



Maritime Patrol Association 2024 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 Twelfth MPA Symposium! *It all started with the Centennial of Naval Aviation celebration on board NAS Jacksonville in the spring of 2011the 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 2024 MPA Symposium!**

TRANSPORTATION will be provided:

***April 24th to and from Hangar 117 for the Heritage Dinner (from the Yorktown gate, NGIS and the Navy Lodge)**

***April 25th to the gate after the golf tournament**

***April 26th 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 23		
1800-2000	Corporate Sponsor Reception	O'Club
Wednesday, April 24		
0845-0900	Doors open, take seats	VP-30 Aud
0900-0910	Welcome remarks	VP-30 Aud
0910-1010	MPRF Legacy Presentation	VP-30 Aud
1020-1200	Community Briefs	VP-30 Aud
1200-1400	Tech Expo	VP-30 Hangar
1200-1400	Lunch	VP-30 Hangar
1200-1400	Aircraft Tours	VP-30 Hangar
1230-1400	P-8 Simulator Tours	ITC
1415-1445	ASW Winner announced	VP30 Aud
1600-1700	MPA General Member Meeting	O'Club
1800-2200	MPA Heritage Dinner	Hangar 117
Thursday, April 25		
0800-0945	MPRF Community Update (invite only)	CPRW-11 Aud
0930-1330	Spouse Symposium	Club Continental
1200-1245	Golf Registration	Mulligans
1300-1800	Golf Tournament	Mulligans
1800-2000	Golf Social	Mulligans
Friday, April 26		
1800-2400	Flight Suit Social	O'Club

Event Details

Tuesday, April 23rd

MPA Corporate Sponsor Reception (*Invitation only*)

WEDNESDAY, April 24th

Symposium 2024 kick off

Time: 0845-1200

Location: VP-30 Auditorium at NAS Jacksonville

Agenda for the morning:

Welcome Remarks from MPA President, Mark Burns and National Director, Richard Heimerle.

Time: 0900

MPRF Legacy Presentation



Time: 0910

Around the globe updates.

Time: 1020-1200

Technology and Squadron Expo / Lunch / Aircraft tours

Time: 1200-1400

Cost: \$10.00 – Chick-fil-a

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 P8.

Ongoing ITC/Hall of Heroes/ Tours

Time: 1200-1400

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 FOR THIS EVENT.

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: \$55 (MPA Members), \$70 (Non-Members)

Location: Hangar 117

Join shipmates past and present as we gather in the historical Hangar 117 for drinks, dinner and dancing. The 2024 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.

THURSDAY, April 25th

MPRF Community Update (invitation only)

Cost: \$0

Current MPRF Leadership, current MPA Sponsors and retired Flag Officers will be invited to a briefing with the AirBoss and CPRG leadership.

Officer and Enlisted Spouse Symposium

Time: 0930-1330

Cost: \$5

Location: Club Continental, Orange Park

The Spouse Symposium is an exceptional event that offers a wealth of valuable information and the ability to network and socialize amongst other spouses in the community. The morning will kick off with "best practices for deployment". Please bring your tips and tricks that you use to help the time pass during deployments. From there we will lead into the detailer briefs, an insider look at your spouse's career tracks, and you can ask questions. After that you will get a community update from RDML Kijek with time to ask questions from him.



To conclude the day, we have a special activity planned for everyone!

MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament

Time: 1200-1800 Check-in and lunch begins at 1200. SHOT GUN start at 1300.

Cost: \$80 (MPA Members), \$95 (Non-Members)

Location: NAS Jacksonville Golf Course

To submit foursomes, contact Kristen Heimerle Kirkland at: 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: 1800-2000

Cost: \$20 (MPA Members), \$30 (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 26th

MPA Flight Suit Social

Time: 1800-2400

Cost: \$35 (MPA Members), \$50 (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 24 April

Tech & Squadron Expo & Lunch, Wednesday 24 April

Aircraft Tours, Wednesday 24 April

Events at the ITC:

ITC/Simulator Tours, Wednesday 24 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 24 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 25 April

Scholarship Social, Thursday 25 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 24 April

Spouse Symposium, Thursday 25 April

Flight Suit Social, Friday 26 April



2024 Hall of Honor Inductees

The following inductees will be celebrated at the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, April 24th:

Vice Admiral Michael Haskins

United States Navy

VADM Haskins was born in Angels Camp, CA and attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating first in his class, earning him a Fulbright Scholarship. After studies in Argentina, he reported to flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1968. Reporting to Patrol Squadron FORTY-NINE, NAS Patuxent River, MD he deployed twice to Keflavik, Iceland. During an instructor tour at the Naval Academy, he was selected as a CNO Scholar and completed studies at the University of Oxford. After completing a tour as Operations Officer for Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWELVE, he reported to VP-45, where he deployed to Sigonella, Sicily and Bermuda as Operations Officer. Following a tour at Patrol Wing TWO as Training Officer, he reported to Patrol Squadron TWENTY-TWO for his XO/CO tour, deploying to NAS Cubi Point.

In June 1983, as he turned over command of VP-22, a sister squadron, VP-1 suffered the loss of an aircraft and crew, which resulted in the relief of both the CO and XO. Then CDR Haskins was hand selected to command the



squadron and under his leadership over the next year, the command deployed on time and was awarded the Arnold Jay Isbell trophy for ASW excellence. After commanding Patrol Squadron THIRTYONE (the West Coast P-3 Fleet Replacement Squadron) and serving as the Deputy Director of the CNO Executive Panel, he served as Patrol and Reconnaissance Force SEVENTH Fleet/Commander Patrol Wing ONE, at Kami Seya, Japan.

