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Cover Photo

A P-8 Poseidon from VP-1 sits ready on the flight line at Keflavik International Airport under the shimmering resplendence of the Icelandic Northern Lights.

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President's Letter

Good day, Maritime Patrolmates!

Mr. President here, welcoming you all to the latest and greatest edition of Planeside Magazine...THE FINEST ONLINE WARF-IGHTING PUBLICATION IN ALL THE LAND (based on a poll conducted by myself, just now)!!!

As you prepare to enjoy our latest offering of tactical radicalness, I would like to wish everyone in our Maritime Patrol and Recon-naissance Force family a very Happy 2022 and welcome our members, long-standing and newly-minted, to the beginning of our second incredible decade of the Maritime Patrol Associa-tion*.

I threw a little asterisk in there to remind us that COVID has chal-lenged all of us in different ways. For those of our MPRF/MPA family directly affected by the virus, we are thinking of you. For our organization, it has been a struggle to gather and properly recognize the accomplishments of our FIRST 10 AMAZING YEARS! But like every challenge posed to our community in our proud and honored history, we rose to the occasion and will climb even higher in the months and years to come!

In the face of myriad challenges, our Fall Reunion in Whidbey Island, Washington, was a rousing success, attended by hundreds of our members...an INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT by our MPA Team!

We honored ADM(ret)/Ambassador Harry Harris, as he was inducted into our Hall of Honor (in flight suits), we connected with our past, present, and future over stories at the O'Club (again, flight suits), and even piped a few tee shots down the fairways of Gallery Golf Club (didn't see any flight suits, but should have).

And this spring, after a two year hiatus, we will triumphantly return to NAS Jacksonville for our 11th Annual Symposium with a full schedule of MPA events. Whether at the Heritage Dinner, in that hangar at our static displays and technology symposium, during our Flag Panel and community updates, at the Flight Suit Social, or Golf Tournament, we look forward to celebrating the greatness of our community with our MPRF family and look forward to reminding each other of the value that MPA provides in honoring the rich history and noble traditions of our VP/VQ/MQ/M-TOC warriors!

Erik "Double E" Estenson

President, Maritime Patrol Association



Checking On Station



Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Warriors Past and Present,

As this issue of MPA goes to press, we are witnessing the challenges of Strategic Competition when our competitors discount the accepted norms of a Rules-Based International Order. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has reinforced the need for our forces to be ready at all times. And while the world watches the events continue to unfold in Ukraine, we must remain vigilant in checking China's aggression in the Indo-Pacific, along with the myriad regional challenges in play around the globe.

Our CNO, Admiral Mike Gilday, clearly states the Navy's role in the face of these challenges: "America needs a flexible, forward deployed, engaged fleet that keeps the seas open and free, generates credible deterrence, and provides quick response options for U.S. leadership."

In meeting these challenges, the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) represents the very best the Navy has to offer and remains engaged around the world ready to answer all bells, while we continue our transformation to a Family of Systems consisting of the P-8A Poseidon, MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aerial System, and an expeditionary TacMobile ground-based mission

support system.

While P-8A and Triton are often showcased as the future face of the MPRF, what is not as well-known is the critical role TacMobile plays in the Family of Systems and its importance in tipping the scales in strategic competition. Put succinctly, TacMobile's mission is to provide the MPRF with a suite of command and control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) capabilities that enable mission planning, execution, and dissemination of products through all phases of conflict. More importantly, as a combined weapons system to realize the full scope of P-8A lethality and agility, it is the backbone of our force.

Our two Tactical Operations Control Squadrons, TOCRONs 10 and 11, are responsible for manning, training, and equipping multiple detachments that increase agility and enable expeditionary operations. We continue to build a cadre of experienced tacticians and analysts with improved standardization to support our aircrews through tasking, collection, processing, exploitation, and dissemination (TCPED) of operational data through multiple networks that will facilitate Distributed SIGINT Operations (DSO) along with our primary mission of ASW.

Moreover, these ground stations enable command and control (C2), mission planning, post-flight analysis, and PED activities for MPRF assets flying from Permanent Deployment Sites with Tactical Operations Centers (TOCs), Secondary Deployment Sites with Mobile-TOCs, and Expeditionary Deployment Sites with self-lifted Rapid Response Kits (RRKs) and Fly Away Kits (FAKs). TacMobile leverages emerging technology to deliver solutions that are interoperable and provide maximum capability to U.S. and allied aircrews. Make no mistake, from pre-flight to mission completion the community relies on TacMobile for mission success, but there is more work to be done to ensure our transformation remains on plan as we get closer to fielding the next spiral of P-8A capabilities.

By design, and in accordance with CNO's mandate to "Get real, Get better," the MPRF continues to be successful by unleashing the powers of critical thinking. Aviators have always been an inquisitive lot and by nature part of a learning

culture. We are continually self-assessing and self-correcting, striving to identify and solve problems when they are small...before they grow larger. It is in this way that we make our community and our Navy better every day, and ensure we are ready to WIN the high-end fight when called upon. I look forward to continuing this conversation in Jacksonville during our annual spring MPA Symposium 10-13 May, 2022.

Until then we will continue to Fly, Fight, Lead and Win!

