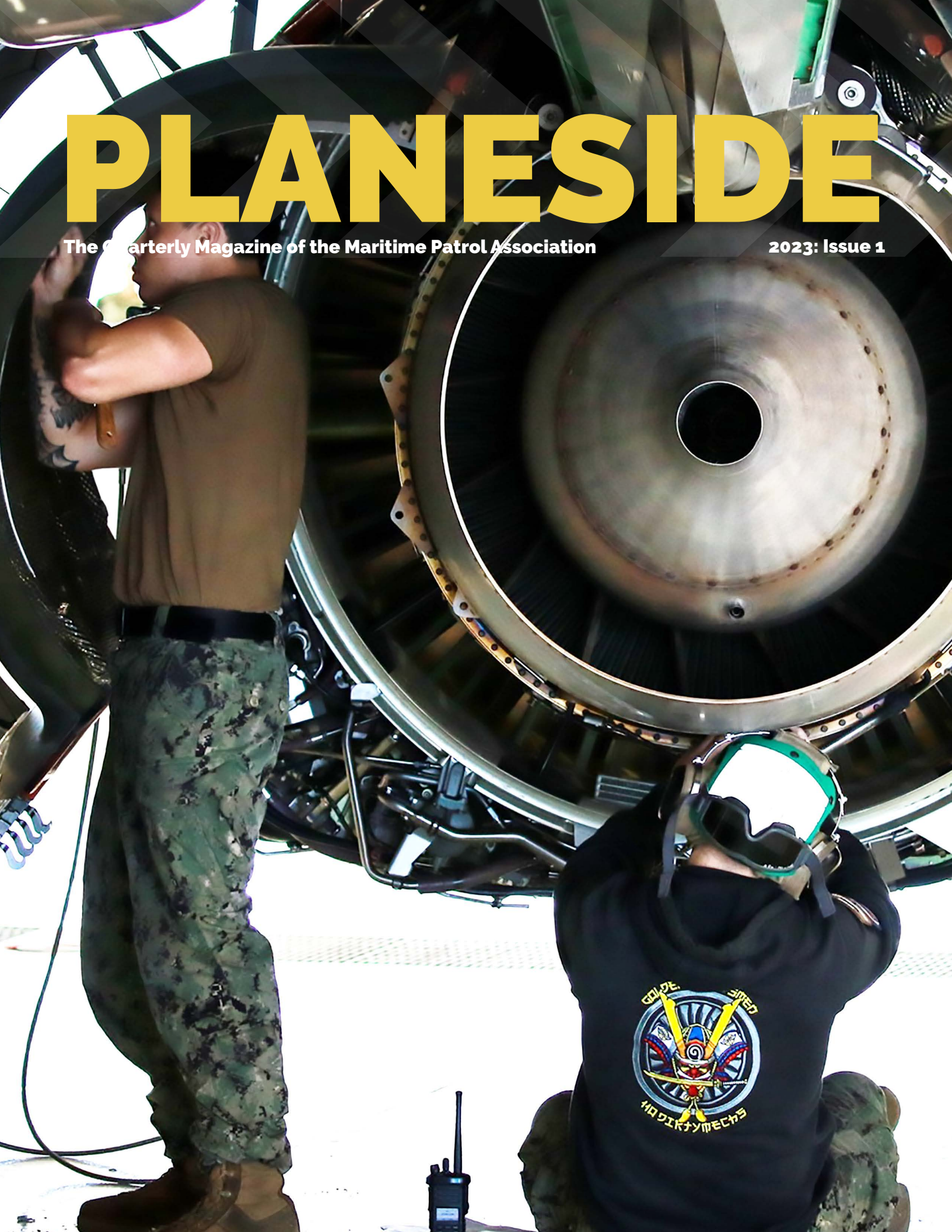


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Cover Photo

Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Dylan Cervantes (left), Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Chance Norton (center), and Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Taylor Drake perform maintenance on one of the engines of a P-8A Poseidon assigned to the 'Golden Swordsmen' of Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, Sept. 16, 2022. VP-47 is a maritime patrol and reconnaissance squadron operating out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) in support of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten (CPRW-10). Photo by MC1 BRANDON J. VINSON.





