



*Maritime Patrol Association*  
***2019 West Coast Reunion Guide***

We are honored by the support and enthusiasm that our MPA members and sponsors have brought to this organization, enabling us to host the THIRD MPA West Coast Reunion! **THANK YOU for your support and welcome to the 2019 MPA West Coast Reunion!**

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# Schedule of Events

2019 West Coast Reunion SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
Monday, Nov 4		LOCATION:
1300-1400	P3/P8/EP3/CP-140/PBY-5 tours	Wing 10
1400-1500	Current OPS Brief (unclassified)	Wing 10
1800-2300	<b>MPA Ball</b>	Swinomish Casino and Lodge
Wednesday, Nov 6		
1800-2100	<b>Flight Suit Social</b>	NAS WI Officers Club

## Event Details

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

#### Current Operations Brief (unclassified) \*\*\*

*Time:* 1300-1400

*Cost:* \$0

*Location:* Wing 10 Conference Room

Gather information and insights about current day patrol squadron operations from the community's leaders.

#### Aircraft Tours\*\*\*

*Time:* 1400-1500

*Cost:* \$0

*Location:* Wing 10

Tours of the aircraft will be given throughout the tour period. Aircraft available four tours are: PBY-5, P3, EP3, P8 and a CP-140.

\*\*\*Pre-registration was required for these events\*\*\*

#### MPA Ball

*Time:* 1800-2300

*Cost:* \$35 (Members), \$50 (Non-Members)

*Location:* Swinomish Casino and Lodge

Join shipmates past and present as we gather at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge for drinks, dinner and dancing. Beer and wine are included. Attire will be Mess Dress for active duty. Retired members are encouraged to wear their uniforms or



business attire. Spouses are encouraged to wear cocktail attire. Guest speaker will be ADM Bill Moran, USN (Ret). All Officers, Enlisted and supporters of Maritime Aviation are welcome

**Complimentary** TRANSPORTATION HOME PROVIDED to Anacortes & Oak Harbor addresses including NAS WI NGIS.

\*\*\*Staying at NGIS? A Complimentary shuttle will be leaving NAS WI NGIS at 1800 to take you to the Casino\*\*\*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

### MPA West Coast Flight Suit Social

*Time:* 1800-2100

*Cost:* \$20 (MPA Members), \$35 (Non-Members)

*Location:* Officers Club

We end the week with the MPA FLIGHT SUIT SOCIAL at the NAS Whidbey Island Officers Club. Active, reserve, retired - don your flight suits for a fun-filled evening of camaraderie, fine food, and a few sea stories. Food, beer and wine, and SWEET SWAG BAG included. Cash bar available.

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## Directions to Events

### TO SWINOMISH CASINO AND LODGE

Coming from NAS Whidbey Island

Make a left onto State Road 20 after exiting the base. Follow that until the round-about and take the first right to continue onto State Road 20 East towards I-5. Make a right onto Padilla Heights Rd (look for signs for the Casino) and then a left onto Long John Dr. Follow that road until the round-about and take the 3<sup>rd</sup> right onto Knudson Ln. The Lodge entrance will be directly in front of you, parking will be on your right.

Coming from I-5

Take exit 230 for Anacortes WA-20 West. Turn left onto WA-20. Make right onto Casino Dr and drive past the Casino entrance to get to the Lodge entrance. It will be the last parking lot on your right.

### Events at the Swinomish Casino and Lodge

*The MPA Ball, Monday Nov 4*

### TO WING 10 HQ Building

Enter the base through the LANGLEY entrance and make a right hand turn onto MIDWAY ST. Turn right onto Charles Porter Ave, follow the road until the last building on the left. The sign will say "CPRW-10". Handicapped parking will be available in the front of the parking lot.

### Events at the Wing 10 HQ Building:

*Current OPS Brief and Aircraft tours, Monday 4 Nov*



## TO NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND OFFICERS CLUB

To get to the O'Club, enter the base through the LANGLEY entrance. At the four way stop sign, turn left onto MIDWAY ST. Follow along MIDWAY ST and the O'Club will be on your left.

### Events at O'Club:

*Flight Suit Social, Wednesday 6 Nov*



## 2019 Hall of Honor Inductees

The following inductee will be celebrated at the MPA Ball on Monday, November 4th



### **Rear Admiral James Schear**

United States Navy

*Rear Admiral James P. Schear is a 1967 graduate of the US Naval Academy. A career Naval Aviator, he served for 33 years, both on active duty and as a member of the Naval Reserve. While on active duty with Patrol Squadron FIFTY, he participated in three deployments, two involving combat operations in Southeast Asia. After an Instructor Pilot tour in VP-31, he joined the Naval Reserve with VP-91 at Moffett Field.*

*While with VP-91, he made a significant mark on the community through the operational integration of the reserve force. He was responsible for elevating their readiness to such a degree that VP-91 flew the first-ever reserve operational ASW patrols, tracking Soviet ballistic missile submarines off the West Coast of the United States. Remaining with the squadron through a Commanding Officer tour, he was the catalyst for VP-91 earning the Battle "E" in 1984 and 1986. During this period, his realized vision of reserve integration resulted in all reserve squadrons being assigned to operations at all MPRF forward operating sites and participating in ASW patrols during the final years of the Cold War.*

*He was subsequently hand selected to stand up the Patrol Squadron Master Augment Unit (MAU) as plank owning Commanding Officer. This resulted in reserve integration directly into active duty squadrons and eventually saw 2 MAU reserve aircrews deploy to Desert Storm alongside their active duty counterparts, where they were recognized for action in the Gulf that resulted in the sinking of several Iraqi warships. As a Flag Officer, he served as Deputy Commander, Patrol Wings Pacific, Vice Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and Deputy Commander, U.S. Second Fleet and served as an Airborne Emergency Action Officer flying Nuclear Alert Missions on Looking Glass aircraft.*

*Throughout and following his Naval career, Admiral Schear has consistently and successfully advocated for the MPRA community, and has served as a member of the Advisory Board for the Moffett Field Historical Society and Museum, all the while supported by his spouse, the former Sharon Leigh Dabbs of Los Altos, CA.*



## Base Information

**BASE ACCESS/MAP** Requirements to drive your vehicle on base are a valid driver's license, insurance and registration, and **either an active/retired military ID** or a sponsors pass.

Plan on entering the LANGLEY gate at NAS Whidbey Island for all Reunion events. On our website, <https://maritimepatrolassociation.org/nas-whidbey-island-base-info/> you will find a link to a map for driving directions under the "base info" link.

For attendees with base privileges, the front gate will allow you normal access with your military I.D. card. Please make sure that all passengers in your vehicle who are 16 years of age and older have a valid I.D.

**For attendees without base privileges, YOU MUST have a sponsor to enter the base. MPA is unable to provide base access to NAS WI.**

## Dress Code

### UNIFORMS/ATTIRE

Monday day events: Casual. Monday night event (MPA BALL): Mess Dress for active duty. Retired members are encouraged to wear their uniforms or business attire. Spouses are encouraged to wear cocktail attire. Wednesday night: Flight Suits for active duty/retired, casual for retired, civilians and spouses.

## Contacts

If you have any questions, or require assistance, the 2019 West Coast Reunion planning committee is available to assist:

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