With Great Respect,

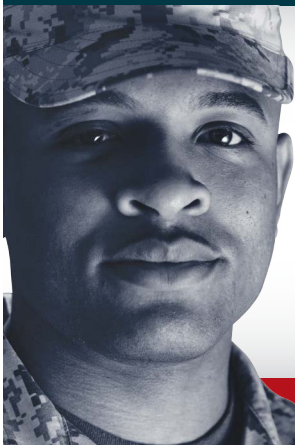
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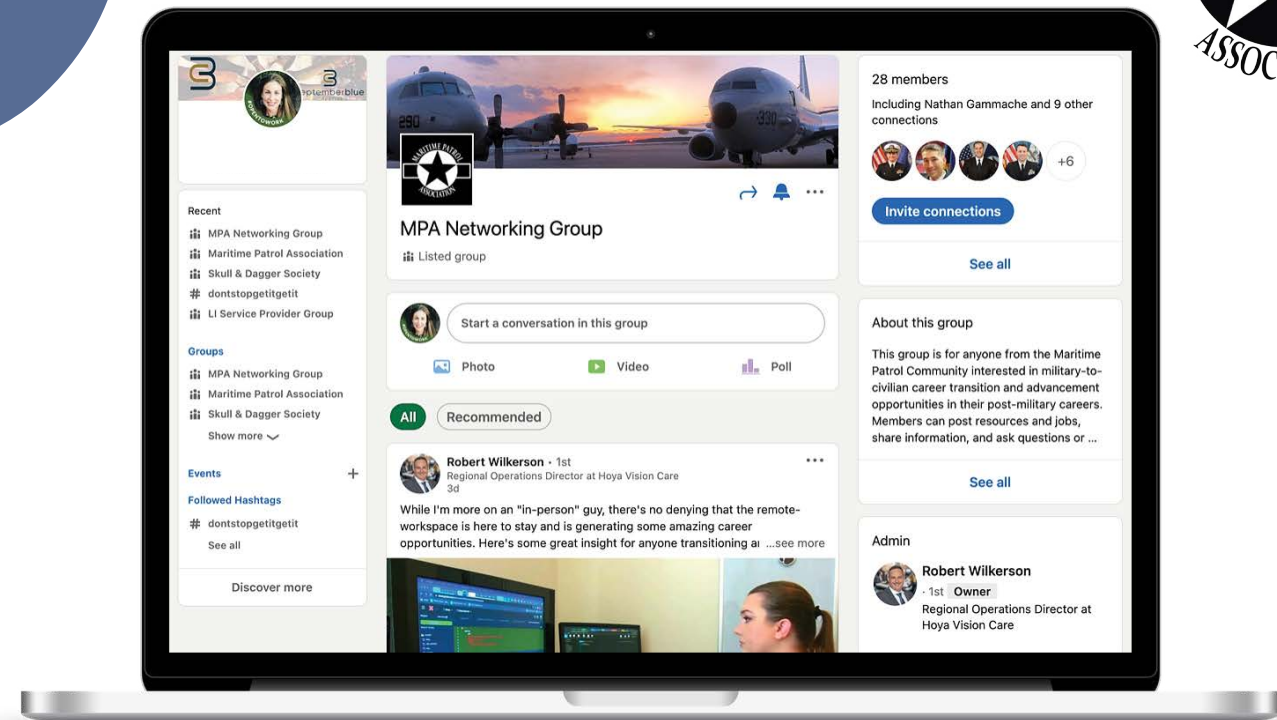


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In the News

Northrop Delivers First IFC-4 Triton Signals Intel UAV to US Navy



Northrop Grumman has delivered to the US Navy (USN) the first production example of the IFC-4 Triton, an up-graded MQ-4C that includes signals intelligence payloads.

The unmanned air vehicle (UAV) was delivered on 1 February to Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Maryland, the company says on 2 February. Northrop Grumman builds the MQ-4C in Palmdale, California.

The USN is replacing its aging fleet of 16 Lockheed EP-3 Aries turboprop signal intelligence aircraft with the IFC-4 increment of the MQ-4C. The Aries is based on the Lockheed P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft. The UAV's sensors sniff out an adversary's electronic signals, and then its crew of 24 analyses and distributes its findings to the rest of the fleet.

Signals intelligence often involves the interception of communications or the detection of electronic emissions, such as radio waves from a radar system. Deciphering signals intelligence – and thus an enemy's plans and location – can give a military an edge in battle.

The MQ-4C has a much longer flight endurance and operating altitude compared to the manned EP-3. The UAV can fly for more than 24h, has an operational range

of 8,200nm (15,200km) and at altitudes greater than 53,000ft.

In addition to its signals intelligence work, the IFC-4 can use its electro-optical infrared camera and radar to conduct maritime intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance patrols, search and rescue and communications relay missions.

The MQ-4C is based on the US Air Force's RQ-4 Global Hawk. It has received enhancements for maritime operations, including a reinforced airframe for a greater internal payload and a stronger wing for hail, bird strike and gust load protection. It also has de-icing and lightning protection systems.

Though it typically operates at high altitudes, the UAV's robust build allows it to descend through corrosive maritime weather, closer to the ocean, where it can get a closer look at ships and submarines. The Triton works in coordination with the USN's Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft.



By Garrett Reim, Flight Global, February 2, 2022

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In the News



Boeing Rolls Out First P-8A for South Korea, to Be Delivered Next Year

Boeing has rolled out its first P-8A Poseidon multi-mission maritime aircraft for South Korea. The Korean Navy currently uses 6 P-3Cs and P-3CKs and will replace them with the new aircraft in 2030.

The US State Department approved the sale of six P-8As to South Korea for an estimated \$2.1 billion in September 2018.

The maritime aircraft — with more than 140 in service — is currently used by countries including Germany, the United States, Australia, India, the United Kingdom, Norway, and New Zealand.

About the P-8A

The P-8A is a long-range, multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft capable of broad-area maritime and littoral operations. It can fly up to an altitude of 41,000 feet (12.5 kilometers) at a speed up to 490 knots (907 kilometers/563 miles per hour).

A military version of the Boeing commercial 737, the Poseidon combines superior performance and reliability with an advanced mission system.

It features open mission system architecture and a high-bypass, turbo-fan jet engine.

The aircraft's weapon system has a bomb bay and pylons for weapons, two weapons stations on each wing, and can be armed with torpedoes, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, and other weapons.

As of November 2021, the aircraft has completed more than 400,000 accident-free flight hours.

Fitted with an in-flight refueling system, the Poseidon can be used for intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, humanitarian, and search and rescue missions. It can also be used in anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare.

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By Hanan Zaffar, The Defense Post, February 9, 2022



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It's impossible to tell
a wake from a wave.
Until it's not.



