



**MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCE
HALL OF HONOR**

ADMIRAL William F. 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 Mirrah, 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 57th 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 39th 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.