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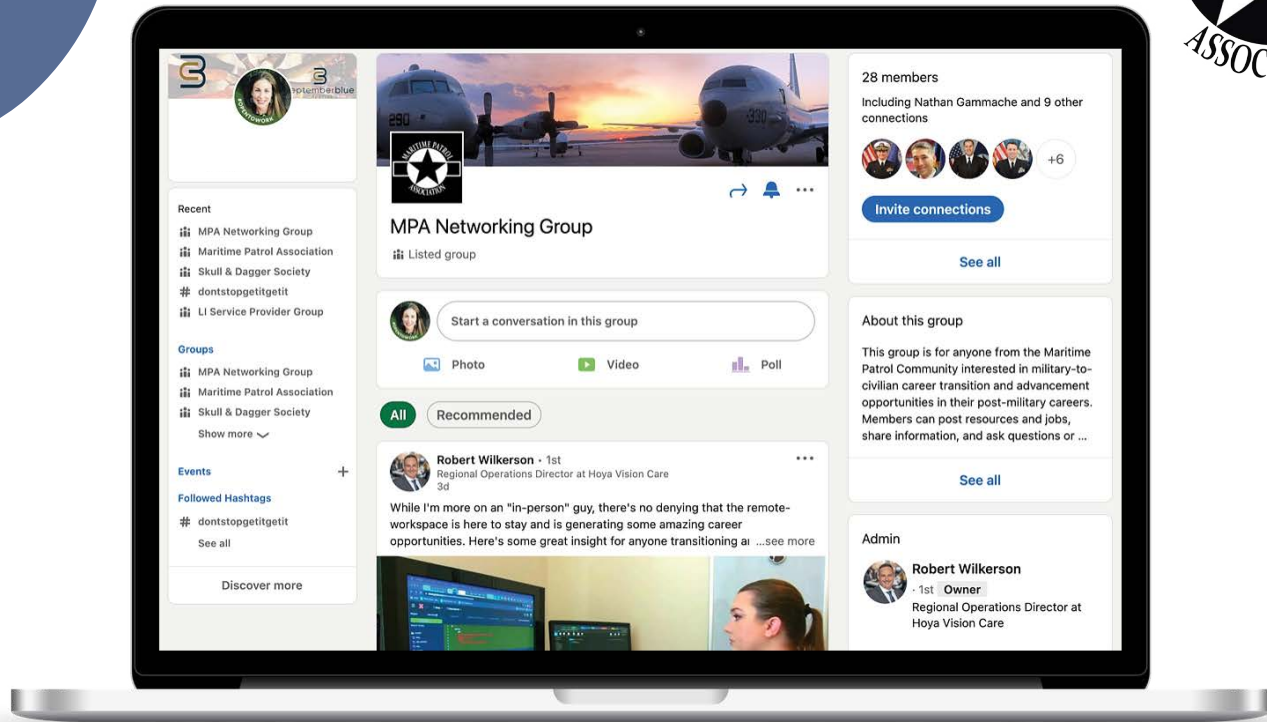
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Checking on Station



Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Warriors Past and Present,

As we leave 2022 in our wake, I would like to open this edition of Checking on Station by pausing to remember two Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) Titans whom we have recently lost – RADM (Ret) Frank Gallo and Mr. D. Michael Sheehy. While they will be sorely missed by family and shipmates alike, their legacy lives on in the spirit and professionalism that beats in the heart of every VP, VQ, VPU, and VUP Sailor and Aircrewmembers. Very few have had as a profound and lasting impact on Maritime Patrol Aviation than Admiral Gallo and Mike Sheehy. We truly stand on the shoulders of Giants.



