



MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCE HALL OF HONOR

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.