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## Cover Photo

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska (Sept. 23, 2022) – Cdr. James Reeves, Executive Officer of the 'Fighting Tigers', Patrol Squadron (VP) EIGHT, discusses features of the P-8A Poseidon with members of the U.S. Air Force on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Sept. 23, 2022. VP-8 is currently deployed to NAF Misawa, 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. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandon J. Vinson/Released)





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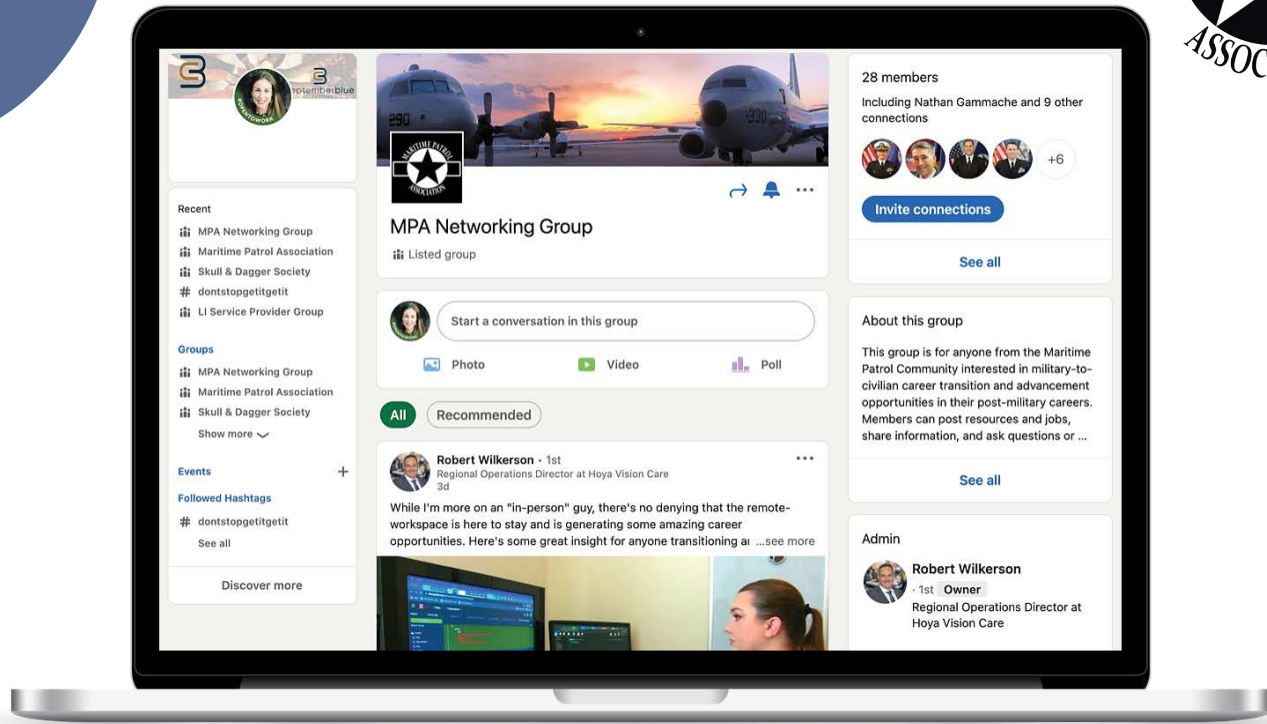
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# Checking on Station



Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Warriors Past and Present,

It is my honor to "check on-station" as the 40th Commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Group / Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Pacific. We owe a debt of gratitude to RDML Lance Scott for his outstanding leadership of the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) over the past two years. Admiral Scott expertly led the community through an unprecedented transformation that included the transition of the final P-3C squadron to the P-8A Poseidon and the Fleet introduction of the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aerial System (UAS). His focus on lethality, agility, and professionalism set us on the proper course and I extend the appreciation of the entire Force for his and Elizabeth's 31 years of service to the Navy and the Maritime Patrol community.



It is an exciting time of transformation for the MPRF community and I am inspired by the progress we have made since I left VP-30 three years ago. Not surprisingly, P-8A production has continued on plan with the delivery of the Navy's 115th P-8A this month. We have 13 more jets under contract for Fleet delivery over the next few years with efforts to

fund more jets to bring us to the 138 required. P-8A inventory objectives allows us to fully outfit the Fleet and begin to recapitalize both our reserve squadrons, VP-62 and VP-69. Maintaining a strategic reserve, along with commonality of aircraft among MPRA international partners, significantly increases our combat effectiveness at a time when numbers matter and is a force multiplier.

As the Nation's long range, broad area search, cue to kill, Air ASW platform, the P-8A can extend its considerable reach even further with Air-to-Air refueling (AAR). We hit an important milestone this year by completing the introduction of AAR to the entire Fleet. In addition to the KC-135, we are now tanking with the new KC-46 Pegasus further cementing relationships with Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force. Achieving yet another milestone in our transformation, we will soon wrap up the first MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) deployment to the Pacific. We will apply our lessons learned to the new Triton Multi-INT variant, which will soon debut on the VUP-19 flight-line. VUP-19, or "Big Red," is the Navy's first UAV squadron and is paving the way for autonomous aircraft across the Naval Aviation Enterprise. Possessing the most operational experience of any U.S Navy UAV squadron, they are quickly developing the tactics, techniques and procedures that will turn the tide when they deploy again next year.

