



MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCE HALL OF HONOR

Rear Admiral Anthony R Maness United States Navy

Rear Admiral Maness was born in Long Beach, CA on 13 April 1940. He attended the United States Naval Academy, earning his commission as an Ensign in June 1962. His first operational tour was with Patrol Squadron NINE at Moffett Field, CA, where he participated in the first deployments of the P-3A aircraft to the Western Pacific. Rear Admiral Maness subsequently served as a department head in Patrol Squadron FORTY, the Wing Operations Officer for Patrol Wing TWO in Barbers Point, HI, and the executive and commanding officer of Patrol Squadron SIX.

In June 1984, Rear Admiral Maness reported as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Seventh Fleet/Commander Patrol Wing ONE/Commander Task Force 72 (CTF 72) at Kami Seya, Japan. It was during this tour that he developed an analytical approach to ASW search tactics based on combining specific platform capabilities (air, surface, submarine) to maximize an overall probability of detection. His innovative multi-platform search techniques were directly responsible for numerous successful prosecutions of Soviet submarines in the SEVENTH fleet AOR at the height of the Cold War.

From August 1988 to October 1989, Rear Admiral Maness served as Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Selected for flag rank, he assumed responsibilities as Director for Total Force Training and Education Policy in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. With the end of the Cold War and while fully recognizing the key role the community played in the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) arena, he championed other platform technologies and competencies including Anti-Surface Warfare and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR), while also bringing attention to the threat posed by Third World diesel submarines and the resulting need for littoral ASW capabilities.

In August 1990, Rear Admiral Maness assumed duties as Commander, Patrol Wings U.S. Pacific Fleet. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he ensured maritime patrol aircraft were the first U.S. augment forces to arrive in the Persian Gulf theater, just two days after Iraq invaded Kuwait, and that those forces immediately initiated surveillance of the Gulf and its approaches.

Rear Admiral Maness retired from active duty in 1994 but continued to consult on numerous ASW projects, providing strategic insight and guidance to countless community leaders until his passing in 2003.