

MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCE HALL OF HONOR

VICE ADMIRAL Michael D. 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.