Stories of Service: Teacher Makes Sure Students at NAS Jax Know Their Stuff



ACKSONVILLE, Fla. — In this week's stories of service, First Coast News is visiting the P-8 Alpha School House at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. That's where service members straight out of boot camp learn about the big military planes.

Petty Officer First Class Daniel Mendez Mauricio knows the P-8 planes like the back of his hand, and he's making sure these students do too.

"We start pretty much with the basics," Mendez Mauricio said. "Just so they can get enough to walk around the aircraft safely."

Mendez Mauricio has been in the military for 15 years. He's an Orlando native, and a father of five.

"The smallest one is 8 months, a little girl," he said. "The oldest one is ten."

At the P8 Alpha School House, students get hands on experience. Mendez Mauricio says there's usually 90 to 110 students at a time.

"Some of these students come from home and have never seen an aircraft up close," Mendez Mauricio said. "Never touched a tool. So, we come here and just kind of familiarize them with the aircraft."

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By First Coast News, January 17, 2022

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VP-26 & Malaysian Armed Forces Conduct Maritime Training Activity

PENANG, Malaysia —The “Tridents” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 joined U.S. and Malaysian Armed Forces to conduct Maritime Training Activity (MTA) Malaysia 2021, Nov. 23. As a continuation of 27 years of maritime engagements between Malaysia and the U.S., MTA Malaysia 2021 is designed to enhance mutual capabilities in ensuring maritime security and stability within the Indo-Pacific region.

“The ultimate goal for this exercise is to continue to deepen our security relationship with Malaysia,” said Lt. Cmdr. Christi Morrissey, VP-26 mission commander and the detachment officer in charge. “Through increased cooperation between U.S. and Royal Malaysian naval forces, we are able to enhance our at-sea maritime interoperability. This exercise also allows us to build and strengthen personal relationships with our counterparts in the Malaysian Armed Forces, improving our ability to operate safely and effectively with the Royal Malaysian Navy and Royal Malaysian Air Force.”

This year, MTA Malaysia resumed with safety mitigation measures after being cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The exercise featured hundreds of Sailors and Airmen from both nations participating in eight days of at-sea, onshore and virtual training and subject matter expert exchanges designed to enhance naval interoperability. During the exercise, Trident aircrew executed missions in support of visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS), air defense exercises, search and rescue operations, and other maritime patrol operations.

The Trident aircrew conducted flights near the Strait of Malacca to demonstrate the flight characteristics and capabilities of the P-8A, Nov. 28-30. Riders from the Royal Malaysian Navy were provided familiarization on the various systems onboard a P-8A aircraft. “The Malaysian teams that flew with us were very professional,” said Naval Aircrewman 2nd Class Nicklas Williams. “I truly enjoyed the opportunity to demonstrate some of the sensor capabilities of our aircraft.”

The Tridents were joined by numerous other U.S. assets participating in MTA Malaysia, including U.S. 7th Fleet and Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 7 staff, the Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Tulsa (LCS 16), Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, and an MH-60S assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 21.

Royal Malaysian Navy assets included Lekiu-class frigate KD Lekiu (FFG 30), Kasturi-class corvette KD Lekir (F 26), a CB90 fast assault craft and a Super Lynx 300 helicopter. In addition to the naval forces, the Royal Malaysian Air Force operated an F/A-18D Hornet in support of the exercise.

VP-26, based out of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, is currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theater outreach operations as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

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By Lt. Alex Williams, VP-26 Public Affairs



Photo courtesy of VP-26 Facebook page.

CTF-57 Hosts Director of Operations for US CENTCOM

5TH FLEET – Maj. Gen. Alexis G. Grynke-wich, director of operations for U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), Capt. James P. Johnston, commodore of Commander, Task Force (CTF) 57 and Capt. Dan D. Cochran, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAV-CENT) N3, accompanied Commander, Task Group (CTG) 57.2 on a Maritime Domain Awareness mission in the Arabian Gulf on Feb. 6, 2022. Prior to the flight Gen. Grynke-wich was welcomed aboard the P-8A Poseidon aircraft by Lt. Cmdr. Jorge A. Guilloty, a Patrol Squadron (VP) 16 Tactical Coordinator, and observed the flight crew executing their duties throughout the four hour mission.

"It was a pleasure to host Gen. Grynke-wich for a mission flight to showcase the P-8A capabilities, and the professionalism of the War Eagles and Golden Swordsmen main-tainer and aircrew team," said Capt. Johnston. "He got to witness firsthand the viable and versatile role the P-8A plays within the Maritime, Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) family of systems as it provides real-time information to help enable CENTCOM and NAVCENT Commanders to make informed decisions in this dynamic AOR."

The crew conducted air-to-air refueling with a KC-135 tanker aircraft and demonstrated a variety of capabilities during the mission.

"We seek out and value opportunities like this one to host decision makers in our aircraft because it provides a unique perspective of the operational and tactical context of the battlespace," said Capt. Johnston. "Our aircrews are motivated to do their part in support of the Naval and Joint Force mission set. I could not be more proud of the team."

CTG 57.2 is comprised of personnel from the "War Eagles" of VP-16 in Jacksonville, Fla., and the "Golden Swordsmen" of VP-47 in Whidbey Island, Wash. CTF 57 aircrafts conduct missions in support of maritime operations to ensure stability and security from the Mediterranean Sea to the western Indian Ocean, encompassing three continents and multiple strategic chokepoints to ensure the free flow of commerce in the region.



By CTF-57 Public Affairs



TOP: U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS (Feb. 8, 2022) Maj. Gen. Alexis G. Grynke-wich, assigned to U.S. Central Command, looks out the window of a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, attached to the "War Eagles" of Patrol Squadron 16, deployed with Commander, Task Force (CTF) 57 in the 5th Fleet area of operations, Feb. 6. CTF 57 aircraft conduct missions in support of maritime operations to ensure stability, security, and the free flow of commerce in the Central Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt.j.g. Cameron C. Young)

BOTTOM: U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS (Feb. 8, 2022) Capt. James Johnston, commodore of Commander, Task Force (CTF) 57, briefs visitors aboard a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, attached to the "War Eagles" of Patrol Squadron 16, deployed with CTF 57 in the 5th Fleet area of operations, Feb. 6. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt.j.g. Cameron C. Young)

Sea Dragon 2022

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM
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ANDERSEN AFB, Guam (Jan. 21, 2020) – The U.S. Navy and its maritime partners wrapped up operations for the multilateral exercise Sea Dragon 2022, Jan 20.