It should come as no surprise that the ongoing surge in Strategic Competition has resulted in even greater demand for MPRF capability, which has in turn emphasized the need to operate seamlessly with our allies around the world. Over the last year we have operated from the same cold war bases that many of you are familiar with. Channeling my Navy War College days, and to paraphrase Sun Tzu, access to allied basing and resupply points are key to winning the high-end fight. Exercising those relationships and processes now is the best way to ensure victory later.

As we write the next chapter of MPRF transformation, we must maintain the delicate balance and deliberate application of available resources to ensure the Force remains ready to meet global demand

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Until then, I wish you the very best as we continue to Fly, Fight, Lead and Win!  
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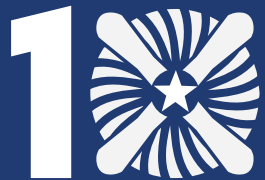
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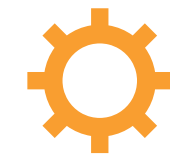
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# In the News

## Patrol Squadron Nine Participates in Farnborough Air Show

Showcasing the P-8A Poseidon to thousands of aviation enthusiasts from around the world, the Golden Eagles of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) recently had the opportunity to participate in the Farnborough International Airshow 2022 (FIA 2022) from July 18 to July 22. Globally renowned for unveiling cutting-edge aviation technologies in both the civilian and defense sectors, Farnborough attracted plenty of attention at its first in-person show since 2018. Along with the Combat Air Crew 8 (CAC-8) delegation sent from VP-9, over 80,000 visitors from 96 different countries were in attendance at this year's exhibition. Farnborough, located approximately 30 miles southwest of London in the United Kingdom, also played host to over 1,500 total exhibitors and 79 of the top 100 aerospace companies in the world at the 2018 show. Alongside the P-8A brought by VP-9, the Department of Defense was well represented by several aircraft, including the F-15, two F-16s, F-35, C-130, CH-47, and AH-64.

Acting as ambassadors for the P-8A and the MPRF (Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force), VP-9 played host to delegations from various nations and companies while giving them a tour and the insider's perspective on the P-8A. Among the various dignitaries hosted onboard the P-8A by VP-9 were Ambassador Ms. Jane Hartley (United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom), Air Lieutenant-Brigadier Carlos de Almeida Baptista Junior (Commander of the Brazilian Air Force), Major General Nancy Tremblay (Chief of Material Programs for the Royal Canadian Air Force), Mr. Euisun Chung (Chairman of Hyundai Motors), Ms. Kelli Seybolt (Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for International Affairs), Mr. James Hursch (Defense Security Cooperation Director), and Rear Admiral Anthony Rossi (Director of Navy International Programs), a former VP-9 pilot.

Of particular interest to both VP-9 and the entire MPRF, Brazil and Canada, longtime U.S. partners and Allies, are considering purchasing the Boeing P-8A, making this interaction with VP-9 that much more crucial. The P-8A would replace the venerable, but aging, Canadian CP-140 Aurora and give Canada the premier Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) aircraft in the world. Boeing has stated, "The P-8A offers a mature, proven, cost effective solution for rapidly delivering capability to secure Canada's northern and maritime approaches and ensure NATO, Allied, and coalition tactical and logistical interoperability." For Brazil, it would mean supplementing their fleet of P-3 Orion aircraft with the versatility and mission-effectiveness of the P-8A. Airshows, such as Farnborough, allow VP-9 and the U.S. MPRF to act as representatives of the Navy, and the U.S. as a whole, while showing their partners the agility and reliability of the P-8A.

Lieutenant (j.g.) David Jurbala of CAC-8 said of the event, "Having the opportunity to show off our plane to industry professionals, our military partners, and the public was a great reminder of the importance of what we do each day."

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By Lt. Joseph L. Reed III, VP-9 Public Affairs



**(ABOVE) Lieutenant Brian Kraus speaks to a contingent from Brazil about the P-8A. The Brazilian contingent was led by Air Lieutenant-Brigadier Carlos de Almeida Baptista Junior, Commander of the Brazilian Air Force. Brazil is currently considering purchasing the P-8A.**

**(BELOW) Lt. Nick Arnold and Petty Officer 1st Class Gary Wheaton with Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for International Affairs Ms. Kelli Seybolt aboard the P-8A.**





# Community

## Patrol Squadron Nine Participates in BALTOPS 2022 from Nordholz, Germany

Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) had the honor and distinction of representing the U.S. Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) while participating in the 51st Baltic Operations (BALTOPS 2022) at Nordholz, Germany. BALTOPS is one of the largest North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) exercises conducted annually in the European Theater. According to Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO (STRIKFORNATO), this 13 day exercise held from June 5, 2022 through June 17, 2022 featured 47 ships, 89 aircraft, and 7,000 personnel in the Baltic Sea, encompassing 16 NATO allies and partner nations. BALTOPS serves as a unique training opportunity to strengthen NATO's response to threats, assess the readiness and cohesion of our strategic relationships, and test the allied ability to handle complex and ever-changing joint operations.

Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Atakturk, VP-9's Officer in Charge (OIC) during the exercise, jumped at the opportunity to work with Germany, the maritime patrol host nation, and foster the already robust U.S.-German relationship. With proximity and access to both the Baltic and North Sea, Nordholz is a strategically important NATO airbase in northern Germany. It is also home to the German MPRF Marinefliegergeschwaders Three and Five (Naval Air Wings Three and Five) flying the venerable, but aging, P-3C Orion. This visit from the Golden Eagles of VP-9 not only represents the first allied forces Germany has hosted since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic back in 2019, but is also the first time the Boeing P-8A Poseidon has visited since the Germany Navy's announcement of their intent to purchase this state of the art aircraft.

