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Cover Photo

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (June 19, 2019) Cmdr. James Samman (left) and Cmdr. Michael Bishop, peer out the window of the flight station of a P-3C Orion anti-submarine warfare patrol aircraft at Mount Baker during Cmdr. Bishop's last flight as commanding officer of VP-46. VP-46 has recently returned from deployment in the U.S. 5th Fleet and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of operations and is making preparations to transition from the P-3C platform to the P-8A Poseidon. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Zachary Dalton/Released)



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Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Warriors Past and Present,

Greetings from Norfolk! Having recently passed one year in command of the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF), I thought it an opportune time to update you on the health and positive trajectory of the community. Bottom-line Up Front: Demand for MPRA capabilities and presence has continued to grow and, despite fiscal challenges across the Navy and DoD, the MPRF Family of Systems transformation remains on track.

The platforms, and most importantly, the people that comprise your MPRF represent the very best our nation has to offer. One only has to scan the headlines of today to see that VP, VQ, and VUP are engaged and performing on-station in every hot spot around the globe. Open source reporting of intercepts by Chinese and Russian fighters, the Iranian shoot down of BAMS-D in the Strait of Hormuz, the seizure of millions of dollars' worth of illicit drugs, and resurgence of great power competition are all testimony to the tempo, challenges, and opportunities facing our forward commanders and aircrews. Rest assured they are up to the task and then some.

Our OPNAV, NAVAIR, and Fleet team continue to deliver the tools and training needed to prevail against high-end adversaries. Even as we leverage new technology and evolve as a community, we find ourselves in scenarios very reminiscent of the cold war – particularly in the realm of ASW. The difference is that the threat has also evolved and demands our very best effort. Our community's transformation, comprised of multiple nested platform transitions, is as much about the way we employ the new platforms as it is about the platforms themselves. It may be an overused turn of phrase, but we are truly bringing game-changing capability and an exponential increase in Maritime Domain Awareness with the coupling of P-8A and the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), MQ-4C Triton.

We are in final preparation to take Triton baseline aircraft forward as an Early Operational Capability (EOC) that will provide the persistent ISR coverage the Navy needs, free up manned platforms for other tasking, and reduce risk in the development and fielding of Triton Multi-INT. Triton Multi-INT is the identified replacement for VQ and EP-3 with Initial Operational Capability (IOC) scheduled for FY21.

As for P-8s, the Fleet has accepted 88 of the 138 required Poseidons with another three US, three Australian, and one UK P-8A set to deliver this year. Boeing and PMA-290 continue to deliver jets ahead of schedule, and we remain on pace to complete P-8A transition by mid-May 2020. There are 10 of 12 active component VP squadrons transition complete with the 11th squadron, VP-46, on track to complete by November 2019. The last active duty P-3 squadron, VP-40, will return from deployment to Whidbey Island this October and turn in their mighty Orions to begin transition. Our reserve squadrons will continue to fly P-3s for a few more years.

Allied procurement of P-8A is a force multiplier not just on station but also in acquisition. Allied orders for P-8A contribute to keeping the Boeing production line open and, through economies of scale, reduce overall cost. The recent FMS additions of the UK (9 P-8s), Norway (5 P-8s), New Zealand (4 P-8s), and South Korea (6 P-8s) could influence production decisions that could keep the line open for additional USN orders. Our cooperative partner, Australia, took possession of their 9th of 12 programmed P-8As last month and is functioning as the USN's "13th squadron." The UK is tracking

to accept its first of 9 P-8A aircraft in October 2019. To support P-8A operations, PMW-750 is delivering required TacMobile gear-sets, including self-lifted Rapid Response Kits (RRKs) and Fly Away Kits (FAKs) to support global expeditionary operations of P-8A. TacMobile support of the MPRF Family of Systems (P-8/P-3 and MQ-4) remains critical to mission success of our combat aircrews. Evolving beyond just a planning and post mission exploitation (PID/PED) organization, TacMobile is transforming to conduct real time mission analysis for better, more agile mission planning. Our TacMobile Sailors are on the front line of our cyber fight and ensure our critical C5I systems, both in the air and on the deck, remain hardened against adversary attack.

Upon taking command I identified three areas of focus: lethality, agility, and professionalism. After one year on board, we have made measurable progress in all three areas. Our professionalism and agility are demonstrated every single day by every Sailor forwarded deployed and at home. Increasing lethality has been a tougher challenge, but with new tools, innovative technology, and training, we have gotten steadily better at the Find and Fix segments of the Kill Chain. With our experts resident in the fleet and Weapons School, we have significantly improved the Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures to employ those tools and compress the time from detect to engage. I will continue to champion for the force and humbly thank you

for your support. As always, your MPRF will fly, fight, lead, and win!