Personnel from the United States and five partner and allied nations gathered at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam to participate in the fourth annual Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) training exercise, Jan. 5-20.

Top-performing combat aircrews from the Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, Republic of Korea Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, and Indian Navy were invited from around the world to join the U.S. Navy in a showcase of exceptional ASW talent. The exercise was an opportunity for each country to hone tactics, expand allied and partner interoperability, and engage in friendly competition and camaraderie.

The “Tridents” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 sent two combat aircrews to operate alongside their international counterparts to strengthen ASW coordination amongst partners. Over the course of the exercise, VP-26 completed 12 ASW missions totaling over 45 flight hours and earned the “Sniper” award for the most accurate torpedo attack. The Tridents also placed a close runner-up in the overall competition to the reigning “Dragon Belt” champions, the Royal Canadian Air Force.

“It was great to see partner nations come together for this exercise,” said Lt. Kevin Niles, the detachment Assistant Officer in Charge. “Integrating multiple platforms presents complexities we don’t typically see when operating with other U.S. aircrews. Being able to coordinate in real-time and exercise turnover procedures enabled us to overcome challenges encountered on station, instilling confidence in our ability to safely and effectively conduct combined ASW operations with our partners and allies.”

Niles also said the exercise was very successful in increasing the level of lethality among all participants and improving each nation’s ability to prosecute future adversaries.

Numerous maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft participated in this exercise. The United States Navy, Royal Australian Air Force, and Indian Navy all showcased their variants of the P-8A Poseidon aircraft. The Republic of Korea and the Royal Canadian Air Force participated with the P-3C and CP-140 Aurora, while the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force operated the P-1.

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By VP-26 Public Affairs



Photo courtesy of VP-26 Facebook page.



VP-1 Operating Forward Globally

SIGONELLA, Sicily – The Fleet's Finest of Patrol Squadron ONE are approaching the end of a productive and challenging deployment to both US Sixth Fleet and US Fourth Fleet Areas of Operation. Starting from October, VP-1 deployed multiple crews to both Comalapa, El Salvador and NAS Sigonella, Italy in addition to multiple detachment sites spanning the continents of Europe and Africa. The detachments included sites in Portugal, Spain, Greece, Iceland, and Ghana. Adapting to the intricacies of a multi-site operational deployment provided an opportunity for mission commanders to exercise leadership and independence during operations away from the hub.

Combat Aircrews Five, Seven, and Twelve distinguished themselves in El Salvador while participating in Operation Martillo, a major multinational anti-drug operation that aims to combat drug trafficking and bolster regional stability throughout Central America. The P-8A Poseidon proved to be an inherently useful asset for US Fourth Fleet with its high speed and endurance ameliorating ISR operations against drug runners. From October through January, VP-1 in coordination with the US Coast Guard seized over 4,500 kilograms of cocaine at a street value of over 325 million dollars. Under the direction of the Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATF-S) based in Key West, VP-1 crews, aircraft, and maintainers directly enhanced the security of the region and the counter-proliferation of dangerous narcotics.

Meanwhile, over in Europe, VP-1 integrated into US Sixth Fleet as part of Task Force 67, supporting carrier operations, exercises with allied nations, and real-world missions. Of note was a freedom of navigation transit into the Black Sea by the Sixth Fleet command ship, USS Mount Whitney. VP-1 supported this patrol by providing intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for the Mount Whitney as part of Operation Castle Forge, reaffirming our commitment to our NATO allies amidst a turbulent geopolitical landscape. Down in the Mediterranean, P-8s from VP-1 maintained a common operational picture for the Harry S. Truman Strike Group, while increasing operability with partner nations.

On the exercise front, the squadron took part in a number of multinational exercises designed to strengthen partnerships between participating nations to promote interoperability during times of both peace and conflict. One such exercise was Grand African Nemo, an initiative spearheaded by France to foster collaboration between the militaries of West Africa. A crew from VP-1 brought the P-8's maritime patrol capabilities to bear, displaying the capabilities of the platform while also forging diplo-

matic ties with countries in West Africa including Ghana. Another such exercise was POLARIS 21, also hosted by the French. For POLARIS, the French mobilized large portions of their military to prepare for a high-intensity engagement with a peer competitor. VP-1 played the part of friendly coalition forces in this laboratory for modern air-sea combat, contributing to the preparedness of French forces against a credible opposition force.

The entire deployment fell against the backdrop of sweeping Russian military buildup and looming concerns of an invasion of Ukraine; both this and the persistent threat of COVID-19 to the fleet served to add complexity to an already high operational tempo. VP-1's sailors will continue to adroitly meet any challenges head-on until their homecoming in mid-April.

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By LTJG S. S. Arakali, VP-1 Public Affairs



P-8 Poseidon from VP-1 sits ready on the flight line at Keflavik International Airport under the shimmering resplendence of the Icelandic Northern Lights (Photo: LT Rudiger)

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An aircraft from Patrol Squadron ONE begins its approach into the pastoral islands of the Azores, home to Lajes Air Base which was one of the many detachment sites of the deployment (Photo: LT Rudiger)



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Many years ago, the VP-45 alumni association made 145 of these framed pictures showing an Orion in all its glory. AVCM Jim Cole requested that his copy be gifted to the squadron upon his passing and it is with great honor that we accept this tremendous gift and will be sure to display it proudly.

It is presented by Doug Mitchell, the President of the alumni association.

