



## MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCE HALL OF HONOR

### Rear Admiral Salvatore Frank Gallo

United States Navy

Rear Admiral S. F. Gallo was born in Brooklyn, New York, on 1 July 1936. He attended New York State Maritime College and was commissioned an Ensign in November 1958. His first assignment was aboard the USS ESTES (AGC-12) homeported in San Diego where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant until July 1960. He was designated a naval aviator in October 1961.

RADM Gallo flew P-2Vs in VP-23 and P-3s as a Department Head in VP-11 but his most enduring legacy came during his command tours which included, Patrol Squadron TWENTY-FOUR, Patrol Wing ELEVEN, Patrol Wings, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and as Fleet Air Mediterranean, Maritime Air Forces Mediterranean and Maritime Surveillance and Reconnaissance Forces, U.S. Sixth Fleet (CTF67).

As a Flag Officer, Rear Admiral Gallo served in the MPA community during the most intense years of the Cold War with respect to the challenges posed by Soviet submarines and was instrumental in advancing MPA capabilities and crew performance in this critical arena of operations. In addition, when a crisis developed over the ability of any US Navy forces to conduct survivable long range Anti-Surface Strike, he demonstrated the MPA Harpoon capability by tasking the "ready" squadron to conduct a multi-aircraft simulated strike against the first Aegis cruiser. Utilizing a stand-off targeting aircraft from VQ-1, 4 P-3s operating below radar contact conducted an undetected multi-axis simultaneous simulated harpoon launch, proving the community's ability to meet this threat. Having the Lieutenant Mission Commander brief CINCLANTFLT on the plan and its execution made an even greater impression on both Navy leadership and his force of the confidence Rear Admiral Gallo had in them.

In 1985, new Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev ordered major surge operations, sending 5 new Victor III submarines to patrol in the western Atlantic. With unprecedented pressure from National leadership to hold these submarines at risk, the MPA force under RADM Gallo did exactly that during a 5 week period with as many as 10 submarines off the East Coast. It is considered one of the turning points during initial negotiations between Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev.

After retirement, RADM Gallo served as the Executive Director of the Armed Forces YMCA and led the "red" team in evaluating the new P-8A Poseidon. He remains married to the former Jo Ann Balch of Munsonville, New Hampshire.