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Pete Garvin
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
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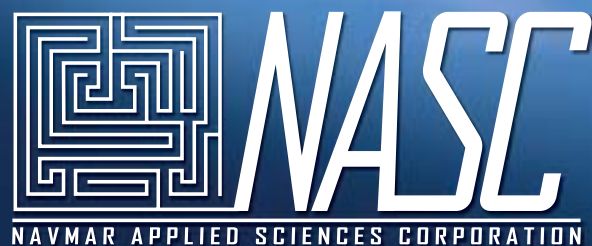
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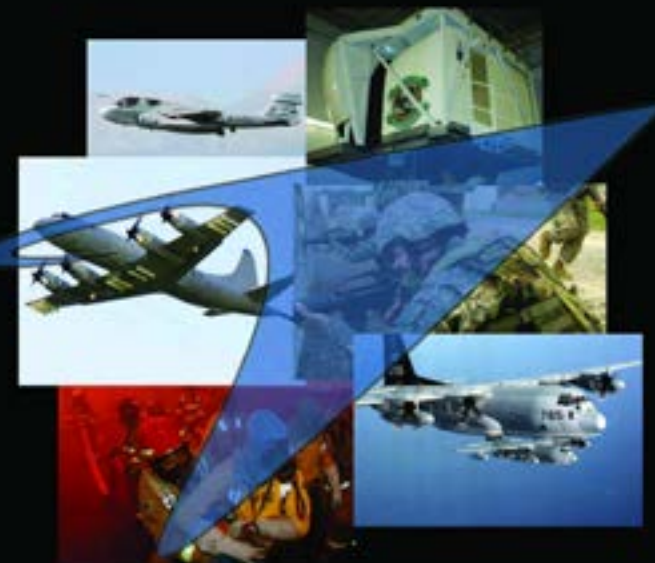
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VP-5 ‘Mad Foxes’ Hold Change of Command

OKINAWA, Japan— Patrol Squadron FIVE (VP-5) “Mad Foxes” held a change of command ceremony onboard Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, June 3.

CDR Robert A. Wilkerson was relieved by CDR Carl E. White as the Commanding Officer of VP-5 in a ceremony attended by military guests, and distinguished visitors.

CAPT Craig T. Mattingly, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN, served as the guest of honor, and CAPT Brian C. Erickson, Commander, Task Force SEVEN TWO, was the presiding officer. “Patrol Squadron FIVE continues to demonstrate effectiveness,” said Mattingly. “You all should be proud of your accomplishments to date. I am absolutely humbled, and honored to serve you as Commodore Wing ELEVEN. Our heritage, your legacy, will continue to build on excellence.”

Wilkerson joined the Mad Foxes in June of 2017 as the Executive Officer while the squadron was preparing for its dual-site deployment to the 4th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility. He assumed command of VP-5 in June of 2018 and successfully led them through a rigorous home cycle and the beginning of their 2019 deployment to 7th Fleet.

“VP-5, it has been a true honor to serve alongside each and every one of you,” said Wilkerson. “Every member has made this more rewarding for me because I have had the privilege of watching each of you make progress and achieve your own individual goals.”

In his closing remarks, Wilkerson addressed White and described his future path. “Your guidance in the last year was instrumental to our success,” said Wilkerson. “I’m excited to see what this squadron will accomplish under your leadership. Thank you for everything.”

The change of command was solidified by reading of the orders.

At the time of turning over command the outgoing Commanding Officer will “call all hands to muster, read the order of detachment and turn over command to his or her relief, who will read the orders of relief and assume command.

After assuming command, White addressed the nearly 300 “Mad Foxes” for the first time as Commanding Officer.

“Fight hard each day, dedicating yourself to be more than you were yesterday and remember that this is a team and each member is vital to our team,” said White.

White assumed command of the Mad Foxes during their 2019 7th Fleet deployment. A native of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, CDR White is the 69th Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron FIVE. He joined the squadron as the Executive Officer in June of 2018, helping shepherd the Mad Fox Team through their home cycle, Operational Readiness Evaluation, and onto deployment.

VP-5 is a long-lived maritime patrol squadron of the United States Navy. The mad Foxes are the second oldest patrol squadron, the fourth oldest squadron in the United States Navy, and the 33rd oldest aviation squadron in all of the United States military services.

The “Mad Foxes” of VP-5 are currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Asia Pacific region.



By Lt j.g. Michael Miller, VP-5 Public Affairs



CDR Rob Wilkerson, Mad Fox 68, with the VP-5 First Class Petty Officer Association after the change of command ceremony on June 3. Photos courtesy of VP-5.



Left to right. CDR Carl White, CDR Rob Wilkerson, CMC PJ Young.