Courtesy of VP-45 Facebook Page

Community

Pelicans Carry Out Cold Weather Prep

Patrol Squadron Four Five traveled to Bangor, Maine in early February to carry out cold weather operations in preparation for future operations. Daytime temperatures reaching 15 degrees Fahrenheit presented a unique set of challenges not normally experienced in VP-45's home in Jacksonville. Simple actions such as traveling to the aircraft and basic airport services required more planning and preparation. Traveling to Bangor also allowed for the opportunity to meet with a local NRTOC unit.

Upon arriving in Bangor, VP-45 was met by CDR Glenn Pierce, the Executive Officer of NROTC Unit Maine Maritime Academy and approximately 15 midshipmen.

"I would like to express my appreciation for VP-45 and the aircrew that has taken time to illustrate the purpose and function of this fleet bird to these midshipmen. It is a great privilege for us to be able to speak with fleet aviators about their careers and for the midshipmen to learn from those on the front lines" said CDR Pierce. The VP-45 crew, a mix of

Naval Flight Officers, and Electronic Warfare Operators spoke with the midshipmen about the MPRA community and the path to each of their respective roles.

"The team aspect of the P8 is amazing and I really like the idea of working together with a crew to accomplish the mission" stated Midshipman Peyton. Many of the midshipmen were already slated for certain careers such as Midshipmen McCarthy,

"I am Surface Warfare (SWO) so it's such a unique opportunity to be able to see another aspect of the Navy".

LT Hardin, a VP-45 aviator who organized the operation, commented "this journey into the cold has allowed us to better understand the nuances and planning that will be required of us. It is important to practice how we fight so that when we are called upon we are ready and prepared to execute the mission with the effectiveness and competency that this country demands."

★
By VP-45 Public Affairs



Photos courtesy of VP-45 Facebook page.

VP-26 Tridents, Royal Australian Forces Conduct Bilateral Training

DARWIN, Australia (Dec. 17, 2021) - The "Tridents" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 concluded bilateral training in the Indian Ocean with the Australian Defence Force Dec. 19, designed to develop a range of combined military capabilities and deepen diplomatic, security, and defense cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Tridents executed a 6-day training mission in support of anti-submarine warfare (ASW), maritime domain awareness (MDA), air defense tactics, and other maritime patrol operations. Throughout these flights, the aircrew tested and incorporated multiple tactical initiatives in order to deepen cooperation of mutual defense capabilities.

"Having the opportunity to operate out of the Northern Territory, especially during a global pandemic, has shown the resiliency and strength that exists between both partners," said Lt. Tyler Tripoli, VP-26 mission commander and the detachment officer-in-charge.

"This training has put theory to action, not only with operating during an international border lockdown, but also while pushing the boundaries of advanced tactics, allowing for the enhancement of our mutual capabilities throughout the training."

In preparation for the training, both nations conducted onshore training and subject matter expert exchanges designed to enhance interoperability.

"The Australian support team has done an exceptional job providing everything we need to operate and having discussions on similarities and differences in our equipment," said Aviation Structural Mechanic Chief Derek Morris. "It has been extremely beneficial for future operations."

The Tridents trained alongside numerous U.S. and ally units, including Carrier Strike Group 1, Commander Destroyer Squadron 1, Carrier Air Wing 2, USS Lake Champlain (CG-57), and Helicopter Maritime Strike (HSM) 78. Royal Australian Navy assets included an Anzac-class frigate HMAS Warramunga (FFH 152), and a Collins-class submarine.

In addition to the naval forces, Royal Australian Air Force No. 92 Wing contributed a P-8A Poseidon and the No. 13



Squadron provided ground support for VP-26.

VP-26, based out of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, is currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theater outreach operations as a part of rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

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Lt. Alexander Williams, VP-26 Public Affairs

VP-26 Rescues Vessel Adrift in Micronesia

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – On Nov. 11, crewmembers assigned to the "Tridents" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 rescued six mariners from the Federated States of Micronesia whose vessel was adrift in the South Pacific for eight days without power.

The 23-foot skiff was first reported missing Nov. 3 after it lost power and was overdue near Oneop Atoll, Chuuk State in the Federated States of Micronesia. The crew of FSS Micronesia, multiple Coast Guard assets and local civilian volunteers searched for the vessel for several days before requesting assistance from the U.S. Navy.

The "Trident" aircrew and maintenance team were tasked to support the search and rescue (SAR) mission, responding on short notice traveling from Kadena Air Base, Japan to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. VP-26 operates the Navy's newest maritime patrol aircraft, the P-8A Poseidon, which is equipped with an advanced APY-10 multifunction radar, MX-20 camera system, and other systems which make it ideal for detecting a small vessel. The disabled vessel was located after almost four days of searching the open ocean by utilizing the advanced radar and sensors to their maximum capacity.

Upon location, the aircrew elected to deploy a UNI-PAC II SAR kit in order to provide the occupants with necessary supplies for survival and location. The SAR kit includes medical supplies, food, water, shelter and sig-

naling equipment, but can be configured with additional supplies depending on the mission type.

The six survivors were subsequently rescued by the FSS Micronesia after being located by the Trident aircrew.

"It was incredibly rewarding to be able to help save six lives and ensure they made it home safely to their families and friends," said Lt. Alex Shaffer, mission commander and aircraft commander of the VP-26 aircrew.

"We once again successfully demonstrated the capability of the Maritime Patrol Reconnaissance Aircraft community to react quickly and effectively to operational requirements in the farthest corners of the globe. None of this could have been possible without the tireless effort and support from the maintenance crew, aircrew, combat support crew, and partners on station."

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Patrol Squadron 45 Completes Indo-Pacific Deployment

NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, Florida (Oct. 4, 2021) – “The World Famous Pelicans” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 returned to Naval Air Station Jacksonville Oct. 4, following a six-month deployment to the 7th Fleet area of operations.

VP-45, consisting of 304 personnel and seven P-8A Poseidon (P-8A) aircraft, deployed to Kadena Air Base, Japan in May 2021 and assumed command of Task Force 72.2, which is responsible for conducting Anti-Submarine Warfare, Theatre Security Cooperation, and Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance operations in 7th Fleet.

