRON ONE**

*For service as set forth in the following citation:*

For outstanding professional achievement in Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance operations from October 2010 to September 2011. The personnel of Special Projects Patrol Squadron ONE (VPU-1) achieved unparalleled success while providing Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command with 12 detachments to support overseas contingency operations in response to National and Theater tasking. The “OLD BUZZARDS” of VPU-1 directly contributed to this year’s successes by safely flying more than 2,437 flight hours while maintaining a 96 percent sortie completion rate. VPU-1 executed 326 combat missions, with two distinctly different aircraft configurations, from forward operating locations in multiple Areas of Responsibility. The “OLD BUZZARDS” showcased their technical and maintenance expertise by supporting one forward deployed aircraft, guiding another aircraft through depot level maintenance, and simultaneously installing and testing new mission systems on an aircraft at home, ensuring on time delivery of tomorrow’s combat capabilities to today’s Combatant Commanders. By their truly distinctive achievements, extensive enthusiasm, and unfailing devotion to duty, the Officers and Sailors of Special Projects Patrol Squadron ONE reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

**The Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet takes pleasure in presenting the BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD to:**

### **FLEET AIR RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON TWO**

*For services set forth in the following citation:*

For battle efficiency while successfully conducting Fleet and National airborne reconnaissance missions throughout the Sahel, Southwest Asia, Caribbean, Arabian Gulf, North Africa, and other geographic regions from 1 January to 31 December 2011. During this period, Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO (VQ-2) flew over 5,762 combat and training hours during 980 sorties, maintaining six geographically separate deployment sites. The Rangers of VQ-2 maintained a dedicated presence in the AFRICOM, EUCOM, SOUTHCOM, and CENTCOM theaters, contributing vital intelligence to National, Joint, Fleet and Allied Commanders. VQ-2’s successful employment and fusion of SECDEF-directed Task Force ISR surge capabilities cemented the EP-3E’s position as the Multi-INT Tip of the Spear, supporting Operations NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM, ODYSSEY DAWN, UNIFIED PROTECTOR, and Overseas Contingency and Counter-Drug Operations. Through their unprecedented record of superior operational achievement and unmatched professionalism, the Sailors of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO reflected great credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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## **ADMIRAL AWARDS BATTLE ‘E’**



Vice Adm. Allen G. Myers, commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, talks to a group of sailors from Patrol Squadron 4 and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 after awarding the squadrons with the Battle Effectiveness Unit Award at Hangar 4, Monday. To win the award, units or ships must demonstrate the highest level of combat readiness and effectiveness. The award is based on a year-long evaluation and the competition for the award is always fierce among Naval units and ships. Photo by Lance Cpl. Jacob Barber | Hawaii Marine



# Community

## *Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing TEN's Annual Awards Ceremony*

On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten Sailors jammed into the Skywarrior Theater to hold their 17<sup>th</sup> annual awards ceremony. The ceremony, attended by numerous Oak Harbor, Navy League and community partners was in pure "Team Whidbey" fashion.

During his opening remarks, Commodore Pete Garvin said, "This is our opportunity to recognize some of the very best Sailors the Navy has to offer and I am incredibly proud of their accomplishments."

The ceremony recognizes aircrews and Sailors that excelled in their duties during 2011. In addition to the individual awardees, VP Combat Aircrew Five and VQ Combat Reconnaissance Crew 23 were recognized for their exceptional accomplishments while deployed.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Garvin remarked, "...the competition was intense and with the quality of Wing 10 Sailors, I have every reason to believe next year will be just as competitive."

*Congratulations!*

Instructor of 2011: LT Justin Christensen (VP-40)

Maintenance Professional of 2011: AM1 Andrew Barklow (VQ-2)

Support Professional of the Year: ET2 Joshua Buerk (VQ-1)

Aviator of 2011: LT Lane Drummond (VP-40)

Aircrewman of 2011: AWW1 Jason Stanton (VQ-1)

Junior Officer Leadership Award: LT Curtis White (VP-46)

Intelligence Specialists of 2011/Senior: IS1 Joseph Baker (VQ-1)

Intelligence Specialists of 2011/Junior: IS2 Thomas Halm (VQ-2)

CNAF Navy Marine Association Peer Leadership Award:

CDR Mark Stockfish (VQ-2)

LCDR Scott Brunson (VQ-2)

LT Jordan Gentry (VQ-1)

AMCS Stephen Berris (VQ-1)

CPRW-10 Shore Duty SOY/Senior: IT1 Joshua Murphy

CPRW-10 Shore Duty SOY/Junior: ET2 Christopher Ralph

CPRW-10 Sea Duty SOY/Senior: AM1 Andrew Barklow

CPRW-10 Sea Duty SOY/Junior: YN2 Tony Uribe (VQ-2)

CPRW-10 SELRES SOY: AO1 Travis Burnham (VP-69)



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# Community

## Chapter News & Recognition

### **Washington DC Chapter: CDR Sean Liedman, VP of Region**

The next DC Region MPA Happy Hour is scheduled for Friday, 18 May, at 4:00 PM at the Crystal City Sports Pub, located at 529 South 23rd. Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

### **Whidbey Island Chapter: CAPT Pete Garvin, VP of Region**

The Whidbey Island MPA Chapter Inaugural Meeting and Happy Hour will be on 13 July at the NAS Whidbey Island Officer's Club starting at 1500.