Germany will be the eighth nation to purchase the modified 737-800 and join the ranks of the United States, Australia, India, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.

Seeking to hit the ground running upon arrival of their first P-8 in 2024, the Germans took special interest in learning how to support the operational requirements of the aircraft and the U.S. Navy enthusiastically delivered. Upon arrival at Nordholz, Germany on June 7, 2022, the Golden Eagles hosted a static display for the German Naval leadership. Notably Vice Adm. Frank Lenski, Commander in Chief of the German Fleet, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and his staff greeted the Golden Eagles on the ramp and learned about the future of their naval aviation program. A total of five static displays were hosted for groups ranging from German

P-3C aircrew to the Nordholz Fire and Rescue Command. "From ground service handling, to mission support, to air traffic control, our hosting allies from Nordholz were top-notch professionals. I cannot wait to see the German Navy operating alongside NATO allies in the versatile P-8 in the near future," stated Lt. Cmdr. Atakturk.

VP-9 took part in daily MPRF flights supporting BALTOPS 2022 with their sister squadron from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Patrol Squadron Forty Six (VP-46), the German P-3Cs, and the French Atlantique aircraft. Anti-submarine, anti-surface, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and maritime mining missions were executed from Germany, Iceland, and Sweden. The Golden Eagles hosted German pilots, flight officers, and aircrew on each of their flights, demonstrating the new tools and capabilities the P-8 will provide. Patrol Plane Commander, Lt. Jack Partlow mentioned, "BALTOPS 2022 was an incredible 'erfahrung' (German for experience), both by being able to meet and interact with our German hosts in Nordholz, Germany and also having successful and rewarding flights across the Baltic area of operation."

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# Community

## Chief of Naval Operations visits Patrol Squadron Nine in Keflavik, Iceland

The Golden Eagles of Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) had the distinct honor and privilege of hosting the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Michael M. Gilday, in Keflavik, Iceland on June 15, 2022. The Golden Eagles were joined in hosting Admiral Gilday by their sister squadron, Patrol Squadron Forty Six (VP-46) as well as the Tactical Operations Control Squadron TEN detachment, the MTOC-6 Samurai. Admiral Gilday toured the VP-9 detachment site in Keflavik as part of a multinational week-long trip to Sixth Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) in order to obtain a detailed look at the vital role that Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance (MPR), VP-9, and the P-8A Poseidon play in conducting Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), performing Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), enhancing regional stability, and promoting cooperative maritime safety with NATO partners in the high north.

VP-9 recognizes the storied history of the region and takes great pride in conducting operations out of Keflavik. Shortly after the end of the Second World War and throughout the height of the Cold War, Keflavik served as a strategically placed Naval Air Station to support NATO interests and maintain the Sea Lines of Communication in the Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom (GIUK) Gap. Iceland is a key NATO ally but unique in that it is the only NATO partner without a standing military. NAS Keflavik served to help provide defense of Iceland and was once home to various aircraft including the F-4E Phantom II, F-15 Eagle, E-3 Sentry, KC-135 Stratotanker, HC-130 Hercules, and the venerable P-3 Orion. Following the end of the Cold War in the early 1990s, operations out of Keflavik were greatly reduced, and in 2006, Naval Air Station Keflavik was deactivated and turned over to the Icelandic Coast Guard. Recent events have again highlighted Keflavik's strategic location and renewed U.S. and NATO interest in the area. As a result, regular maritime patrol detachments returned to Keflavik in 2016 and have brought VP-9 to the tip of the spear in the Arctic region.

The renowned history, and current importance of VP-9's operations out of Keflavik were not lost on Admiral Gilday, stating, "Iceland is the geostrategic linchpin for NATO in the Arctic region and I am grateful for their partnership and collaboration. The Arctic is an opportunity to work collaboratively with Allies and partners to keep this a secure and stable region, and we are committed to working together to address challenges and strengthen our collective deterrent against strategic challenges."

Admiral Gilday wasted no time touring the facilities, learning about the specifics of VP-9's missions, and listening to Sailors' questions, comments, and concerns upon arriving in Keflavik. Captain Jón B. Guðnason, Chief of the Icelandic Coast Guard's Defense Division, provided a tour to Admiral Gilday of the Icelandic Coast Guard Control and Reporting Center (CRC). Captain Guðnason explained how the Icelandic Coast Guard operates in NATO's command and control structure and the key differences between the base today and when it was a fully fledged Naval Air Station. Admiral Gilday was also interested in the MPR command and control structure and operational tempo in the region.

Escorted by VP-9 Executive Officer (XO), Cmdr. Jordan Brye, Admiral Gilday proceeded to NATO Hangar 831 where he viewed various improvements and construction projects. The hangar tour included the current hangar bay, sonobuoy storage locker, support equipment storage, future Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) and Aviation Support Division (ASD) spaces, aircraft wash rack construction, and future squadron office spaces. The hangar tour concluded with a P-8A static display conducted by VP-46 personnel.

Following the tour, both Admiral Gilday and Commander Brye presided over an awards ceremony. Golden Eagle Awardees included Lt. James Dean (Navy Achievement Medal), Petty Officer 2nd Class Charles Leibold (Naval Aircrew Warfare Specialist), and Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Valdivia (Naval Aircrew Warfare Specialist). Admiral Gilday presented Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher Norris and Petty Officer 2nd Class Hunter Sims with his personal coin.