He was selected for flag rank while serving as the 74th Commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy. After commanding the Iceland Defense Force, he was selected to reestablish and command Patrol Wings Atlantic and Task Force EIGHT FOUR. Following a tour as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan, he served as Deputy Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe during the Kosovo conflict. He then was selected for his fifth command tour in the community serving as COMFAIRMED/CTF SIX SEVEN. In July 2000, he was promoted to Vice Admiral and assigned as Naval Inspector General. After retirement, he served as the Distinguished Chair of Leadership at the U. S. Naval Academy and the Director of the VADM Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership. VADM Haskins is married to the former Joanne Nesline of Silver Spring, MD and they have two daughters, Eileen and Julie.

Captain Robert Porter

United States Navy

CAPT Porter attended Temple University on an Eagle Scout scholarship and was commissioned as an Ensign in November 1953 via Officer Candidate School. After a tour on the USS Murrelet (MSF 372) he attended flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in May 1957, reporting to VP-47 where he flew P5M-2 Marlin Seaplanes deploying to NAF Iwakuni. He was then ordered to Norway as ASW Advisor to the Royal Norwegian Air Force where he was cited as being significantly responsible for the successful operations of the Royal Norwegian Air Force's (RNAF) new SA-16B (HU-16B Albatross) ASW configured aircraft which resulted in a positive vote in the Norwegian Parliament to expand RNAF ASW capability. After SP-2 training at VP-30 he completed a department head tour with VP-21, conducting ASW deployments to Rota, Spain and Keflavik, Iceland.

CAPT Porter then led a CIA sponsored team developing and conducting P2V overland reconnaissance missions in Vietnam. His team developed tactics utilizing Low-Light Level and Infrared Sensors, Terrain Following Radar, 70mm reconnaissance cameras and Active Magnetic Anomaly Detection sensors, all in combat operations. During 14 combat missions over Vietnam, all led by then LCDR Porter, 48 militarily significant targets were identified, and their locations sent to Forward Air Controllers for interdiction. His efforts led to the development of the Navy's Trails and Roads Interdiction MultiSensor/Mission (TRIM) program in which several aircraft types were utilized to conduct overland interdiction missions on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. As the Commander of Task Group 50.8 conducting patrols over Vietnam, CAPT Porter was decorated with the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and the Air Medal with Numeral "1" for heroic service during South East Asia Operations.

Following transition to the P-3 aircraft, he reported to VP-26 for his XO/CO tour, where he commanded 18 P-3s in support of contingency operations during the Jordanian Civil War. Subsequently assigned to BUPERs and attending War College, he completed his final tour as Commander, Navy Recruiting Area FIVE.

CAPT Porter and his wife Marilyn, raised two sons, David and Robert, who also served 27 and 30 years respectively in the Navy as part of our MPRF community.

Commander Michael Sheehy

United States Navy

Mike Sheehy graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989 and earned his Naval Flight Officer (NFO) wings in June 1991, receiving the Alden C. Markey award as the top graduate. His first flying tours were with VP-49 until its decommissioning, and subsequently VP-5 where he deployed in support of Operation SHARP GUARD conducting overland and armed Maverick missions. During a tour onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt he served as a Tactical Action Officer in support of Operations ALLIED FORCE and SOUTHERN WATCH. During his department head tour with VP-47, he conducted combat support missions for Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.



In 2003, he reported to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, serving as Assistant Training Officer for six years. During this period, the community experienced a cataclysmic “Red Stripe” grounding of 39 aircraft, representing more than 25% of the force. The lack of flyable aircraft required meticulous management and, despite limited resources, CDR Sheehy ensured all crews continued to meet combat training and readiness requirements for deployment.

Following retirement from active duty in 2009, CDR Sheehy continued to serve at CPRG as the Deputy Director for Plans, Training, and Requirements, serving twelve consecutive Flag Officers leading the MPRF. He was the architect for the Air Combat Training Continuum (ACTC) and created the Training and Readiness Matrices that continues to guide Fleet training today. As the community transitioned from the venerable P-3C to P-8A Poseidon, his meticulous transition plan saw us move to an all P-8A force, safely, successfully and on schedule. His transition plan is now recognized as the model for all Naval Air Forces and was utilized by several of our allies. Building on this model, CDR Sheehy was instrumental in the standup of the second new Type, Model, Series in the community in over 40 years, as we established VUP-19 and introduced MQ-4C TRITON to the Fleet.

In the spring of 2021, with a diagnosis of cancer, CDR Sheehy rededicated his energy to fighting the disease and to serve daily with renewed devotion to our community. In late 2023 in recognition of CDR Sheehy’s extensive contributions and dedication, Commander, Fleet Forces Command awarded Mike the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

2024 Award Recipients

The following award recipients will also be celebrated at the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, April: 24th.

Outstanding CPO:

- Atlantic: AMCS Michael Tyson VP-26
- Pacific: AWOC James Fortner VQ-1

Enlisted Aviation Maintenance:

- Atlantic: AM1 Lauren Davis VP-8
- Pacific: AME1 Alyssa Lynch VP-9

Enlisted Aircrewman of the Year

- Atlantic: AWO1 Chance Passen MPRWS
- Pacific: AWO1 Rachel Fontaine VP-1

NFO of the Year

- Atlantic: LT Elizabeth Dulin VP-26
- Pacific: LT Jacob Malloy VP-46

Pilot of the Year

- Atlantic: LT Angela Fuller MPRWS
- Pacific: LT Nathaniel Stern VP-9

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 2024 Symposium planning committee is available to assist:

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