



## *Maritime Patrol Association 2023 Symposium Guide*

We are honored by the support and enthusiasm that our MPA members and sponsors have brought to this organization, enabling us to host the Eleventh MPA Symposium! *It all started with the Centennial of Naval Aviation celebration on board NAS Jacksonville in the spring of 2011....the huge success of that week-long event launched the interest and resources that have brought MPA this far...THANK YOU for your support and welcome to the 2023 MPA Symposium!*

**TRANSPORTATION will be provided:**

**\*April 26th to and from Hangar 117 for the Heritage Dinner**

**\*April 27<sup>th</sup> to the gate after the golf tournament**

**\*April 28<sup>th</sup> to and from the gate and the O'Club for the Flight Suit Social.**

**The Shuttle Bus pick up point is at the USO parking lot across from the base pass and tag office (the Yorktown gate)**

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## Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Location
Tuesday, April 25		
<b>1800-2000</b>	Corporate Sponsor Reception	O'Club
Wednesday, April 26		
<b>0930-1130</b>	Welcome	VP-30 Aud
	MPRF Briefs	VP-30 Aud
	RAF/RAAF MPRF Briefs	VP-30 Hangar
<b>1120-1200</b>	Heritage Presentation	VP-30 Hangar
<b>1200-1400</b>	Tech Expo	VP-30 Hangar
<b>1200-1400</b>	Lunch	VP-30 Hangar
<b>1200-1400</b>	P3/P8/MQ-4C Tours	VP-30 Hangar
<b>1230-1400</b>	P-8 Simulator Tours	ITC
<b>1400-1420</b>	ASW Winner announced	VP30 Aud
<b>1420-1530</b>	Industry Briefs: Boeing, NG, LM	VP30 Aud
<b>1600-1700</b>	MPA General Member Meeting	O'Club
<b>1800-2200</b>	MPA Heritage Dinner	Hangar 117
Thursday, April 27		
<b>0800-1000</b>	MPRF Community Update (invite only)	
<b>0900-1300</b>	Spouse Symposium	O'Club
<b>1130-1300</b>	Golf Registration	Mulligans
<b>1300-1830</b>	Golf Tournament	Mulligans
<b>1830-2000</b>	Golf Social	Mulligans
Friday, April 28		
<b>1800-2400</b>	Flight Suit Social	O'Club

## Event Details

### Tuesday, April 25th

*MPA Corporate Sponsor Reception (Invitation only)*

### Wednesday, April 26th

*Symposium 2023 Arrival and Welcome briefs*

*Time: 0930-1100*

*Location: VP-30 Auditorium at NAS Jacksonville*

Kick off the morning with a MPRF Community brief, followed by around the globe updates. Gather information and insights about current day aviation operations.



### *Heritage Presentation*

*Time: 1115-1200*

*Location: VP-30 Auditorium at NAS Jacksonville*

The Former CO of the USS Indianapolis (SSN697) is going to discuss the sinking of the cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA35) and the rescuing of the crews by MPRA. This event was deemed the worst sea disaster in U.S. Navy history.

### *Technology and Squadron Expo / Lunch / Aircraft tours*

*Time: 1200-1400*

*Cost: TBD for the cost of lunch. Will update as soon as we have it.*

*Location: VP30 Hangar at NAS Jacksonville*

Check out the exciting exhibits of our industry partners/ sponsors and grab some geedunk from local squadrons all while grabbing some lunch! After that take a tour/view the P3 and the P8.

### *Ongoing ITC/Hall of Heroes/ Tours*

*Time: 1230-1400*

*Cost: \$0*

*Location: Integrated Training Center at NAS Jacksonville*

Tours of the memorial hall and simulators in the ITC are given throughout the tour period. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

### *MPA General Members Meeting*

*Time: 1600-1700*

*Cost: \$0*

*Location: Officers Club at NAS Jacksonville*

Join us for our annual MPA General Members meeting to discuss organizational business and meet your leadership. Located at the Officers Club. MPA Members Only.