I am pleased to report that as we start 2023 your MPRF is stronger than ever. We achieved many significant milestones over the last year, and I could not be more grateful for the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the MPRF and the families that support them. It is recognized by leadership throughout the Navy that our community is at the forefront of tense head-to-head standoffs with China and Russia. The rise in our operational tempo over the last few years continues unabated and has stressed Force generation of combat ready crews

and pressurized the Fleet introduction of new capabilities. The U.S. prevailed during the cold-war with 24 active component VP squadrons and then took a "peace dividend" in the early 1990's that promptly cut the force in half. Theater Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) today is rapidly approaching cold-war levels with Russia and China fielding more capable and dangerous submarines. Not surprisingly the P-8 Poseidon has earned the well-deserved reputation as the preeminent ASW platform in ours or any Navy.

With Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine last February, the world order was challenged to an extent not seen since WWII. A war on the European continent is not something we expected to experience in our lifetime, and make no mistake...China is watching this conflict very closely. While there may not be indications of imminent conflict between super powers, our aircrews – both deployed and at-home - are flying around the clock to detect, track, and deter potential adversaries and ensure the peace. Armed with the latest technology and state-of-the art weapon systems, it is through robust training and professional execution in the air and on the ground that our talented men and women avoid miscalculations and stay safe. We are winning.

As we venture into the New Year, we do so with a healthy stable of P-8A Poseidons. This month will see Boeing deliver the 117th of 138 required P-8As to the Fleet. In a series of "firsts," the Reserves began P-8A Transition at NAS Jacksonville, and VUP-19 received its first MQ-4C Triton Multi-INT aircraft at NS Mayport, FL. Moreover, VUP-19 will accept additional Multi-INT jets starting this month and is well on its way to its inaugural deployment later this year. The on-time deployment of Triton Multi-INT is a critical piece of our transition plan to disestablish VQ-1 and retire the EP-3 Aries II. Not to be outdone, allied interest in P-8A continues to grow with New Zealand receiving its first of 4 P-8As, and Canada expressing its intention to recapitalize its CP-140 Aurora squadrons with Poseidon. This is very good news as it serves to increase the size of the MPRA force worldwide and provides opportunity for increased interoperability. Your MPRF is well positioned for the challenges that lie ahead. I remain supremely confident in the men

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and women of this community to meet these challenges and provide the maneuver space our nation needs to win. With a bias for action, I have armed our COs with Commander's Intent that when coupled with professional execution and Mission Command will provide a recipe for victory under any circumstance.

I start this year with gratitude for the men and women that go forward each and every day wrapped in the cloth of our nation supported by family, neighbors, and those that have gone before them. I am grateful for this community and those who built it – aviators like RADM Gallo and Mike Sheehy – and the distinguished membership of the Maritime Patrol Association. I look forward to seeing many of you in Jacksonville this April for our annual MPRF Symposium.

Until then, I wish you all the best as we continue to Fly, Fight, Lead and Win!

With Great Respect,
Kujo

Adam "Kujo" Kijek
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
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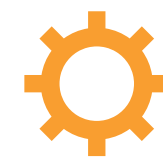
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Rear Admiral Anthony Maness Tactical Operations Center

Although P-3C Orion aircraft are no longer stationed in Hawaii, their more than 80-year legacy lives on in the last permanent Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) asset located on the island of Oahu: the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay (K-Bay).

First based at Barber's Point, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing TWO (CPRW-2) transitioned to K-Bay in 1999, where the TOC was constructed on the flight-line across the street from historic Hangar 104 to provide support for Patrol Squadron (PATRON) FOUR, NINE, and FOUR SEVEN.

For 20 years, P-3 crews trained and deployed out of K-Bay, supported by the TOC which supplied tactical coordination, communications, mission planning, and training, and generations of Aviation Warfare Operators conducted advanced acoustic training under the watchful eye of "Beartrap Pat". The last P-3C squadron departed Hawaii in 2017 and transitioned to the P-8A Poseidon platform in Whidbey Island, WA, and CPRW-2 disestablished in 2018.