The deployment was led by the squadron’s Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Charles Larwood and Cmdr. Seth Eisenmenger, the executive officer at the time, who ‘fleeted up’ as CO during the deployment.

“VP-45 is no stranger to the Pacific or the Geo Political intricacies of the region”, said Eisenmenger. “We proudly represented American values in the region and reinforced the importance of international law through operations that ensured freedom of movement in the maritime domain. It is inspiring that we not only provided regional stability but had a positive impact on the global stage.”

VP-45, often referred to as “The World Famous Pelicans”, was an essential asset in 7th Fleet, accomplishing over 440 sorties, totaling 2,750 flight hours, leading to increased cooperation with our partners and providing a forward presence which ensured a free and open Indo-Pacific. Equipped with the Advanced Airborne Sensor, they provided a unique product that is highly valued within and outside of the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community.

Significant joint training occurred on June 4th, when the Pelicans hosted members of the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team, who conducted training to familiarize themselves with the P-8A Poseidon’s weapons systems and aircraft hazards.

On June 7th, VP-45 held its 79th change of command ceremony, during which Eisenmenger relieved Larwood as commanding officer and Cmdr. Stephen Bruner became the new executive officer.

“My first impressions of VP-45 were that everyone on the team displayed refreshing, well-placed pride—pride in

the mission, and pride in each other,” said Bruner. “The genuine care and ownership I observed in VP-45 immediately put me at ease, and I knew then that even with the burdens of deployment, COVID, and dynamic tasking, the Pelican team would not let the mission or each other fail.”

As to highlight the dynamic and fast-paced environment, VP-45 conducted a search and rescue mission on the same day as the change of command, which resulted in the successful rescue of a lost mariner.

On July 14th, VP-45 joined Talisman Sabre, a large-scale, bilateral military exercise between Australia and the U.S. involving more than 17,000 participants from seven nations. The biennial event is designed to strengthen relationships and interoperability with allies and partners as well as enhance the U.S. military’s ability to address the full range of potential security concerns in the Indo-Pacific.

The next major milestone was the 25th iteration of Malabar, an exercise off the coast of Guam. Beginning August 24th, its primary focus was on advanced maritime tactics as well as improved interoperability between the four major naval forces in the Indo-Pacific region, the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Indian Navy (IN), and the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF). Participation in exercises such as Malabar are critical for the U.S. and its allies to maintain and improve a united maritime front.

Throughout the entirety of its deployment, VP-45 continued to execute missions that were critical to America and its allies’ interests. This included conducting 52 live weapon carries, dropping 4,250 sonobuoys, and receiving over 1.5 million pounds of gas in air-to-air refueling.

Operating out of nine different detachments required a dedicated maintenance department. VP-45’s pivotal role in 7th Fleet could not be accomplished without the 88,844 maintenance hours from 164 Sailors who worked endlessly to ensure the aircrews were able to accomplish missions on station.

As VP-45 returns home and the Sailors reunite with their loved ones they will take a moment to reconnect and become acclimated. Eisenmenger considered the squadron’s new priorities for home cycle.

“Transitioning from the operational tempo of a deploy-



ment into a work up cycle does have its challenges but this team has built a solid plan to meet the requirements,” said Eisenmenger. “Once the team returns from some well-deserved time off, our focus returns to building the combat force ready to execute our Nation’s needs.”

Bruner looked to the future, bearing in mind the lessons of this deployment.

“We continue to take care of each other while we re-build the next deploying maintenance and aircrew teams that will honor and swell the winning Pelican reputation,” Bruner said.

Bruner also highlighted the ‘Pelican pride’ as the core of each Sailor of VP-45, which he says represents the perseverance and unequivocal devotion to duty that the Sailors display and allows VP-45 to be the best patrol squadron in the United States Navy.

“I’m most proud of the dedicated VP-45 Sailors, who, together, consistently muster the pride and put forth the effort to win—no matter the conditions or complexity,” said Bruner. “The Pelican Sailors bring it, always. They are the strong foundation of the squadron and reliably deliver superhuman results every single day.”

Eisenmenger is looking to the future and says his Sailors are the key to continuing a great tradition.

“The Pelicans have a long standing history of operational excellence and the team we have now whole heartedly embraces this legacy and continues to hold the standard,” he said.



By Lt.j.g. Kyle Hering, VP-45 Public Affairs

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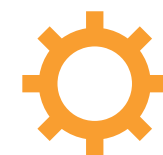
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VP Images Around the Globe



The TOC and MTOC team put in a good days work! The team all worked together and got a lot accomplished! Go Sharks! Photos courtesy of CTF-57 Facebook page.



LT Walker, LT Pollenz, and LTJG Rogerson recently took to the sky aboard the mighty P-8A Poseidon on a pilot proficiency flight. Photos courtesy of VP-8 Facebook page.

Shout out to our Sailors for keeping our mighty P-8A Poseidon aircraft in warfighting condition!! Bravo Zulu Eagles!!
(Photo courtesy of VP-1)



February 21 - VQ-1 and CPRW-10 hosted VQ-81 of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force. Increased unit interoperability and building relationships between the United States and Japan will continue to drive future interactions. (Photos courtesy of CPRW-10)



MQ-4C assigned to Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP) 19 arrives at Naval Station Mayport following a successful initial deployment in the Pacific. Big Red, thank you for the hard work! Click the link in our bio for the full story! #flynavy (Photo courtesy CPRW-11)



CAPT Daniel A. Roman relieved CAPT Matthew T. Pottenburgh as Commodore of Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven (CPRW 11) on December 3, 2021 in Jacksonville, FL. Big Red and following seas to CAPT Pottenburgh, GRIFN58. Congratulations to CAPT Roman, GRIFN59! (Photo courtesy of CPRW-11)



Cmdr. Matthew Griffin was relieved by Cmdr. Josh McLaughlin as commanding officer of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Weapons School (MPRWS) during a Change of Command ceremony December 9, 2021 onboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville. (Photo courtesy of MPRWS)



BRAVO ZULU to the combined CPRW-11 and VP-30 Airframer Team who have been renovating our P-3C static display aircraft on board NAS Jacksonville! (Photo courtesy of CPRW-11)



No matter the location, the War Eagles always come together as a family. 5th Fleet celebrated with a brunch and a surprise visit from Skipper Campbell. 6th Fleet celebrated by coming together for a Holiday Party. Thank you to everyone involved who made our Holiday gatherings possible! Photo courtesy of VP-16 Facebook page.