Community

VP-46 From Orion to Poseidon

In May of 2019 the Grey Knights of Patrol Squadron 46 (VP-46) began a transition, from the P-3C Orion to the P-8A Poseidon. Since the 1960s VP-46 has been privileged to fly the P-3C in various military conflicts and myriad locations around the world.

The Navy is in the midst of transforming maritime patrol aviation and now the time has come for VP-46 to start a new chapter in their history. From the start of transition in May, the Grey Knights have maintained a focused dedication to learning their new platform.

The squadron is setting a strong foundation of knowledge early which will prove to be key to their continued success as they prepared to embark on the next proud chapter of their storied legacy. As they completed phase one of transition training at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and traveled to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, where they are currently in phase two, VP-46 has continued to surpass all training expectations.

While in Jacksonville VP-46 has been given hands-on training from the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance's Fleet Replacement Squadron, VP-30. Maintainers, and aircrew all must complete the transition syllabus prior to safely operating and conducting flight operations with a P-8A. The time window allotted the squadron to com-

plete this syllabus is extremely compressed and the Grey Knights have diligently maximized every minute of quality instruction that has been afforded them. In a few short months, VP-46 will be poised to return to operational service as the U.S. Navy's newest P-8A Poseidon Squadron.

Patrol Squadron 46's history is replete with a culture of excellence in naval service. The squadron has participated in every major US military conflict since its inception back in 1931, and it has constantly maintained the highest standards of service. All of the accolades enjoyed by the squadron are due to the outstanding contributions which have been made each and every day by the men and women who continue to work with determination, pride and professionalism while in transition.

The Grey Knights are proud of their Naval legacy, honoring the past, leading the present, forging the future, and living up to their status as "THE OLDEST AND THE BEST." In this exciting time VP-46 is steadfast on mastering new technology in the P-8A Poseidon, propelling the squadron into the future while continuing to set the standard for the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community.



By Lt. j.g. Peyton Strawn
VP-46 Public Affairs

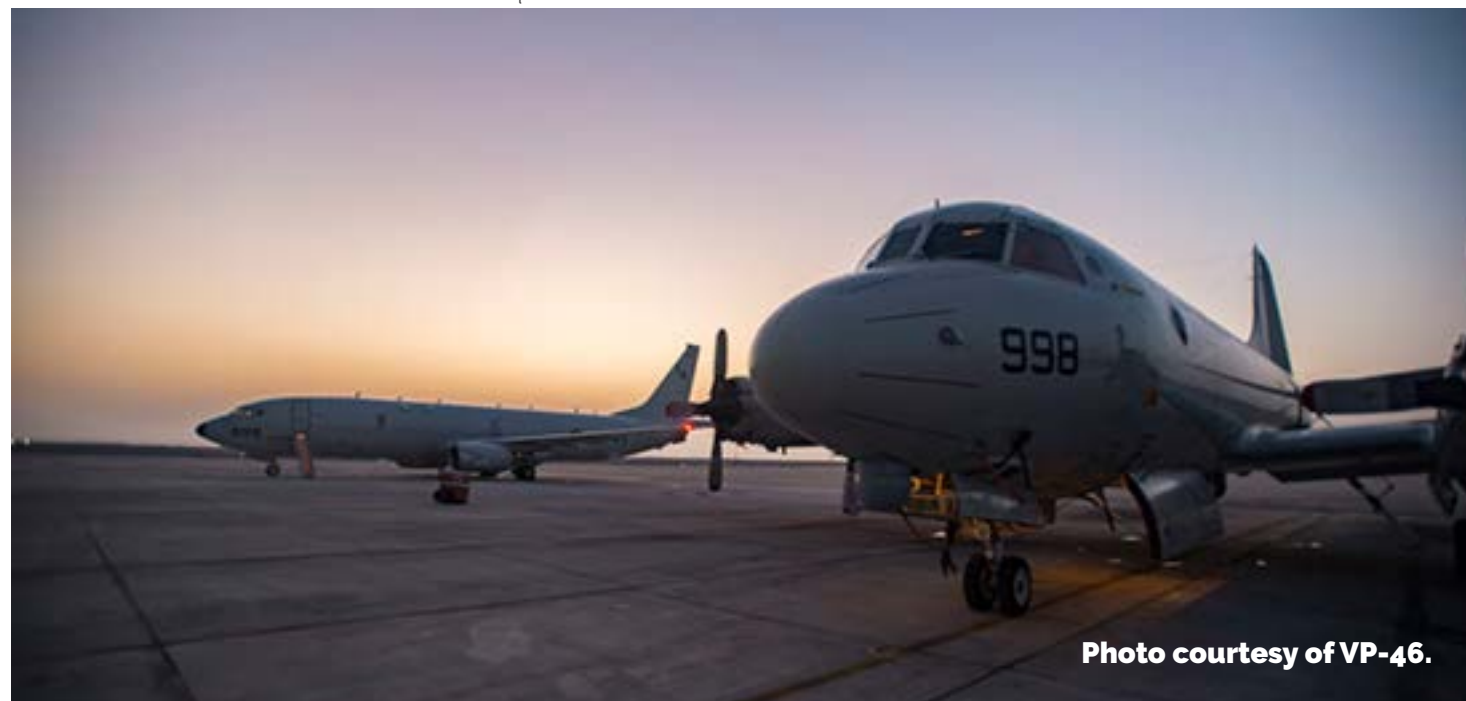


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VP-4 Conducts Change of Command