TOC K-Bay has the honor of bearing the name of Rear Admiral Anthony Maness, inducted into the Maritime Patrol Association Hall of Honor in 2022. He served in Hawaii as Commanding Officer of PATRON SIX, Wing Operations Officer for CPRW-2, and Commander, Patrol Wings U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLEET). In light of his historic career, a 2001 citation from Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (CPRF) U.S. PACFLEET officially named the TOC (then the Tactical Support Facility) on Marine Corps Base Hawaii K-Bay as the Rear Admiral Anthony Maness Tactical Support Facility.

Rear Admiral Maness was a strong voice in the Post-Cold War era for continued MPRF deployments and proficiency in open-ocean and littoral Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW), as well as oceanic and coastal Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. He was also the "driving force behind the concept, planning, and establishment of Tactical Support Centers throughout the world" (CPRF Pacific Citation).

Thanks to Rear Admiral Maness' efforts, current MPRF squadrons have dedicated Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence and mission planning support facilities at home and while deployed.

TOC K-Bay is now incorporated under Tactical Operations Control Squadron TEN (TOCRON-10) which was established at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island in June 2020. TOCRON-10's mission is to provide MPRF commanders with a tactical, fully integrated, physical infrastructure suite to execute the planning, direction, and control of MPRF aircraft operations throughout the full spectrum of warfare.

Squadron support is provided through two permanent TOCs (TOC NAS Whidbey Island and TOC K-Bay), six TacMobile expeditionary detachments, and a Carrier Tactical Support Center Detachment.

P-8As operating out of K-Bay stand a PACFLEET Homeland Defense (HLD) ready and support Navy Joint training and operations. In addition to traditional ASW and ASUW for Navy commanders, the HLD crews provide Maritime Domain Awareness and support Link 16 exercises and training with the USAF, USN, and USMC. U.S. Coast Guard District



Personnel currently stationed at the TOC under TOCRON 10.

14 relies on the P-8A to supplement its fixed-wing SAR efforts throughout the western Pacific.

In the past year HLD crews found three vessels, saving four individuals. For their efforts, Sailors from the HLD and TOC received the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation.

For the first time, CTF 172 fully headquartered at the TOC during RIMPAC 2022 multinational exercise. TOCRON-10 supported CTF 172 staff and squadrons from partner nations, including Australia, Canada, India, Japan, Republic

of Korea, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, who flew P-8A, P-3C, CP-140, P-8I, P-1, and P-3CK out of TOC K-Bay and Hickam Air Base, HI.

TOC K-Bay continues to serve as a keystone in operational readiness for all services in the Pacific Theater. The men and women stationed at K-Bay hold up the traditions and expectations of Rear Admiral Maness in providing high-quality support to the aircraft and aircrew of the world's finest MPRF Fleet.



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In The News

VP-30 P-3C 162318 Arrives at New Home, Moffett Field, CA

On Tuesday, September 27th, 2022, U. S. Navy P-3C Orion 162318 arrived at the former Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California, instead of the desert. After over a year of work to meet all of the requirements for adoption by the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida, the big day arrived. 318, as she is numbered on the nose, had an impressive record, some of which was painted on the port side nose-wheel door. She was accepted on 6 February 1986 and retired on 30 September 2022 with more than 36 years of service to our country and our Navy.

She accumulated 19,984 flight hours and 14,875 landings. Researching her record, she served at Moffett Field in the former P-3 training squadron, VP-31 in the late 80s and then the Reserve P-3 squadron, VP-91 in the 90s. Later she served in former Moffett Field squadrons VP-9, VP-40, and VP-46 at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington.

The Moffett Field Historical Society and Museum will be the only location in the world with both the analog version and the digital version of the P-3 Orion to show the public the advances in technology. They routinely give tours of the P-3A near base operations and visitors are amazed at what crews could accomplish without computers. Navigators had to use celestial observations to determine their location on the earth. No GPS back in the day. Pictured behind 318 is their P-2 Neptune, providing the Moffett Museum three aircraft that span 80 years of U. S. Navy ASW and long-range patrol history.