### *MPA Heritage Dinner*

*Time: 1800-2300*

*Cost: \$50 (MPA Members), \$60 (Non-Members)*

*Location: Hangar 117*

Join shipmates past and present as we gather in the historical Hangar 117 for drinks, dinner and dancing. The 2023 Hall of Honor inductees, as well as several community awards, will be announced and honored during the evening. Food, beer and wine are included, a cash bar will also be provided. Attire will be flight suits for active duty. Retired members, and other guests are encouraged to wear their uniforms or business casual attire. **BUY TICKETS EARLY - THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!**

### **Thursday, April 27th**

*MPRF Community Update (invitation only)*



*Cost: \$0*

Current MPRF Leadership, current MPA Sponsors and retired Flag Officers will be invited to a briefing. Registration is required.

*Officer and Enlisted Spouse Symposium*

*Time: 0900-1300*

*Cost: \$5*

*Location: NAS JAX O'Club*

Join us for a day of networking, connecting and working together. You will hear briefs from the detailers, updates from RDML Kijek, a question and answer period with seasoned spouses and lastly participate in a fun crafting activity!

*MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament*

*Time: 1130-1830 Check-in and lunch begins at 1130. SHOT GUN start at 1300.*

*Cost: \$70 (MPA Members), \$85 (Non-Members)*

*Location: NAS Jacksonville Golf Course*

Be sure to sign up yourself and your team online early as space is limited to the first 200 golfers registered. **BUY TICKETS EARLY - THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!** Tournament registration fee includes box lunch, beer on the course, a Fajita dinner after the tournament, as well as sweet swag bags! To submit foursomes, contact Kristen Heimerle Kirkland at: [info@maritimepatrolassociation.org](mailto:info@maritimepatrolassociation.org) or (904)318-8800. (Foursome requests cannot be guaranteed until ALL FOUR GOLFERS have registered and paid for the MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament.) Learn more about our MPA Scholarship at: <https://maritimepatrolassociation.org/home/scholarships/>

*MPA Scholarship Social*

*Time: 1830-2000*

*Cost: \$15 (MPA Members), \$20 (Non-Members)*

*Location: NAS Jacksonville Golf Course (Mulligans)*

Join the tail end of the golf tournament for dinner and awards. Social includes Fajita dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost of social is already included in the cost of the Golf Tournament for golfers.

**Friday, April 28th**

*MPA Flight Suit Social*

*Time: 1800-2400*

*Cost: \$30 (MPA Members), \$45 (Non-Members)*

*Location: NAS JAX O'Club*

We conclude the week with the MPA FLIGHT SUIT SOCIAL on Friday night at the Officer's Club on



board NAS Jacksonville. Active, reserve, retired - don your flights suits for a fun-filled evening of camaraderie, fine food, and a few sea stories. Food, beer and wine, and SWEET SWAG BAG included. Cash bar available.

## Directions

### TO VP-30 & THE INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTER (ITC)

To get to the VP-30 Hangar, enter the base through the YORKTOWN entrance. At the stoplight at YORKTOWN and GILLIS STREET, turn left into the VP-30 parking lot and follow attendants to park and walk into the hangar. The ITC is directly across the street – you can take the over-road walkway to get back and forth.

#### Events at VP-30:

*Heritage Day events, Wednesday 26 April*

*Tech & Squadron Expo & Lunch, Wednesday 26 April*

*Aircraft Tours, Wednesday 26 April*

#### Events at the ITC:

*ITC/Simulator Tours, Wednesday 26 April*

### TO HANGAR 117

Enter the base through the YORKTOWN entrance. You will continue on YORKTOWN AVENUE for 1.6 miles until you get to the end of the street where you will make a left hand turn at the stop sign onto WASP STREET. Then you will make a right at the next stop sign onto ALBERMARLE ROAD. You will then continue straight where parking attendants will be standing by in order to direct you to parking spots. There will be check-in tables located just inside of the Hangar.