Happy New Year from Team Trident!
We've topped off our tanks and are ready to soar into 2022! We wish you a healthy, safe, and prosperous year.
Photo courtesy VP-26 Facebook page.



The mission never stops, and sometimes neither does the weather. To our squadron mates up in Misawa, stay safe, warm, and we will see you soon.
Snow on the flight line at Naval Air Facility Misawa, Feb. 17, 2022.
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Photo courtesy VP-47 Facebook page.



Aircrew assigned to Commander, Task Group (CTG) 57.2 pose with members of the United Kingdom Maritime Component Command (UKMCC) following an information, surveillance, and reconnaissance mission in the 5th Fleet area of operations.Photo courtesy VP-16 Facebook page.



U.S. Sailors provide ground support to P-8A Poseidon assigned to the "Golden Swordsmen" of Patrol Squadron FOUR SEVEN (VP-47), at Naval Air Facility Atsugi. Photo courtesy of VP-47 Facebook page.



The Screaming Eagles continue to achieve excellence across all det sites. Each site brings a unique set of challenges. Our Sailors have demonstrated their adaptability and proved why we are the Fleet's Finest. Courtesy VP-1 Facebook page.



The Mad Fox ordnance team loading Mk 62 Mines onto the P-8A Poseidon! No Fox Like A Mad Fox! Photo courtesy of VP-5 Facebook page.



It felt great coming together for this year's Turkey Burn. Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible! BREATHE FIRE!!! Photo courtesy of VP-4 Facebook page.

Skipper Campbell visited our detachment site in Lajes last month to recognize Sailors for their outstanding work while on deployment. Great work War Eagles! Photo courtesy of VP-16 Facebook page.



ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (Jan. 19, 2022) – Capt. Jim Imlah, Deputy Commodore of Task Force 72 and Cmdr. Michiyama, JMSDF Officer-in-Charge of VP-3 detachment pose for a photo after an Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise flight during Sea Dragon 22. Sea Dragon is a U.S.-led, multi-national exercise designed to practice and discuss Anti-submarine Warfare tactics to operate together in response to traditional and non-traditional maritime security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. VP-47 conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theater outreach operations as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Adam Baker.)



VP-47's "Golden Swordsmen" and VP-16's "War Eagles" took Royal Navy personnel assigned to HMS Montrose (F 236) on a familiarization flight aboard a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft, Nov. 18. Montrose crewmembers were able to see, from a bird's-eye view, how we support coalition maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations. Patrol Squadrons VP-47 and VP-16 are conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance in multiple theaters and detachment sites as part of our rotational deployment cycles across the globe. Photo courtesy of VP-47 Facebook page.⁵¹



It's a winter wonderland here on Whidbey Island, but the Fighting Marlins are continuing to work as safely as circumstances allow! We want to send a special thank you to Patrol Squadron NINE for extending their HLD to account for Whidbey's winter weather. Photo courtesy of VP-40 Facebook page.



There's no such thing as a lie-in for our Sub-Hunting teams who are up at all hours ready to #ProtectTheSeas of the United Kingdom A big thank you to Simon Hall who managed to catch our Poseidon's doing their best shark impressions in the early morning mist recently! Photo courtesy RAF Lossiemouth Facebook page.



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Okinawa (Feb. 6, 2022) A U.S. Marine assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 165 (Reinforced), 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, breaks down a fuel pump after refueling a P-8A Poseidon attached to Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, in support of Exercise Noble Fusion, Feb. 5, 2022. Noble Fusion demonstrates that Navy and Marine Corps forward-deployed, stand-in naval expeditionary forces can rapidly aggregate Marine Expeditionary Unit/Amphibious Ready Group teams at sea, along with a carrier strike group, as well as other joint force elements and allies, in order to conduct lethal sea-denial operations, seize key maritime terrain, guarantee freedom of movement, and create advantage for U.S., partner, and allied forces. Naval expeditionary forces conduct training throughout the year, in the Indo-Pacific, to maintain readiness. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Israel Chincio)



VP-46 Flight Ops.
Photo courtesy of Vp-46.



NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI, Japan (Feb. 20, 2022) – Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class Nathaniel Anderson, assigned to the "Golden Swordsmen" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, directs a P-8A Poseidon on the flight line at Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi, Japan, Feb. 20, 2022. VP-47 is currently deployed to NAF Misawa, Japan conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandon J. Vinson)

Two P-8A Poseidons, assigned to the "Golden Swordsmen" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, sit on the flightline at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan. VP-47 is currently deployed to Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within the U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandon J. Vinson)



CAMP LEMONNIER, Djibouti (Feb. 3, 2022) – The "Golden Swordsmen" of U.S. Navy Patrol Squadron 47, currently deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti (CLDJ) gather for a group photo in front of a P-8A Poseidon assigned to the unit. CLDJ serves as an expeditionary base for U.S. military forces providing support to ships, aircraft and personnel that ensure security throughout Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia. The base enables maritime and combat operations in the Horn of Africa while fostering positive U.S.-Africa relations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jonathan Word)