OAK HARBOR, Wash. – Cmdr. Wayne Lewis relieved Cmdr. Christopher Purcell as commanding officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 during a change of command ceremony at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI), June 20.

Purcell served as the VP-4 commander since May 2018, providing exemplary leadership for the first West Coast P-8 deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operation where VP-4 earned the distinguished Battle Excellence award for their efforts.

This accomplishment, among various others were expressed with gratitude during the reading of the Meritorious Service Medal citation presented by Capt. Kevin Long, commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance (CPRW) 10.

After the presentation, Purcell approached the podium and gave his final remarks as the commanding officer of VP-4.

"It has been my goal to create a culture where every Sailor is a leader, who leads in whatever they do, so that when necessary, VP-4 is ready to lead the fight."

Purcell then acknowledged the support of his family and went on to congratulate Lewis as the incoming commanding officer of VP-4.

"It has been an honor to work with you this past year. You truly care about the success of each and every Skinny Dragon; I can't wait to see what this squadron achieves under your leadership." Purcell then turned his attention to the entire squadron and acknowledged all of their hard work. "Skinny Dragons, you have inspired me. You have made me proud and given me plenty of things to brag about. You have accomplished more than I thought was ever possible and continue to shape the future of this squadron."

The ceremony advanced to the reading of orders where Lewis officially relieved Purcell as the commanding officer of VP-4. Following the reading of official orders, Lewis' wife, Marcella Lewis, pinned the Command at Sea insignia on his uniform.

Lewis then approached the podium and spoke as the new commanding officer of VP-4.

"To the men and women of VP-4, in the months to come, we'll have to opportunity to deploy to EUCOM together, to stand the watch once more. I will expect your preparedness and effort on station reflect pride and attention to detail. Lean forward, lean boldly and continue to hold fast to our ideals of family, leadership and integrity."



By Petty Officer 2nd Class Juan Sua, VP-4



OAK HARBOR, Wash. (June 20, 2019) Cmdr. Christopher Purcell, delivers his final remarks as the commanding officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 during a change of command ceremony onboard Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI). The ceremony, overseen by Capt. Kevin Long, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 10, made Cmdr. Wayne G. Lewis Jr. the 70th commanding officer of VP-4 since its establishment in 1943. VP-4's Skinny Dragons fly the P-8A Poseidon aircraft, the Navy's multi-mission maritime patrol and reconnaissance platform. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication specialist 2nd Class Juan. S. Sua/Released)

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (June 20, 2019) Cmdr. Wayne G. Lewis Jr., left, relieves Cmdr. Christopher Purcell as the commanding officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 during a change of command ceremony onboard Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI). The ceremony, overseen by Capt. Kevin Long, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 10, made Lewis the 70th commanding officer of VP-4 since its establishment in 1943. VP-4's Skinny Dragons fly the P-8A Poseidon aircraft, the Navy's multi-mission maritime patrol and reconnaissance platform. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication specialist 2nd Class Juan. S. Sua/Released)



War Eagles Host Tuloso Midway NJROTC

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The War Eagles of Patrol Squadron (VP) 16 welcomed the cadets of Tuloso Midway Independent School District Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) to Naval Air Station Jacksonville on June 3, 2019.

Forty-five cadets and their instructors traveled from Corpus Christi, Texas to tour the P-8A Poseidons flown by VP-16. The P-8A is a multi-mission maritime platform used in intelligence, surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, and anti-surface warfare. Squadron pilots, naval flight officers, and sensor operators explained the aircraft capabilities, their individual jobs, and the requirements of the aircrew to the cadets.

Lt. Clint McMillen, a War Eagle Aircraft Commander, was one of the tour guides for Tuloso Midway. He eagerly volunteered for the opportunity to share the P-8A with the NJROTC cadets.

inspire the next generation," said McMillen. "I hope these incredible opportunities plant the seed to join the service in some of these young men and women."