The Moffett Field Historical Society hosted a party to celebrate Fleet Week, the Navy's birthday, and the adoption of the P-3C. Many P-3 veterans attended, shared stories of their times in the venerable P-3 Orion and after dinner the dessert was a cake with a picture of 162318.

The Moffett Field Historical Society and Museum expresses their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Pro's Nest of VP-30. They pledge to take excellent care of the historically significant aircraft that VP-30 has entrusted to their care. It represents the dedicated service of thousands of men and women who flew and supported Patrol aviation worldwide, both in peace and war.

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By CAPT Tom Spink, USN (Ret), MPA Moffett Chapter VP



(ABOVE) VP-30 Delivery Crew, left to right, LT Jameson Arnold, LT Byron Alexander, Tom Spink, President Moffett Field Historical Society and Museum, AWV2 Keegan Pierson, AWFC Greta Hynes, Jeff Wasel, Museum Director.

This aircraft loan courtesy of: the National Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, Florida.

(LEFT) P-3 veterans celebrating Fleet Week, the Navy's birthday, and the adoption of the P-3C.



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VP-10 Recognized with CNO Aviation Safety Award



CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines - The "Red Lancers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 participated in the multilateral exercise Sama Sama-Lumbas at Clark Air Base, Oct. 11-18. The exercise included forces from Australia, France, Japan, Philippines, United Kingdom, and United States.

Sama Sama, meaning "togetherness" in Malay, is an exercise designed to promote regional security cooperation, maintain and strengthen maritime partnerships, and enhance maritime interoperability. It is an annual partnership between the Philippine Navy and the U.S. Navy, while Lumbas is a yearly exercise between the Philippine Navy and the Royal Australian Navy.

This year the exercises were combined for the first time and helped to strengthen longstanding alliances of the participating forces.

"It was really exciting and challenging working with multiple countries in a singular effort to find the 'survivor,' and incredibly rewarding once we did so," said Naval Aircrewman (Operator) 2nd Class Garrett Carlston, after successfully concluding a search-and-rescue exercise.

Combat Aircrew-3 of the "Red Lancers" also participated in a subject matter expert (SME) exchange with members of the Philippine Navy at Clark Air Base on Luzon Island, Philippines. During the SME exchange the aircrew gave tours of a P-8A Poseidon and explained how the aircraft executes both anti-submarine warfare and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions.

During the exercise, the U.S. and Philippines emphasized togetherness by bringing members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines on board a VP-10 aircraft during a mission exercise flight.

"It was great having the Filipino riders onboard demonstrating the aircrafts capabilities and how we can all work together towards a common goal," said Lt. Cmdr. Douglas Tengler II, the officer in charge of the squadron's Philippines detachment.

The "Red Lancers" are based in Jacksonville, Florida and are currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations, as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.



By Lt. j.g. Brian DePaola, VP-10 Public Affairs

CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines (Oct. 13, 2022) - Sailors assigned to the "Red Lancers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 conduct an information exchange with members of the French and Philippines military forces during exercise Sama Sama-Lumbas. The "Red Lancers" are currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations, as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Douglas Tengler II)

Community

VP-46 Returns from 5th and 6th Fleet Deployment

OAK HARBOR, Wash. -- The 'Grey Knights' of Patrol Squadron (VP) 46 returned to their homeport of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island after a six month deployment to the US Fifth and Sixth Fleet Area of Operations, Oct. 1st, 2022.

"I could not be more proud of what the Grey Knights accomplished during this deployment," said Cmdr. Frank Verducci, the commanding officer of VP-46. "It took leadership at all levels to keep the team rowing together even though we were on three different continents! I would also like to give a special thanks to all of the exceptional families at home supporting, which made it possible for their Sailor to bring their 'A' game when we needed them most."