#### Events at Hangar 117:

*Heritage Dinner, Wednesday 26 April*

### TO MULLIGANS

Enter the base through the YORKTOWN entrance and make a right hand turn after 1 mile onto MUSTIN ROAD (4th light you come to). The clubhouse is on the right hand side about 0.75 miles down the road.

#### Events at Mulligans:

*Scholarship Golf Tournament, Thursday 27 April*

*Scholarship Social, Thursday 27 April*

### TO THE OFFICERS CLUB ( Now called River Cove)

Enter the base through the YORKTOWN gate and make a right hand turn after 1 mile onto MUSTIN ROAD (4th



light you come to). River Cove is on the left hand side about 0.75 miles down the road.

#### **Events at the O'Club:**

*MPA General Members Meeting, Wednesday 26 April*

*Spouse Symposium, Thursday 27 April*

*Flight Suit Social, Friday 28 April*



## **2023 Hall of Honor Inductees**

The following inductees will be celebrated at the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, April 26th:

#### **Admiral William Moran**

United States Navy

Admiral Moran was born in Nyack, New York and raised in the town of Walden, just north of New York City. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1981 and following initial flight training, he reported to VP-44 at NAS Brunswick, Maine, where he served as an Instructor Pilot and Pilot Training Officer and participated in Cold War deployments to Sigonella, Sicily and Rota, Spain. He subsequently served as an instructor pilot at VP-30, Flag Lieutenant in USS FORRESTAL and back again at VP-30 as senior NATOPS evaluator.

Following a tour in Washington DC, he reported to VP-46, serving as Executive and then Commanding Officer deploying twice, the first to Misawa and Okinawa, Japan and the second to Diego Garcia, Bahrain and Misrah, Oman. His next assignments were as Executive Assistant to Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, and then Commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2. Following major command, he attended National War College before serving as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations, where he selected for flag rank.

While serving as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group and Director, Air Warfare in OPNAV, Admiral Moran shepherded the P-8A Poseidon and MQ-4C Triton through critical elements of program approval, testing, and acceptance. His leadership and mentorship of many MPRA leaders, requirements officers, and program managers resulted in the unequivocal success of the P-8A Poseidon, variants of which are now in service with U.S. and Allied squadron across the globe. His next assignment was as the 57<sup>th</sup> Chief of Naval Personnel, where he set the Navy on a transformative path to modernize recruiting, training, education, retention, and leader development, now called "Sailor 2025".



He concluded a distinguished 38-year naval career serving as the 39<sup>th</sup> Vice Chief of Naval Operations. As the second highest ranking officer in our Navy, he played a pivotal role in every major budget and operational decision for the Navy and Joint Force including formulating and implementing the strategy, plans, and policies to support global US security objectives. At his retirement, he reflected on the incredible friendships made in uniform, his most rewarding tours leading men and women on global deployments, teaching pilots how to operate and fight the mighty Orion, and the love and support of an amazing Navy family.

Captain Frank Bryant  
United States Navy

CAPT Bryant was born in San Diego, CA, attended the University of Miami and earned his commission at Aviation Officer Candidate School (AOCS) in 1972. During his first two tours at VP-24 and CPW-11, he developed a true passion for flying and fighting the P-3C and pushed others to do the same. After serving on CARGRU SIX, he reported to VP-45 as a department head, working as Training and Operations Officer. Following a tour as Requirements Officer for the community, he returned to Jacksonville as Executive Officer of VP-30, where he was personally responsible for the significant improvement in pilot retention that facilitated continued service of many future community leaders.