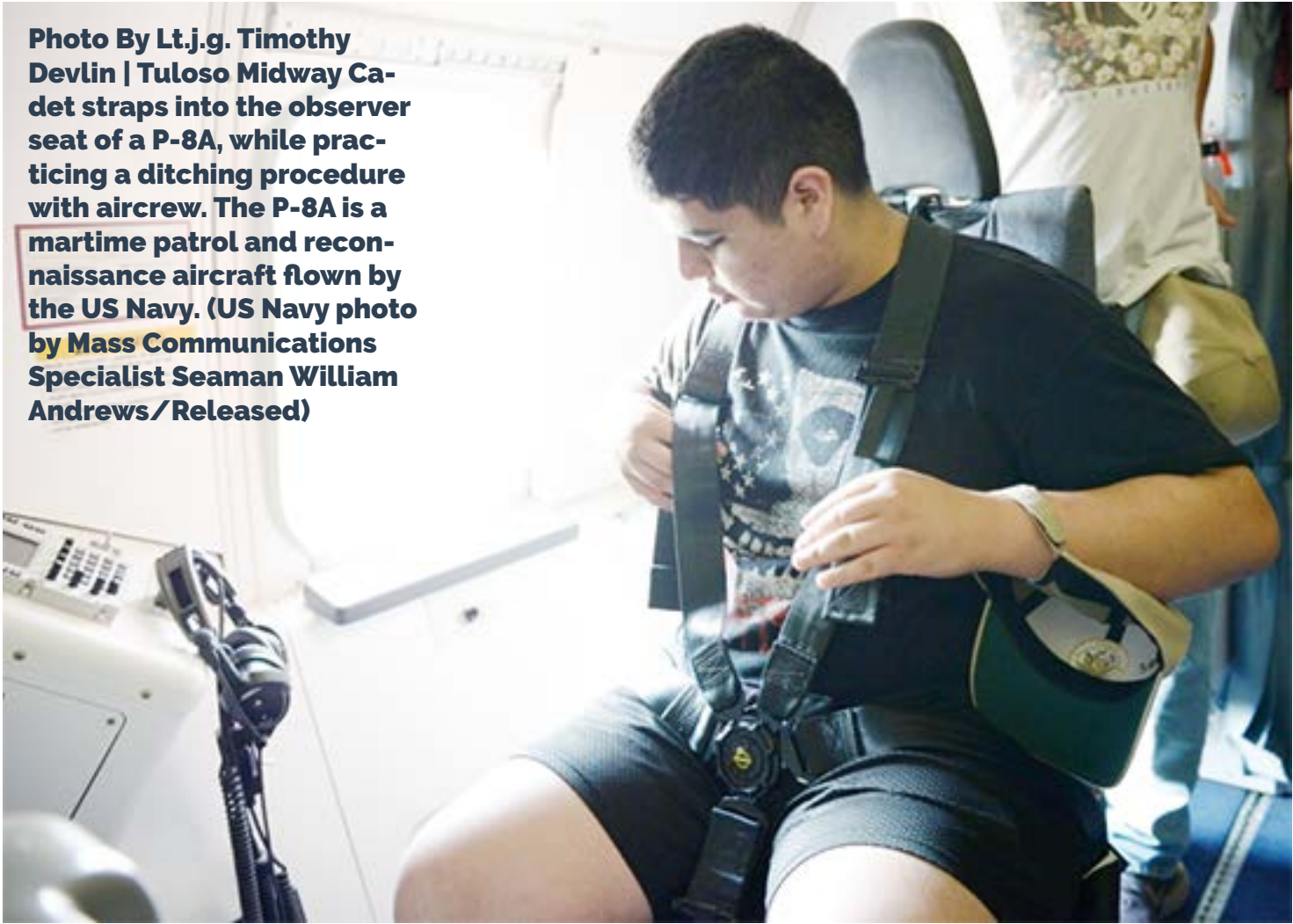
Tuloso Midway NJROTC is led by their Senior Naval Science Instructor, retired Lt. Cmdr. Joe Harmon. Harmon believes that NJROTC is a fantastic program that brings many positive influences to the lives of his cadets. He planned this trip to tour military units around the country to show them the opportunities the military has to offer.

"This opens doors that are unimaginable to these kids. This is the trip of a lifetime for most of them and it will never be forgotten," said Harmon. "We hope this ignited even the smallest spark of imagination for them to serve this country. Having them see good people do good things for this country is so important."



By Lt.j.g. Timothy Devlin, VP-16 Public Affairs

Photo By Lt.j.g. Timothy Devlin | Tuloso Midway Cadet straps into the observer seat of a P-8A, while practicing a ditching procedure with aircrew. The P-8A is a maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft flown by the US Navy. (US Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist Seaman William Andrews/Released)



Akita Rescue Squadron Visits VP-8

MISAWA, Japan (NNS) – Several members from the Akita Rescue Squadron, visited Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 at Misawa AB, Japan July 31. The Akita Rescue Squadron is one of the 10 rescue squadrons attached to the Japanese Air Rescue Wing based out of Akita Air Base in Akita Prefecture. VP-8 and the Akita Rescue Squadron worked together in a joint search of a downed F-35A Lightning II off the coast of Japan in April 2019.