### **Pax River Chapter: LCDR Rob Huntington, VP of Region**

We are planning a P-8 static display and BBQ in mid-May. Stay tuned for more details! Contact LCDR Chris Artis with questions at: [christopher.artis@navy.mil](mailto:christopher.artis@navy.mil)

### **Hawaii Chapter: CAPT Christopher Ramsden, VP of Region**

Stay tuned for coming events!



*Pax River Chapter members at a get together in March in Leonardtown, MD: From left to right: CAPT Bob Roof, USN (Ret.), LCDR Chris Artis, Mr. Dave Keyser, Mr. Steve Sindt, LCDR Rob Huntington, Capt. Dan McNamara, Mr. Drew Barrow.*

*Congratulations!*

### **2012 MOAA**

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

CDR Anthony Parton

Executive Officer, Patrol Squadron (VP) THIRTY

#### **Sailors of the Year**

AM1 Andrew J. Barklow

PR1 (AW) Andrew P. Case

IT1 (AW) Joshua S. Murphy

AE1 (AW) Kathryn S. Morgan

AWO1 Kimberly G. Glach

AWO1 (NAC/AW) Michael G. Boldizar

AO1 (AW/SW) Naomi B. Stout

AWO1 (NAC/AW) Nicholas D. Wood

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# Community

## Events Calendar

*April*

**Friday, April 27**

Disestablishment Ceremony: Special Projects Patrol Squadron (VPU) One  
NAS Jacksonville

*May*

**Tuesday, May 1**

Patrol Squadron (VP) ONE Change of Command, Deployed  
*CDR Greg Sleppy Relieved by CDR Paul Peverly*

**Thursday, May 3**

Patrol Squadron (VP) TEN Change of Command, NAS Jacksonville  
*CDR Andy Miller Relieved by CDR Tim Parker*

Patrol Squadron (VP) NINE Change of Command, MCBH Kaneohe Bay, HI  
*CDR Rich Prest Relieved by CDR Craig Mattingly*

Scientific Development Squadron ONE Change of Command, NAS Patuxent River  
*CDR Jay Steingold Relieved by CDR Stacey Wright*

**Friday, May 4**

Patrol Squadron (VP) FIVE Change of Command, NAS Jacksonville  
*CDR John Fox Relieved by CDR Erin Osborne*

Patrol Squadron (VP) FORTY-SIX Change of Command, NAS Whidbey Island  
*CDR Jake Jacob Relieved by CDR Adam Kijek*

**Saturday, May 5**

Patrol Squadron (VP) SIXTY-NINE Change of Command, NAS Whidbey Island  
*CDR Pete Morse Relieved by CDR Mike Mineo*

**Thursday, May 10**

Patrol Squadron (VP) FOUR Change of Command, MCBH Kaneohe Bay, HI  
*CDR Kevin Long Relieved by CDR Brent Strong*

**Friday, May 11**

Patrol Squadron (VP) EIGHT Change of Command, NAS Jacksonville  
*CDR Chris Flaherty Relieved by CDR Mike Marston*

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### *Reunion Events*

**VP-47 64th Anniversary Reunion: April 11-14, 2012**

Contact: Jim "Soupy" Campbell  
Phone: (360) 979-2170  
Email: [blandjcampbell@aol.com](mailto:blandjcampbell@aol.com)  
Info/Register: [www.vp-47reunions.com/](http://www.vp-47reunions.com/)

**VP-94 Crawfisher Alumni: April 21, 2012**

Contact: Patrick K. Bloodworth  
Email: [pbloodworth@worldnet.att.net](mailto:pbloodworth@worldnet.att.net)

**VP-22 2012 Reunion: July 12-15, 2012**

Contact: AT Sidney "Bud" White  
Phone: (321) 723-5544  
Email: [white1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:white1@cfl.rr.com)

**VP-90 Reunion 2012: July 26-29, 2012 in Great Lakes, Illinois**

Contact: John Larson  
Phone: (702) 630-9812  
Email: [Johnlar1@cox.net](mailto:Johnlar1@cox.net)

**7th Bi-Annual VP-1 Reunion Circa 1965-1970: August 24-26, 2012**

Contact: AX2 J.B. "John" Merriott  
Email: [johnmerriott@gmail.com](mailto:johnmerriott@gmail.com)

**37th Mariners of VP/VPB-26 Reunion: September 16-19, 2012**

Contact: AE2 Gene Balog  
Email: [bilgepump@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bilgepump@cfl.rr.com)