This was the squadron's second deployment since transitioning to the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft. VP-46 covered over 4,000 miles of ocean supporting operations for Commander, Task Force (CTF) 57 and 67. The Grey Knight aircrews executed over 600 Sorties totaling over 3,600 Flight Hours and supported exercises such as BALTOPS 22, Joint Warrior, and Northern Viking to name a few.

Over the six months, the Grey Knight maintenance team completed 15 Scheduled Maintenance Inspections, qualified five personnel as 'Safe for Flight', 21 Plane Captains, 20 Collateral Duty Inspectors, and 2 Quality Assurance Reps. All this was achieved while executing daily turnarounds and regular maintenance swiftly and correctly allowing the squadron to meet all Task Force objectives.

VP-46 shared much of the responsibility in the High North with their sister squadron, VP-9, much of the time flying on mixed crews or sharing aircraft to meet the mission requirements. Working alongside the Golden Eagles in a "one team, one fight" mind-set was one high point of the deployment and key to Task Force success.

This deployment had many firsts for the crews including detachments to Norway, Sweden, Israel and the first ever P-8A squadron to operate a detachment out of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The VP-46 Grey Knights fly the P-8A Poseidon out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington and they are the oldest Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron in the Fleet. From the Catalina to the P-2V Neptune to the P-3A Orion to the mighty P-8A Poseidon, the Grey Knights have participated in every major military conflict since its inception. The many successes of VP-46 are a direct result of the outstanding contributions made each and every day by the men and women who have the strength to fight and win and the honor to do it right. The Grey Knights of VP-46 continue to preserve their legacy by honoring the past, leading in the present, and forging the future. In this spirit, the Squadron retains its favored moniker, "THE OLDEST AND THE BEST."

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By Petty Officer 2nd Class Austin Ingram VP-46 Public Affairs



Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (Oct. 2, 2022) --Naval Aircrewman Operator Chief Timothy Doan with Patrol Squadron (VP) 46 walks on the flight line as his two daughters run to greet him on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI), Wash., Oct. 2, 2022. The "Grey Knights" of VP-46 returned to their homeport at NASWI after a six month deployment where they covered over 4,000 miles of ocean to support operations for Commander, Task Force (CTF) 57 and 67. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacquelin Frost)



(ABOVE) Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. (Oct. 09, 2022)– Naval Aircrewman Operator 2nd Class Evelyn Varela assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, the ‘Grey Knights’, is greeted by family members on the flightline at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI), Oct. 9, 2022.



(RIGHT) Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. (Oct. 05, 2022) – Cmdr. Kevin Harrington, Executive Officer, Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, the ‘Grey Knights’, greets two of his children on the flight line at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI), Oct. 5, 2022.

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VP-5 Concludes Singapore Detachment

PAYA LEBAR AIR BASE, Singapore – The 'Mad Foxes' of Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 conducted a two-week detachment to Singapore that concluded Sep. 22. A P-8A Poseidon aircraft, along with nine aircrew members, four tactical operations support personnel, and 10 aircraft maintainers conducted flight operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72 lines of effort. The detachment supported regional security and stability and reinforced the commitment of the United States to a free and open Indo-Pacific. During the detachment, the 'Mad Foxes' of VP-5 conducted a broad assortment of maritime patrol and reconnaissance force missions with a 100% mission success rate.

During their off-duty time, the 'Mad Foxes' participated in several community relations events and visited local heritage sites. These events allowed the crew to learn about the culture of Singapore and enhance friendships with an important partner nation.

"On days without scheduled flight operations, the crew conducted community relations events," said Lt. Chase Ammon, detachment officer in charge. "We volunteered at the Genesis School for Special Education spending the afternoon with some wonderful children and amazing teachers. We also volunteered at the Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen preparing food."

The 'Mad Foxes' of VP-5 are based out of Jacksonville, Florida, and are currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations, as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. The advanced capabilities of the P-8A Poseidon enable the 'Mad Foxes' to perform anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance, and search and rescue missions.