Lt. j.g. Kent Iizuka, a VP-8 pilot, presented the rescue squadron with a brief overview of the capabilities and mission sets of the squadron's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) P-8A Poseidon.

"Lt. j.g. Iizuka was such a huge help today not only in the presentation but also interpreting the dialogue between both parties," said Lt. Robert Marshall, a VP-8 pilot and the event coordinator.

Afterwards, a pilot from the rescue squadron provided the VP-8 guests with an overview of their organizational structure as well as capabilities of their search and rescue aircraft. The Akita Rescue Squadron is equipped with

UH-60J and U-125A aircraft. "It was interesting to learn about the capabilities of the rescue squadron's aircraft," said Naval Aircrewman (Operator) 2nd Class Alexander Meffe, a VP-8 acoustic operator. "While we don't often work directly with the Japanese Air Rescue Wing, it's important for our community to understand how we can better aid their platforms on station in a search and rescue scenario."

At the conclusion of the briefs, Lt. Marshall led the group outside to the P-8A static display located in front the squadron's hangar. The visitors from the rescue squadron were given the opportunity to board the plane and interact with P-8A aircrew, seeing firsthand each of their respective jobs and associated equipment.

VP-8 is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.★

By VP-8 Public Affairs



Naval Aircrewman (Operator) 2nd Class Richard Johnsonlee explains how to use a Sonobuoy Rotary Launcher to personnel assigned to the Akita Rescue Squadron, during a static display onboard Misawa Air Base. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jerome D. Johnson)

7th Fleet P-8A Poseidon Visits New Zealand

HAKEA, New Zealand (NNS) – A US Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft of Patrol Squadron (VP) 5, the "Mad Foxes," visited Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Base Ohakea, New Zealand, August 11.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to visit New Zealand to strengthen our relationship with the RNZAF," said Cmdr. Carl White, commanding officer of VP-5. "We are committed to demonstrating the U.S.' focus on regional security and our support to the Indo-Pacific Region. Both New Zealand and the United States are committed to our shared neighborhood and activities such as assisting the Pacific Island nations with their maritime fisheries surveillance. This visit will enhance maritime security and foster this ongoing regional cooperation. We do a lot of good together in the region and around the world. Interoperability is essential. Anything we can do to help each other understand our processes, procedures, and perspectives makes that real-world cooperation easier."

The P-8A crew is delighted to be conducting joint training operations with the RNZAF. "We are bringing with us the P-8A Poseidon-- the world's newest, most capable maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft," said White. "The Pacific and Southern Oceans provide such a variety of challenges, we are looking forward to demonstrating the aircraft's capabilities and how it can respond to those

situations. We will also be conducting ground training with our maintenance professionals as well as classroom training with our Aircrew. It will be a great opportunity for both teams to learn from each other."

As well as the interaction at the operational level, command staff from the NZDF will get to view the aircraft with walk through tours of the P-8A and a fly away demonstration is scheduled.

"The partnerships and connections we make here in New Zealand will last for years to come," said White. "Our work with the RNZAF is based on shared experiences of those that patrol the world's oceans from the skies. The young Sailors and officers will take back what they learn here and apply it to further engagements with New Zealand."

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By MCS1 Robert R. Sanchez, VP-5 Public Affairs



U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 sits on the tarmac at Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Ohakea. (NZDF/Cpl. Naoimi James)

Fighting Tigers Continue A Strong Bond With Local Misawa Children

MISAWA, Japan (NNS)– Sailors assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8, participated in a community relations (COMREL) project at Davy Jones Locker onboard Misawa Air Base July 27.

VP-8's commanding officer, command master chief, and 19 Sailors arrived at Davy Jones Locker to set up activities for the children from the local Akebono orphanage.

"Our role as VP-8 was to set up so that when they got there we jump right into the activities," said VP-8 community relations coordinator Chief Yeoman Michael Chin. "So we were in charge of setting up the dunk tank, kickball, bounce house, and preparing food.

When the children arrived the "Fighting Tigers" engaged with them in friendly games of volleyball, kickball, tug of war, and horseshoes.

"It felt good being able to put a smile on these kids' faces. You don't know what their situation is or why they are in this orphanage" said Airman Lynee Thacker. "It

breaks your heart knowing that they are there but it feels good knowing that we were out here doing something to make their day better.

At the conclusion of the fun-filled activities VP-8 Sailors served the children hot dogs and hamburgers during a potluck luncheon.