**VP Association Annual Reunion and Banquet: September 22, 2012 in East Weymouth, MA**

Contact: Bill Hanigan  
Email: [vpassociation@aol.com](mailto:vpassociation@aol.com)  
Info/Register: [www.vpassociation.org](http://www.vpassociation.org)

**VP-40 Reunion: October 3-7, 2012 (for seaplane era of 1948-1968)**

Contact: Guy Fisk  
Email: [gfishk@charter.net](mailto:gfishk@charter.net)  
Info/Register: [www.vp40.com/](http://www.vp40.com/)

**VP-45 Reunion: October 18-21, 2012 in Mobile, Alabama**

Info/Register: [www.vp45association.org/reunions.html](http://www.vp45association.org/reunions.html)

**VP-93 Alumni Association: 13th Annual Fall Muster: November 3, 2012 in Mount Clemens, MI**

Contact: Howard Rundell  
Phone: (734) 658-7701  
Email: [g5av8or@aol.com](mailto:g5av8or@aol.com)

**VP-44 Reunion: November 8-11, 2012 in Pensacola, FL**

Contact: Gene Toffolo  
Phone: (229) 559-7959  
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Info/Register: [www.vp44goldenpelicans.com](http://www.vp44goldenpelicans.com)

# Community

## Events Calendar

### Wednesday, May 16

Patrol Squadron (VP) SIXTEEN Change of Command, Deployed  
*CDR Brad Rosen Relieved by CDR Molly Boron*

### Thursday, May 17

Disestablishment Ceremony: Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) TWO  
NAS Whidbey Island

For more disestablishment events and to register, see right side of page at:  
[www.vq2.navy.mil](http://www.vq2.navy.mil)

### Friday, May 18

DC Region MPA Happy  
1600 at the Crystal City Sports Pub  
529 South 23rd. Street, Arlington, VA 22202

### Saturday, May 19

Patrol Squadron (VP) TWENTY-SIX Change of Command, Deployed  
*CDR Noel Dahlke Relieved by CDR Erik Thors*

### Friday, May 25

Patrol Squadron (VP) FORTY-FIVE Change of Command, NAS Jacksonville  
*CDR Paul Ditch Relieved by CDR Mike Vitali*

## June

### Tuesday, June 8

Patrol Squadron (VP) FORTY Change of Command, NAS Whidbey Island  
*CDR Bret Mietus Relieved by CDR Kent Moore*

### Friday, June 29

Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance WING ELEVEN Change of Command  
NAS Jacksonville  
*CAPT Trey Wheeler Relieved by CAPT Eric Wiese*

## July

### Friday, July 13

Whidbey Island MPA Chapter Inaugural Meeting and Happy Hour  
1500 at the NAS Whidbey Island Officer's Club

## Recent Events

### Thursday, November 17, 2011

Commander, Task Force (CTF) 57  
Change of Command, Manama, Bahrain  
*CAPT James Wyatt Relieved by  
CAPT Reggie Howard*



*CAPT Reggie Howard salutes Rear Adm. Sean Buck, CDRF-7<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> at the change of command ceremony.*

### Friday, March 2

Patrol Squadron (VP) FORTY-SEVEN  
Change of Command, Deployed  
*CDR Kjell Wander Relieved by  
CDR Bill Ellis*

### Thursday, March 10

Air Test and Evaluation (VX) TWENTY  
Change of Command, NAS Patuxent River  
*LT COL John Albers Relieved by  
CDR Robert Polvino*

### Thursday, April 12

Air Test and Evaluation (VX) ONE  
Change of Command, NAS Patuxent River  
*CAPT Kevin Kenney Relieved by  
CAPT Jeff Davila*

### Thursday, April 19

Special Projects  
Patrol Squadron (VPU) TWO  
Change of Command, MCBH Kaneohe Bay, HI  
*CDR Anthony Rossi Relieved by  
CDR Christopher McDowell*

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We have received so much positive feedback about the symposium events and are excited about how everything came together. It truly was a HUGE team effort and we couldn't have done it without all of these key players AND their teams – **THANK YOU, 2012 SYMPOSIUM TEAM!**

**LCDR Casey Woods (CPRW-11 Lead)**  
**LCDR Andy Morrison (VP-30 Lead)**  
**The Entire NAS Jacksonville Team (MWR, Base Ops)**  
**LCDR Tom Pickering (Heritage Dinner Lead, VP-8)**  
**Mrs. Sheila Stevens (Spouse Symposium Lead)**  
**LCDR Rob Wilkerson (Golf Tournament Lead, VP-10)**  
**LTJG John Leeds (5K Lead, VP-45)**  
**LT Ves Whittemore (Flight Suit Social Lead, VP-30)**  
**LCDR Hamish Kirkland (DV/VIP Coordination Lead, VP-45)**

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