Selected for squadron command, he reported to VP-5, serving during the end of the Cold War and leading deployments to Bermuda and Rota, Spain. Following a successful command tour, he reported to Commander, Patrol Wings Atlantic as Operations Officer and subsequently to CTF-67 as Chief of Staff. It was during these tours, as the active-duty VP footprint was reduced from 24 squadrons to 12, that he was instrumental in the development and integration of the community's overland support and armed surveillance missions. While at CTF-67 during the Bosnian War, he noted the lack of real time imagery intelligence being provided to support the commanders' decision cycle. He personally took then-CINCSOUTH Admiral Boorda and NATO commander LGEN Ashey on a demonstration flight highlighting our potential overland imagery capability. Due in large part to this flight, the community soon found itself providing not only daily imagery intelligence, but also armed anti-surface surveillance flights carrying Maverick missiles – missions which persisted for the duration of the conflict. All this led directly to the funding, development, and integration of the Anti-Surface Warfare Improvement Program (AIP) which highlighted the community's relevance in a shifting strategic landscape and stabilized the force.

Selected for major command, he served as Commodore of Patrol Wing ELEVEN, where he emphasized and reinforced that our primary and most critical mission set was Anti-Submarine Warfare, ensuring this vital capability was not allowed to atrophy while simultaneously continuing to improve our intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capability. His last tour was as Chief of Staff to Commander, Patrol Wings Pacific, during which his leadership and foresight facilitated the community's first overland strike mission. Serving in community positions for 23 of his 27 years of service, CAPT Bryant was critical in guiding our community through the end of the Cold War and shaping our future in P-8A, MQ-4C and beyond.



# 2023s Award Recipients

The following award recipients will also be celebrated at the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, May 11th:

*Outstanding CPO:* AMCS Joshua Stevens VP-30

*Enlisted Aviation Maintenance:* AE1 Zachary Alexander VP-9

*Enlisted Aircrewman of the Year*

Atlantic: AWW1 Thomas Skurnick VP-30

Pacific: AWO1 Jordan Hosaflook VP-1

*NFO of the Year*

Atlantic: LT Christopher Wages VP-30

Pacific: LT Stephen Wierzbowski VP-1

*Pilot of the Year*

Atlantic: LT Charles Shaffer VP-26

Pacific: LT Thomas Coffin VP-47

## Travel & Lodging

**BASE ACCESS** Requirements to drive your vehicle on base are a valid driver's license, insurance and registration, and either an active/retired military ID or a sponsors pass. Active and retired military can sponsor civilian attendees to gain on-base access during these events.

Plan on entering the YORKTOWN gate at NAS Jacksonville for all Symposium events.

For attendees with base privileges (retired), the front gate will allow you normal access with your military I.D. card. Please make sure that all passengers in your vehicle who are 16 years of age and older have a valid I.D.

### TRAVEL BY AIR

If you are traveling by air to the symposium, the closest commercial airport to NAS Jacksonville is the [Jacksonville International Airport](#). The physical address for Jax International is: 2400 Yankee Clipper Drive Jacksonville, FL 32218.

### TRAVEL BY CAR

If traveling by car, the physical address of NAS Jacksonville for purposes of directions is: 6801 Roosevelt Ave Jacksonville, FL 32212.

### ON BASE LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS





**Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (BOQ/BEQ):** (904) 542-3138

**Navy Lodge:** (904) 772-6000

**RV Park:** (904) 542-3227

### **OFF BASE LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS**

The following off-base hotels are conveniently located to NAS Jax:

**Hilton Garden Inn:** (904) 458-1577

**Holiday Inn & Suites:** (904) 562-7400

**Fairfield Inn by Marriott:** (904) 278-7442

**Courtyard by Marriott:** (904) 854-1500

**Best Western:** (904) 264-4466

## **Dress Code**

### **UNIFORMS/ATTIRE**

"JAX CASUAL" for the day time events on Wednesday, as well as for golf on Thursday. FLIGHT SUITS, uniform of the day, or smart business casual for the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday night and FLIGHT SUITS or casual evening wear for the flight suit social on Friday night. For our "former warriors," if you still have a flight suit, we cordially invite you to wear it to the flight suit social events.

## **Contacts**

If you have any questions, or require assistance, the 2023 Symposium planning committee is available to assist:

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