"The bond between the Akebono orphanage and the Navy goes back 47 years. It was truly a deployment highlight for me to be able to meet these amazing young kids and continue the relationship," said Commander Rodney Erler, Commanding Officer of VP-8.

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By Petty Officer 1st Class Jerome Johnson, VP-8 Public Affairs



MISAWA, Japan (July 27, 2019) - The "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) take a group photo with children from the local Akebono Orphanage during a community relations activity hosted by Naval Air Facilities Misawa . VP-8 is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Airman Lynee Thacker)

Mad Foxes Participate in Exercise Talisman Sabre 2019

NEWCASTLE, Australia – 59 Sailors from Patrol Squadron FIVE (VP-5) and Mobile Tactical Operations Center THREE (MTOC-3) detached to Williamstown, Australia for Exercise Talisman Sabre 2019 (TS-19), from July 9 – 25. Talisman Sabre is a bi-annual military exercise hosted by the Australian Armed Forces and supported by multiple allied nations.

Taking place every two years, Talisman Sabre is an opportunity for the Australian military to host a large-scale exercise with many of its allies, including the United States, Canada, and Japan. Taking place off of Australia's east coast, the VP-5 "Mad Foxes" worked closely with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) to hone their skills and ability to work with international allies in support of their maritime patrol and reconnaissance missions.

CDR Ron Rumfelt, Executive Officer of VP-5 said, "TS-19 was an amazing opportunity to work with the RAAF. Combining into one Task Unit (CTU) with No. 10 Squadron (Australian P-8As) and MTOC-31, both from No. 92 Wing, provided us the opportunity to improve the combat readiness and interoperability between Australian and US forces."

Over the course of the two-week exercise, the Mad Foxes conducted 22 mission flights. In addition to work-

ing with the RAAF, VP-5 aircrews also worked in conjunction with naval assets from both Canada and the United States.

"Getting the opportunity to be a part of the Talisman Sabre exercise and work with our Australian counterparts was a great, lasting experience," said AWO1 Brandon Morgan. "Exercises like these help us train and prepare to work as one cohesive unit if the time ever comes when we have to."

Aircrew also worked very closely with a large support staff who made all of the mission flights possible. Members of the Mad Fox maintenance team worked around the clock to keep the aircraft mission capable and ready to fly safely and effectively at a moment's notice, directly contributing to a 100% mission completion rate. MTOC-3 (US), and MTOC-31 (Australian), provided the required tasking and intelligence necessary to fly so many successful mission flights for the exercise.

The Mad Foxes, who are based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are currently deployed to Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. Throughout the deployment, they will be conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within SEVENTH Fleet area of operations. ★

By Lt.j.g Michael Miller, VP-5 Public Affairs



Members from U.S. Navy Mobile Tactical Operations Center (MTOC) THREE, and Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) MTOC-31. Photo by CDR Ron Rumfelt, Executive Officer, Patrol Squadron FIVE (VP-5).

Fighting Tigers Participate in Guam Exercise

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam - A P-8A Poseidon aircraft from the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 recently participated in Ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Readiness and Evaluation Measurement (SHAREM) 199, a coordinated Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise off the southern coast of Guam, July 5-10.

A P-8A from Patrol Squadron Five (VP-5) and USS Milius (DDG 69) also participated in the exercise, which was designed to simulate the escalating hostilities between friendly and opposing forces in the surface and subsurface environments.

The six-day long exercise provided Surface Warfare and Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) communities the opportunity to utilize their respective ASW equipment in order to practice and refine their coordinated submarine hunting tactical proficiency.

P-8A's from VP-5 and VP-8 were able to successfully locate and pass subsurface contact to each other and to surface assets, all while continuously maintaining the ability to conduct subsurface attacks. This exercise afforded the ability of the crews in the air and on the surface to demonstrate and promote operational excellence

and Navy lethality.

Each day involved a preplanned scenario requiring USS Milius and a MPRA asset to search, localize, track, and conduct simulated attacks on an opposing force (OPFOR) submarine. A series of mini simulated wars were executed during the last day of the exercise.

"We aren't often afforded these opportunities to work with other ASW platforms besides other P-8s, so this week has been such a valuable experience for our crew," said Lt. Danielle Tatchio, VP-8 Tactical Coordinator.

The "Fighting Tigers", based out of Jacksonville, Florida, are deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region..



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VP-8 Public Affairs Officer**



ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (July 10, 2019) The "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare operations with USS Milius (DDG 69), during Ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Readiness and Evaluation Measurement (SHAREM) 199. VP-8 is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Danielle Tatchio)

Community

VP-8 Participates in the Malaysian Subject Matter Expert Exchange

SUBANG AIRBASE, Malaysia (NNS) –The “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 participated in the Malaysian Subject Matter Expert Exchange (MY SMEE) from July 22-26, 2019.