**Cmdr. Jordan Brye and Patrol Squadron Forty Six (VP-46) personnel share a quick laugh and show Adm. Gilday a P-8A Poseidon static display.**

Admiral Gilday thanked all Sailors present for their important work on deployment away from their families and proceeded to field questions. Following his remarks, Admiral Gilday's wife, Linda Gilday, presented Sailors with copies of the book "Women in the Navy: A legacy of trailblazers, innovators, and leaders who continue to inspire."

Ending his visit on a high note, Admiral Gilday sat down and ate lunch with several detachment personnel, including VP-9's own Petty Officer 2nd Class Cole Webster and Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacob Hamblen. Admiral Gilday was particularly curious about each Sailor's path to joining the Navy and their hometown. Additionally, he inquired about Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) opportunities as well as mental health resources available in Keflavik. He also assured Sailors that he planned to send an Expanded Operational Stress Control (E-OSC) coping skills team for individual Sailors to meet with and discuss challenges associated with deployment and mental health, and to increase medical

support availability.

Admiral Gilday concluded his visit stating, "The Navy's role has never been more consequential or more expansive, and we need a combat credible naval force that can protect our interests in peace and can prevail in combat, while supporting our Allies and partners. The Sailors here in Iceland are just that, they remain postured, and ready, with a credible force to assure, deter, and defend in an increasingly complex security environment, which is possible because of the support and partnership we have with Iceland."

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**By LT Joseph L. Reed III, VP-g Public Affairs**



## VP-10 Recognized with CNO Aviation Safety Award

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 were awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award for 2021.

During 2021, VP-10 logged 885 flights encompassing over 5,000 flight hours of Class A/B mishap-free flying, including a 155 day deployment.

While deployed, squadron personnel were scattered across the globe. One way VP-10 worked to mitigate risk was to place a fully qualified Aviation Safety Officer at every major detachment site, allowing the safety team to conduct in-person, site-specific training for all personnel. This allowed the squadron to execute 2,900 mishap-free hours flying reconnaissance, anti-submarine warfare, Strike Group support and humanitarian support while managing 18 detachments to 12 different nations.

“I am extremely proud of the Red Lancers and commend the passionate pursuit to improve processes across the entire Wing-11 team,” said VP-10 Commanding Officer Cdr. Marc Hines. “It is a testament to our dedication to safety every day.”

This is VP-10’s tenth CNO Aviation Safety Award and the first one since 2005.

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## Patrol Squadron Nine Conducts Harpoon Shot while Participating in Atlantic Thunder 2022

Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) recently had the unique opportunity to participate in Atlantic Thunder 2022, a joint, multi-phase, multinational exercise designed to increase NATO interoperability and strengthen the United States-United Kingdom strategic partnership. The highlight of the exercise for VP-9 occurred with a coordinated time-on-target strike of the decommissioned Oliver Hazard Perry Class frigate USS Boone.

Various joint and multinational assets collaborated on the Hebrides Deep Sea Range off Scotland's northwest coast in order to achieve the exercise's main tactical objective, sinking the decommissioned USS Boone. Combat Air Crew Six (CAC-6) was selected to carry out the coordinated time on target strike portion of the exercise with the AGM-84D Harpoon, an anti-ship missile developed by Boeing. Among the other assets that joined CAC-6 and VP-9 in other phases of the exercise were the Royal Navy's HMS Westminster and its Agusta-Westland AW159 Wildcat Helicopter, three Royal Air Force Typhoons of the 41st Squadron, one U.S. Air Force McDonnell-Douglas F-15E Strike Eagle, and a U.S. Navy submarine. Additionally, range clearance safety was provided by other U.S. P-8A's from VP-9's sister squadron, VP-46.

Atlantic Thunder 2022 proved to be a rousing success for all participants, as it not only accomplished all of its primary objectives and sunk the decommissioned USS Boone, but according to the UK's after action report, the process "achieved several firsts for the U.K. and U.S. in terms of advanced warfighting techniques and delivering complex weapon effects against a realistic target." Ultimately, the ship formerly known as the USS Boone stood no chance against the "remarkable amount of combined firepower within a short period." First to hit the ex-Boone were two SM-6 missiles, courtesy of the HMS Westminster. This was followed in short order by the coordinated Harpoon shot conducted by CAC-6 and the HMS Westminster. At precisely 1521Z, the AGM-84D Harpoon launched from the P-8A had a rendezvous with two surface launched AGM-84D Harpoons via the HMS Westminster into the hull of the ex-Boone. The HMS Westminster's portion of coordinated time on target strike included passive over-the-horizon-targeting generated by U.S. Naval Integrated Fires (NIFE), marking the first time this type of targeting has ever been accomplished against a real life target with multinational collaboration. Raymond O'Toole, Principle Deputy Director, Operational Test and Evaluation from the Office of the Secretary of Defense remarked on this coordinated targeting, stating, "What we've demonstrated through this exercise is a new capability—to gain and exchange information for targeting purposes."

Coordinated time on target shots such as the one conducted by CAC-6 and the HMS Westminster require precise multinational cooperation via detailed planning, communications, and tactical data link employment from multiple nations and services. Successful coordinated shots are remarkably effective in overwhelming a potential combatant's defenses by delivering rapid amounts of ordnance on target simultaneously and from multiple trajectories and domains. "What we've seen in Atlantic Thunder today, is that with Royal Air Force, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and Royal Navy all operating together [with] helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft, ships, and a submarine, every one of which is capable of going to war tomorrow, we've proven it today for the first time in decades in the Atlantic," summed up Royal Navy Rear Admiral James Parkin.