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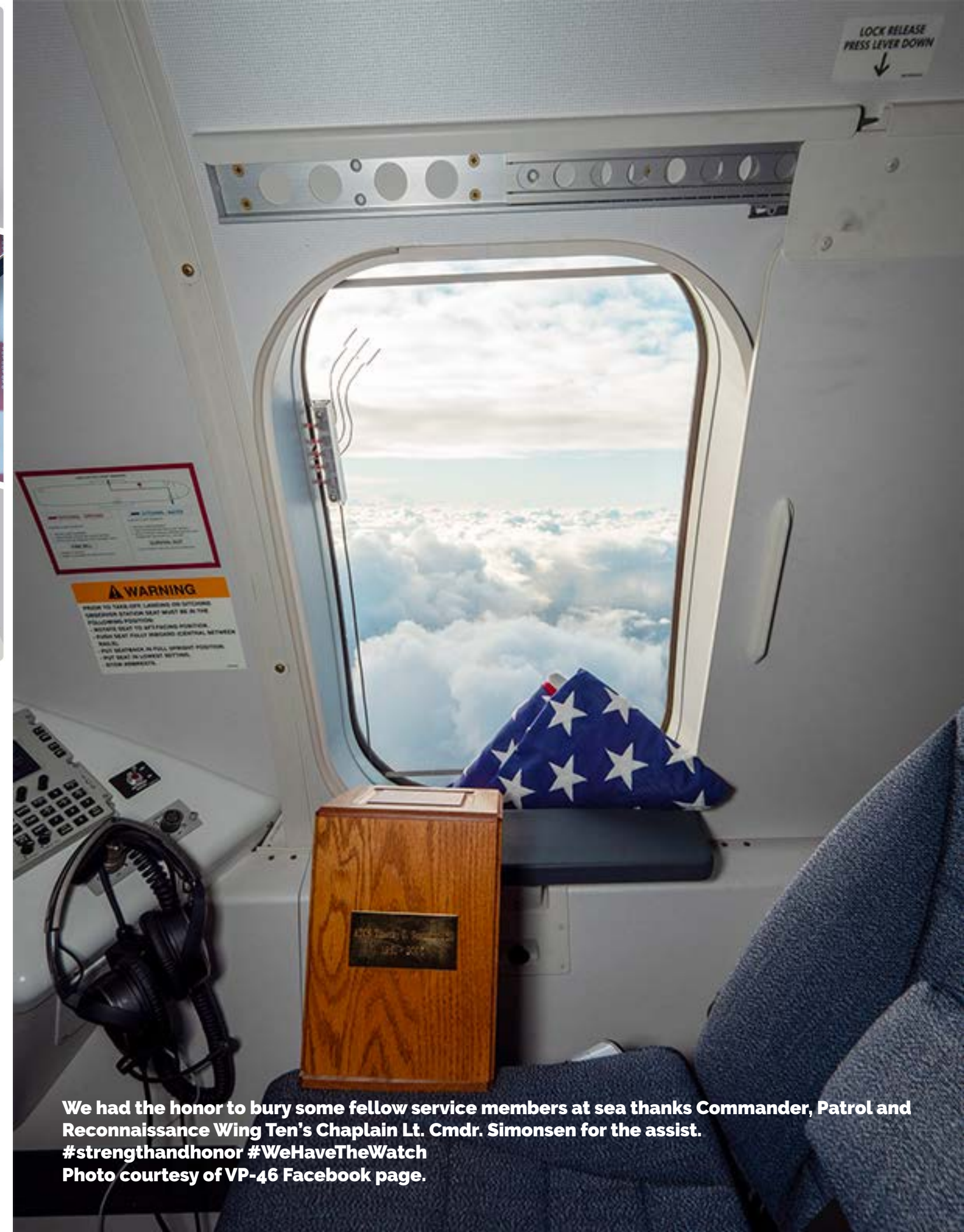
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Photo courtesy of VP-46 Facebook page.

Of Interest

Once a Golden Eagle, Always a Golden Eagle

VP-9 had the privilege and honor of meeting Commander Robert M. Burke this past November. Commander Burke was born in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, California in 1931. He attended the University of San Francisco and graduated in June of 1953. Although he originally received orders to join the Army, he said, "I can do better." He went to the recruiter and Pensacola, Florida to start flight training. On April 26, 1955, he completed Aviation Training and received his Wings of Gold.

Commander Burke is 'one of our own' and served in VP-9 from July 1955 to December 1957. Later in his career, he became the Officer-in-Charge of Naval Air Maintenance Detachment Whidbey Island and then became the Executive Officer of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in 1979. He retired from the Navy after 28 years of service and decided to stay in Whidbey Island. When asked about his greatest accomplishment, he said, "Getting into a cockpit was my dream, and I wanted to stay there as long as possible." He accumulated over 9,700 flight hours in the Navy, an impressive achievement.

Commander Burke is neighbors with Senior Chief Meadows, who heard of the Commander's desire to one day return to VP-9 and visit the squadron. After careful planning and coordination, we were able to surprise Commander Burke with just that. The Commander was able to experience the new simulators that current aviators train in and, following a brief familiarization, took the controls. At 90 years old he was able to log two hours of simulator flight time and successfully completed three approaches and two landings. Following the simulator, he was joined by family and friends on the flight line and took a tour of a VP-9 P-8A Poseidon. He was met by the Skipper of VP-9, Commander Branden K. Woods, and learned all about the current status of the squadron while reminiscing about his days in VP-9. Commander Woods commented, "I appreciate the unique opportunity I had to meet Commander Burke. Welcoming him back to our squadron and showing him the legacy he left in VP-9 was fulfilling."

In a follow-up interview he bestowed some wisdom and advice to the Junior Officers in our squadron, "Keep your nose to the grindstone, do your best work, and you will see the best results out of it." Commander Burke also expressed his gratitude towards VP-9 and everyone who helped make this day possible for him. "The recognition from Skipper and the command really touched my heart. I did not expect such a recognition and appreciate it," he said.

VP-9 would like to thank Commander Burke for his service and time in the Navy, and more specifically, for his time as a Golden Eagle. The members of VP-9 continue to serve our great country and remain honored to fly, fight, and lead, following in the footsteps of all the Golden Eagles before us.



By LTJG Heni, Patrol Squadron NINE



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