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By Petty Officer 2nd Class Sergio Montanez, VP-5 Public Affairs



Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 pose for a photo at Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen after volunteering during a detachment in Singapore, Sept. 21.

Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet Visits Patrol Squadron 10 in Mactan-Benito Ebuen Air Base, Philippines

MACTAN-BENITO EBUEN AIR BASE, Philippines - Combat Aircrew-2 of the "Red Lancers" Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 hosted a P-8A Poseidon static display for Vice Adm. Karl Thomas, commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, at Mactan-Benito Ebuen Air Base, Philippines, Oct. 10.

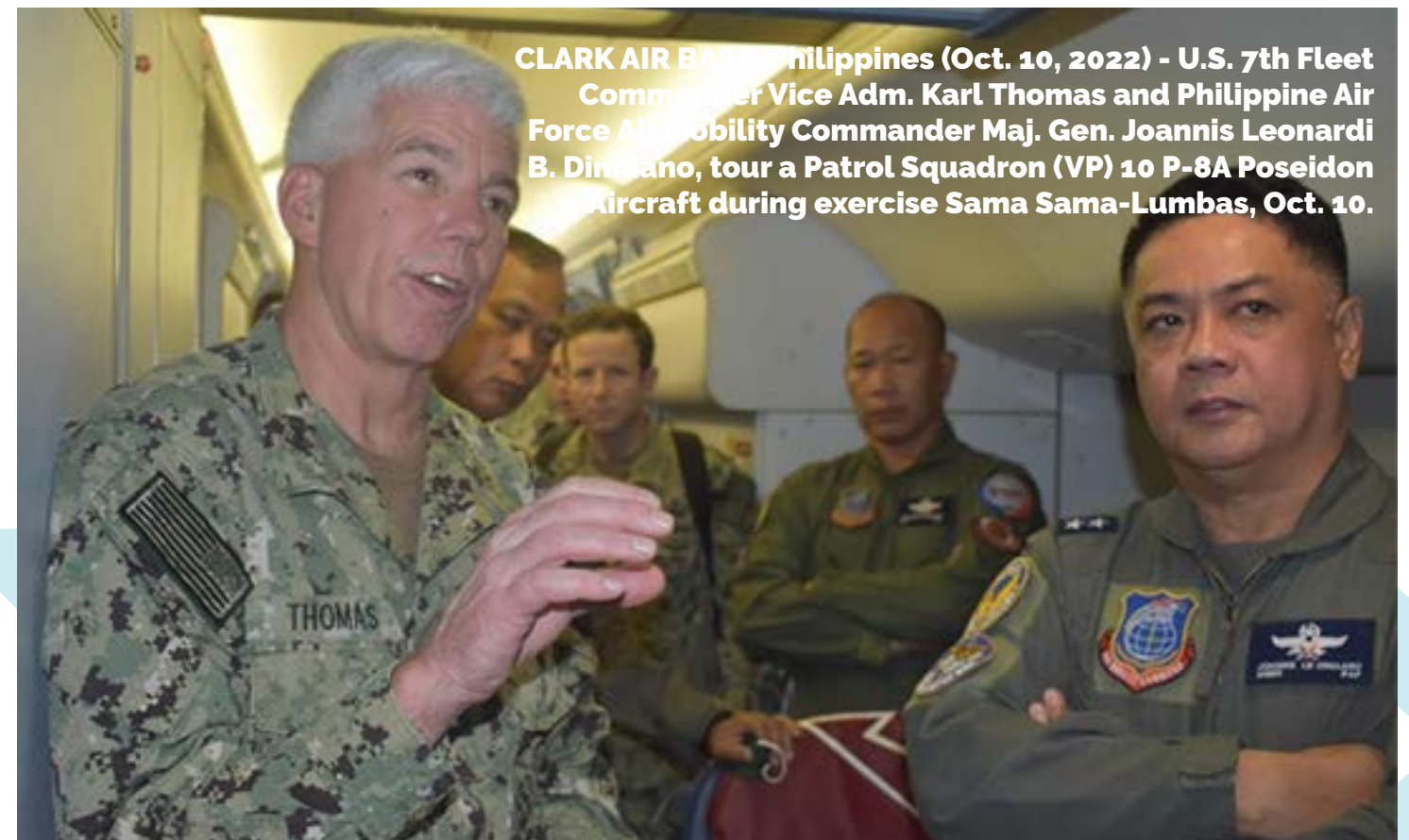
During the visit, Thomas delivered opening remarks at exercise Sama Sama-Lumbas. He also met with Maj. Gen. Joannis Leonardi B. Dimaano, commander, Air Mobility Command of the Philippine Air Force, to discuss the roles and capabilities of the P-8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft.