Following VP-9's successful coordinated Harpoon shot with the HMS Westminster, the ex-Boone endured several more rounds of punishment from exercise participants. The three RAF Typhoons arrived in short order to deploy four Paveway IV precision guided missiles onto ex-Boone. This was quickly followed by the Wildcat Helicopter's two Martlet missiles and shortly thereafter two Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) dropped by the F-15E Strike Eagle. The sub-launched munition and Explosive Ordnance Disposal live charges delivered the final blow against the ex-Boone, sending her to the depths of the North Atlantic in over 6,500 feet of water.



Notably, the decommissioned USS Boone was prepared and configured specifically to meet stringent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. This was done to mitigate potential adverse effects and keep risk to the environment as low as practicable. In addition to the ex-Boone's configuration, strict acoustic and visual monitoring from multiple sources on the range ensured that the risk posed by the exercise to marine mammals was extremely low.

VP-9's contribution to Atlantic Thunder 2022 was critical to the exercise's overall success and demonstrated

the P-8A's and MPRF's ability to provide long range, coordinated strike capability in the maritime domain, with the added challenge of multi-national and multi-service planning and coordination.

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## Patrol Squadron Nine Attends Berlin Airshow 2022

Between June 22 and June 26, the World Famous Golden Eagles of Patrol Squadron Nine had the honor and privilege of attending and representing the P-8A Poseidon and the United States Navy at the Berlin Airshow 2022 in Germany. The theme of this year's Berlin Airshow was "Pioneering Aerospace", and aimed to showcase the transformation of aviation toward climate neutrality through innovation, new technologies, and sustainability. The airshow featured around 550 presenters from both civil and military aviation, representing 29 different countries from around the world; in total, 72,000 visitors were in attendance.

VP-9 Combat Air Crew 10 had the honor of hosting several distinguished visitors during the air show, notably Mr. Olaf Scholz (Chancellor of Germany), Ms. Amy Gutmann (Ambassador of the United States to Germany), Lieutenant General Mark Wise (Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps), Mr. Thomas Hitschler (Parliamentary State Secretary in the German Federal Ministry of Defence), and Vice Admiral Jan Christian Kaack (Germany's Chief of Navy).

The Berlin Airshow was significant in that it was the first time since the German Navy's announcement of their intent to purchase the P-8A that it has been on display at an airshow in the country. The German Navy's purchase of the P-8A will add it to the list of operators of the multi-mission, anti-submarine warfare capable platform, alongside the United States and its allies Australia, India, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.

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**The P-8A Poseidon generated significant excitement in Berlin. Photo courtesy of VP-9.**





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# VP Images Around the Globe



**(ABOVE) Adm. Michael M. Gilday speaks to sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9) and Patrol Squadron Forty Six (VP-46) in Keflavik, Iceland.**



**(TOP RIGHT) Chairman of Hyundai Motors, Mr. Euisun Chung, takes a look at the P-8A Stores Management System with Lt. Nick Arnold during the Farnborough Air Show in July. Photo courtesy of VP-9.**



**(BOTTOM RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (May 06, 2022) Cmdr. Marc Hines's wife pins the Command at Sea pin on his uniform at the Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 Change of Command ceremony held at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Louis Rojas)**





**(TOP) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Sept. 21, 2022) Rear Adm. John F. Meier, commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, from Export, Pa., right, Speaks with Sailors from various Squadrons during a routine visit to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 headquarters, Sept. 21. VP 30, based in Jacksonville Fla., is the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) specific training to pilots, Naval flight officers, and enlisted aircrew prior to reporting to the Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Curtis D. Spencer)**



**(RIGHT) Golden Eagles Lt. Nick Arnold and Lt. Brian Kraus host Rear Admiral Anthony Rossi, Director of Navy International Programs and a former Golden Eagle pilot, during the Farnborough Air Show in July. Photo courtesy of VP-9.**

