



MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCE HALL OF HONOR

Rear Admiral James P. Schear

United States Naval Reserve

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.