The exchange aimed at developing a common understanding of the maritime environment and how best to operate as an effective unified maritime force.

The VP-8 aircrew and maintenance personnel met with various Royal Malaysian Air Force subject matter experts from multiple air platforms including C-130,

Beechcraft 200-T and CN235, to collaborate on Multinational Maritime Multi Mission Aircraft Capabilities. VP-8 was able to illustrate the new capabilities and mission sets the P-8A Poseidon has to offer.

The exchange also allowed for each participant to tour the aircraft with pilots and operators from three of the squadrons at Subang, as well as a luncheon with MEJ Mohd Kamil bin Mohd Noh Tudm, head of operations.

In addition, VP-8 conducted two familiarization flights with Royal Malaysian Air Force aviators over two days

providing an inflight perspective.

“It’s an eye-opening experience, working so closely with another nation’s military. Something I am truly grateful to experience so early in my career,” said Naval Aircrewman (Operator) 3rd Class Jay Thornton.

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By VP-8 Public Affairs



SUBANG AIRBASE, Malaysia (July 26, 2019) – Combat Aircrew 3 members assigned to the “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 take a group photograph with Royal Malaysia Air Force service members during Malaysian Subject Matter Expert Exchange. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Marcus Scally)

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ANA Patriot Squadron, Boston, MA

Monthly Meeting & Lunch @ 11 am, last Saturday of the month at the museum:

This group operates a small naval aviation museum on the site of former NAS South Weymouth called the Shea Naval Aviation Museum. A number of members were formerly VP-92 and predecessor reserve patrol squadrons that were based at NAS South Weymouth. For details see: www.anapatriotsquadron.org


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VP Images Around the Globe



OAK HARBOR, Wash. (June 22, 2019) — Sailors attached to Navy Band Northwest play during Patrol Squadron (VP) 47’s change of command ceremony on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI). VP-47 is a maritime patrol squadron currently stationed at NASWI. The Golden Swordsmen fly the P-8A Poseidon, the Navy’s premiere long-range anti-submarine warfare platform. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kevin A. Flinn/RELEASED)



OAK HARBOR, Wash. (June 22, 2019) — Children of Cmdr. Nathan Gammache play a rendition of “Anchor’s Aweigh” during VP-47’s change of command ceremony on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI). VP-47 is a maritime patrol squadron currently stationed at NASWI. The Golden Swordsmen fly the P-8A Poseidon, the Navy’s premiere long-range anti-submarine warfare platform. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kevin A. Flinn/RELEASED)



OAK HARBOR, Wash. (June 19, 2019) Cmdr. James Samman (left) and Cmdr. Michael Bishop, peer out the window of the flight station of a P-3C Orion anti-submarine warfare patrol aircraft at Mount Baker during Cmdr. Bishop’s last flight as commanding officer of VP-46. VP-46 has recently returned from deployment in the U.S. 5th Fleet and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of operations and is making preparations to transition from the P-3C platform to the P-8A Poseidon. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Zachary Dalton/Released)



NAS JACKSONVILLE (July 24, 2019) Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer 2nd Class assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 16 receives the Bronze Anchor during an awards quarters. (U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Thomas Higgins/Released)



Patrol Squadron (VP) 16 hosts Midshipmen as part of professional training of Midshipmen (PROTRAMID) at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Alan Johnson/Released)



OAK HARBOR, Wash. (June 19, 2019) Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) Chief Travis Hughson, assigned to the “Grey Knights” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, fills out a weight and balance form before a flight. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Zachary Dalton/Released)

One of Maine's earliest WWII Era Civil Air Patrol Members Honored, Donates Uniform

BRUNSWICK — Richard Bubier, 93, of Lewiston was one of the earliest members of Civil Air Patrol, founded days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. At only 15 or 16 he joined the Auburn based squadron under the command of Roland Maheu. In October of 1943 at age 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He started his service in the Army Specialized Reserve Program in June 1944. He turned 18 that fall and reported to active duty at Fort Devens in Massachusetts in early 1945. His first duty station was at Williams Field in Arizona guarding planes. He was discharged after the war ended, in November 1945. He would go on to graduate from University of Maine at Orono as a mechanical engineer and worked on both plane design and shipbuilding.

The Civil Air Patrol held an open house at the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens Saturday. The event showcased their cadet programs, aerospace education and engineering and emergency services. Its leadership honored Bubier at the event, who donated his Civil Air Patrol uniform to the organization. The Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and provides young people ages 12-21 with leadership opportunities, aerospace education, fitness education and character development. It also welcomes adults' professional development with its aerial photography, media, ground team and mission support training.



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Ninety-three year old Jack Bubier is pictured along with the artifacts he donated to the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens. (Darcie Moore / The Times Record)

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