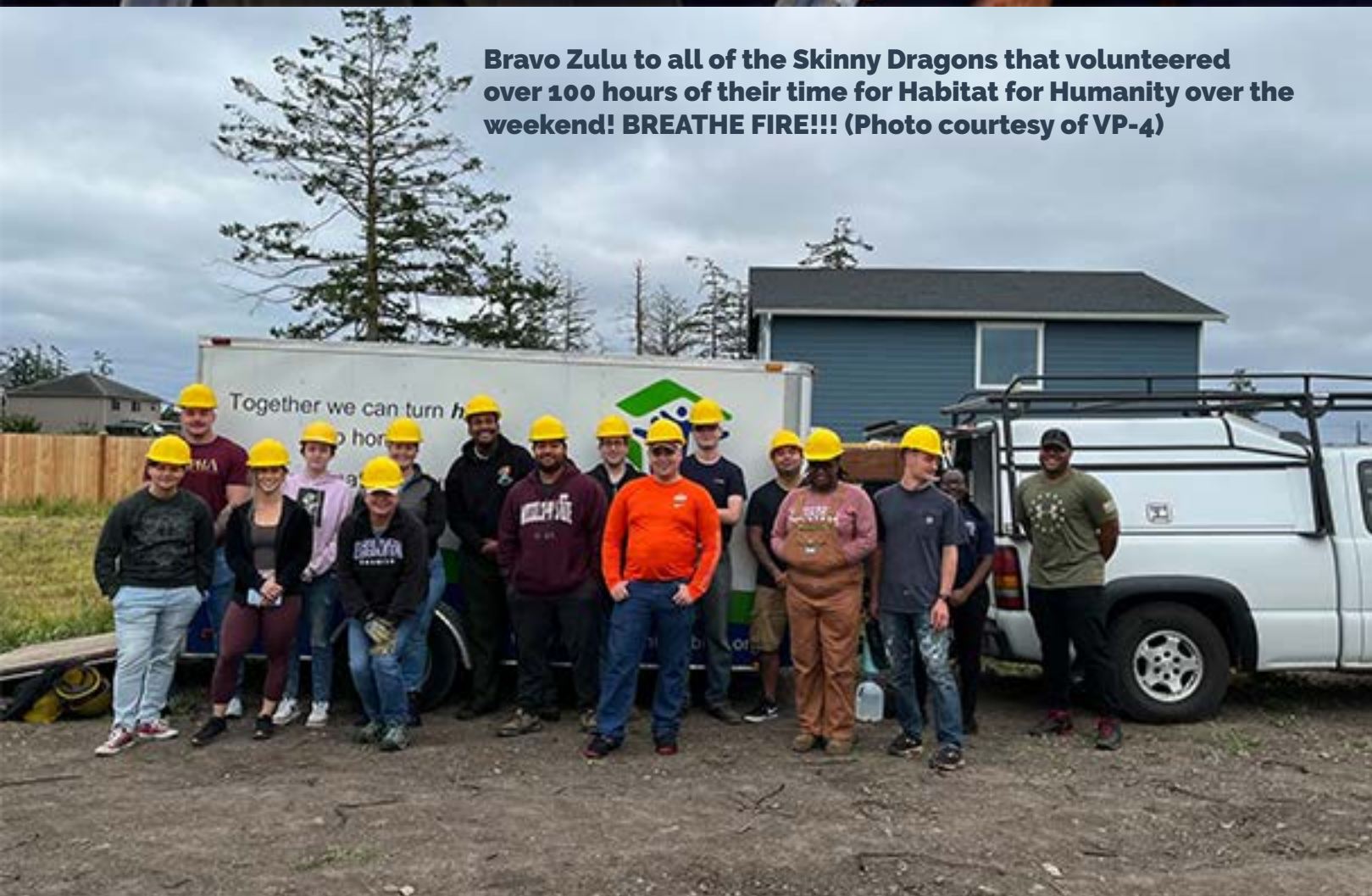


Visitors from the Colombian Navy toured a War Eagle P-8 last week. It's always an honor to host members of a foreign military. (Photo courtesy of VP-16.)



Thank you to all the Pelicans for cleaning up the highways, commitment to bettering the Nation starts locally! (Photo courtesy of VP-45)

Bravo Zulu to all of the Skinny Dragons that volunteered over 100 hours of their time for Habitat for Humanity over the weekend! BREATHE FIRE!!! (Photo courtesy of VP-4)



VP-1 recently held a command picnic. We would like to thank our entire Screaming Eagle Family for their hard work, dedication, and continuous support. Additionally, we would like to give a special shout out to the Fleet's Finest Chief's Mess, FCPOA, and MWR for hosting the event! (Photo courtesy of VP-1)





**Defense Security Cooperation Director, Mr. James Hursch, and his contingent with Lt. Nick Arnold, Lt. Brian Kraus, and Petty Officer 1st Class Gary Wheaton of VP-9 during the Farnborough Air Show in July.**



**KANEIOHE BAY MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Hawaii (July 12, 2022) Members of Patrol Squadron TEN (VP-10) maintenance team prepare to launch a P-8A Poseidon aircraft with an Air to Surface Missile (AGM-84) Harpoon used during a live fire event during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2022.**

**(BELOW) SINGAPORE (Sep. 14, 2022) Lt. Josh Monteville, left, and Lt. j.g. Eric Cooper assigned to the "Mad Foxes" of Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 5 take time for a photo in the cockpit of a P-8 Poseidon at Paya Labar Airbase in Singapore, Sept. 16. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandon Parker/Released)**



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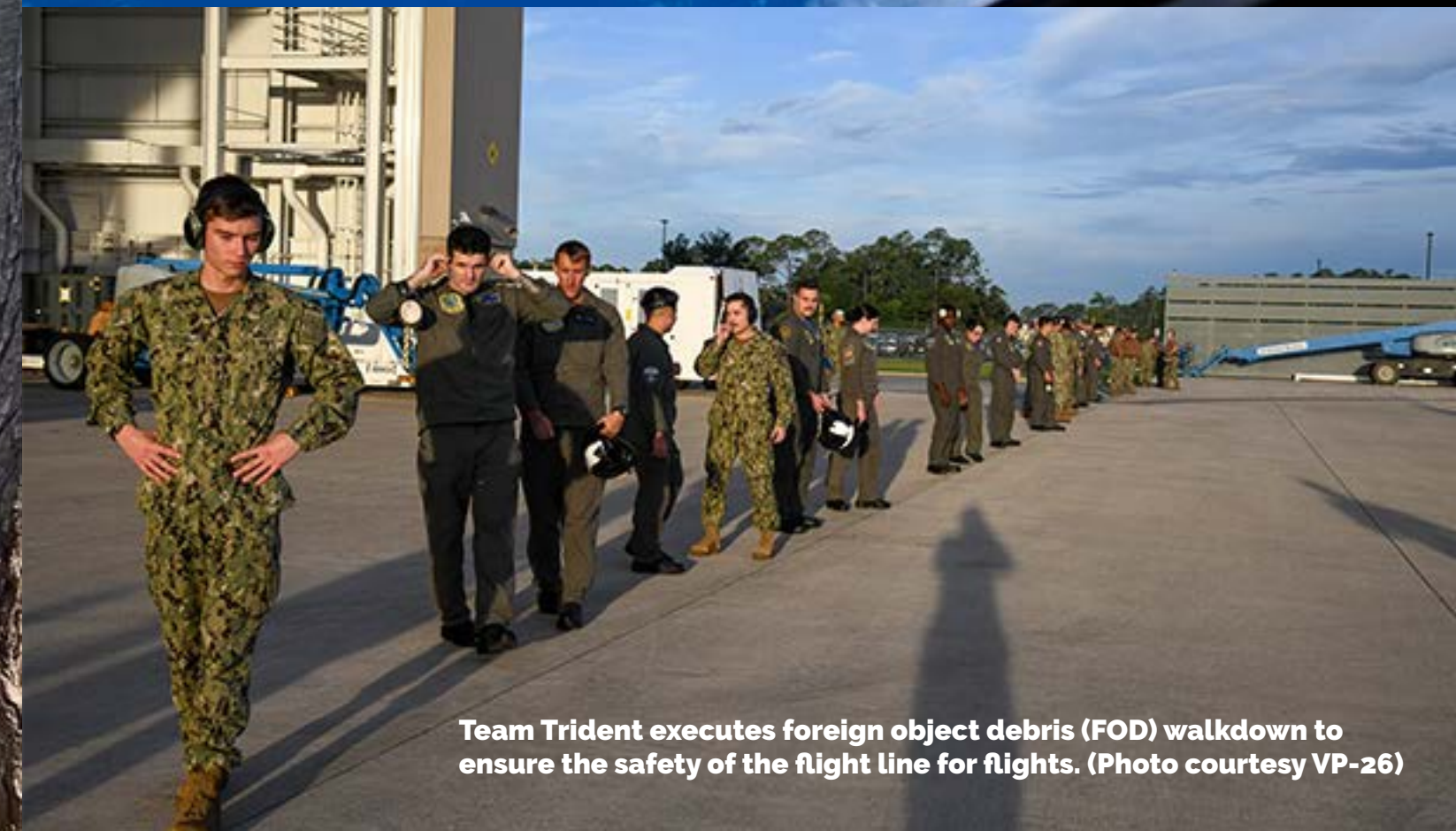
Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Dylan Cervantes (left), Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Chance Norton (center), and Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Taylor Drake perform maintenance on one of the engines of a P-8A Poseidon assigned to the 'Golden Swordsmen' of Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, Sept. 16, 2022.



Just a quick stop for gas on another beautiful day to fly! (Photo courtesy of VP-40)



VP-62 gave back their time and energy to an awesome cause. POH Enrichment is a nonprofit organization that provides; group housing, and a meaningful lifestyle for people with autism. The Peace of Heart Enrichment program needs volunteers to help maintain their campus where: gardening, abstract art, farm animals and landscaping are maintained at the property. These features on the campus help create a social and fulfilling life for persons with autism. (Photo courtesy of VP-62)



Team Trident executes foreign object debris (FOD) walkdown to ensure the safety of the flight line for flights. (Photo courtesy VP-26)



Members of VP-9 Combat Air Crew Six (CAC-6) pose outside of the P-8A along with members of the Nordholz Fire and Rescue Command, during BALTOPS 2022. Photo courtesy of VP-9.



Members of the VP-9 Maintenance Department and Combat Air Crew 10 (CAC-10) in front of the P-8A Poseidon in Berlin during the Berlin Airshow 2022.



An AGM-84D Harpoon missile is deployed off the wing of the P-8A by VP-9 during Atlantic Thunder 2022. (Photo courtesy of VP-9.)



(BOTTOM RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Sept. 12, 2022) U.S. Navy Capt. Jon Spore, commanding officer, Patrol Squadron (VP) 30, from Chantilly, Va., third from right, and staff speak with Royal Australian Air Force Capt. Roger McCutcheon, Director of the Air Force Maritime Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Response Transition Office, rightmost, during a routine visit to VP 30 headquarters, Sept. 12. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Curtis D. Spencer)



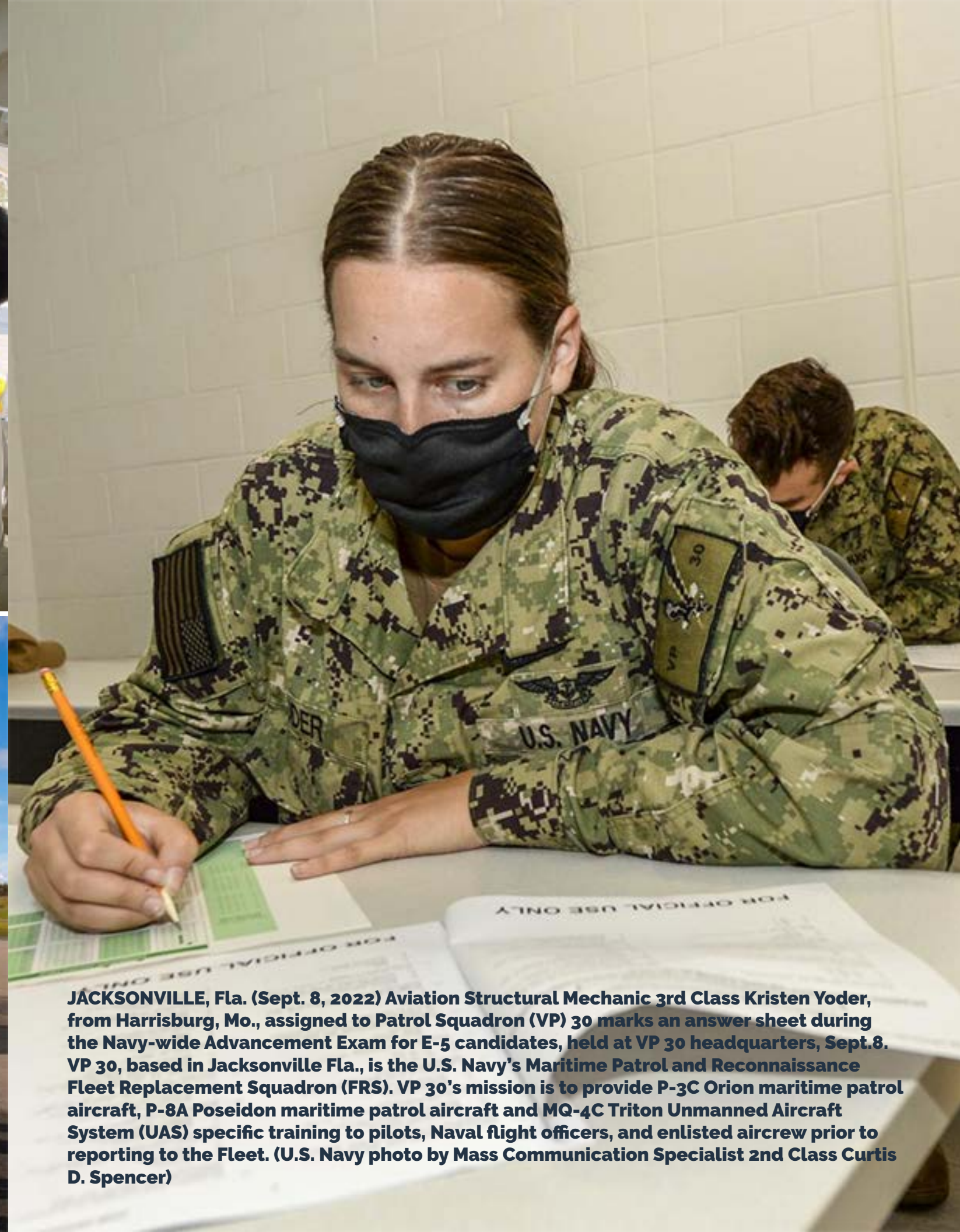




Major General Nancy Tremblay, Chief of Material Programs for the Royal Canadian Air Force, takes a tour of the P-8A Weapons Bay with Petty Officer 1st Class Brandyn Welch during the Farnborough Air Show in July. Photo courtesy of VP-9.



JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska (Sept. 23, 2022) – Cdr. James Reeves, Executive Officer of the 'Fighting Tigers', Patrol Squadron (VP) EIGHT, discusses features of the P-8A Poseidon with members of the U.S. Air Force on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Sept. 23, 2022. VP-8 is currently deployed to NAF Misawa, 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. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandon J. Vinson/Released)



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Sept. 8, 2022) Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Kristen Yoder, from Harrisburg, Mo., assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 marks an answer sheet during the Navy-wide Advancement Exam for E-5 candidates, held at VP 30 headquarters, Sept. 8. VP 30, based in Jacksonville Fla., is the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) specific training to pilots, Naval flight officers, and enlisted aircrew prior to reporting to the Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Curtis D. Spencer)





**(ABOVE) The decommissioned USS Boone in various stages of sinking into the depths of the North Atlantic following the successful completion of Atlantic Thunder 2022. Photo Credit: U.S. Sixth Fleet.**

**(BELOW) U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 and Japanese service members with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) pose for a group photo after flying in a P-8A Poseidon and conducting a bilateral exercise alongside a JMSDF P-3, July 13. The 'Mad Foxes' of VP-5 are based out of Jacksonville, Florida, and are currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan.**



**AIRAI, Palau (Aug. 15, 2022) - U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to the 'Mad Foxes' of Patrol Squadron (VP) 5, U.S. Coast Guardsman, and members of the Palau Maritime Police pose for a photo during Operation Island Chief 22 (OPIC22). OPIC22 is a multinational mission by the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) Regional Fisheries Surveillance Center (RFSC) to provide surveillance over the FFA members exclusive economic zones and assist in identifying illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing activity so the member nations can counter it. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Derya Happe.)**



**Cmdr. Jordan Brye and Patrol Squadron Forty Six (VP-46) personnel share a quick laugh and show Adm. Gilday a P-8A Poseidon static display**





**(ABOVE) KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (Aug. 3, 2022) Vice Adm. Karl Thomas, commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, speaks to Sailors assigned to the 'Mad Foxes' of Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 during an all hands call in Kadena Air Base. The Mad Foxes of VP-5 are based out of Jacksonville, Florida, and are 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. The advanced capabilities of the P-8A Poseidon enable the Mad Foxes to perform anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance, and search and rescue missions. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sergio Montanez)**



**(RIGHT) Lieutenant Nick Arnold provides a look at the Mission Crew Workstations aboard the P-8A for Ambassador Jane Hartley during the Farnborough Air Show in July. Photo courtesy of VP-9.**



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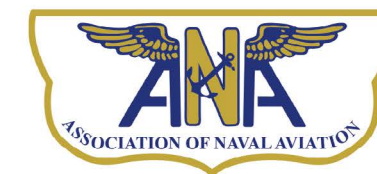


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