Squadron personnel repositioned the Poseidon aircraft to demonstrate the systems and functionalities to the Philippine Air Force staff in attendance. This display enhanced interoperability in the maritime community. Combat Aircrew-2 emphasized the extended range capabilities and lethality of the P-8A and how maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft address maritime security concerns through intelligence, surveillance, and

reconnaissance information sharing. During the exercise [Sama Sama-Lumbas], VP-10 personnel worked together with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, Philippine Navy, Royal Australian Navy, Royal Navy, and the French Navy to display a full spectrum of naval capabilities to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific maritime security environment.

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By Lt. j.g. Brian DePaola, VP-10 Public Affairs



CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines (Oct. 10, 2022) - U.S. 7th Fleet Commander Vice Adm. Karl Thomas and Philippine Air Force Air Mobility Commander Maj. Gen. Joannis Leonardi B. Dimaano, tour a Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 P-8A Poseidon Aircraft during exercise Sama Sama-Lumbas, Oct. 10.

Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 Chief Pinning Ceremony

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Oct. 21, 2022) Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 and various commands, participate in the fiscal Year 2023 chief petty officer pinning ceremony, at St. Edwards Catholic Chapel, on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville, May 21.

VP 30, based in Jacksonville Fla., is the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) specific training to pilots, Naval flight officers, and enlisted aircrew prior to reporting to the Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Curtis D. Spencer)

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By VP-30 Public Affairs



U.S. Navy's Newest P-8A Delivered to VP-5

NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 accepted the U.S. Navy's newest P-8A Poseidon aircraft on Nov. 30, 2022. The aircraft arrived from Boeing Field in Washington and was greeted by Lt. Cmdr. Darryl Abriam, VP-5's Maintenance Officer. "The Mad Foxes are excited to receive the fleet's newest and most advanced airborne ASW weapons system," said Abriam.

The P-8A is the premier maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft and the advanced capabilities of the P-8A Poseidon enable the Mad Foxes to perform anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface warfare (ASuW), intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), and search and rescue (SAR) missions. The delivery of this new jet will help the 'Mad Foxes' train for high end warfare.

The 'Mad Foxes' are stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., and are currently executing a Fleet Readiness Training Plan in preparation for their next operational deployment.

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By VP-5 Public Affairs



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Patrol Squadron 10 Continues Partnership with Brunei Through CARAT Exercise

RIMBA AIR BASE, Brunei - Combat Aircrew (CAC) 9 of the "Red Lancers" Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 joined the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) and USS Charleston (LCS 18) for the 28th annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise on Rimba Air Base, Brunei, Oct 24 - 31.

Hosted by the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF), this bilateral event demonstrates the U.S. Navy's long-term interest in strengthening relationships with partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. CARAT 2022 aims to promote regional security cooperation, maintain and strengthen maritime partnerships, and enhance interoperability among participating forces.

Aircrew and maintainers from VP-10 were given the opportunity to mission plan and train with the RBAF while discussing the capabilities and roles of the P-8A Poseidon.

"I learned a lot on a cultural and strategic level from working with our RBAF counterparts," said Lt. j.g. Brandon Aro, a CAC-9 flight officer in the detachment. "We were able to share information and tactics about different mission scenarios which strengthen our interoperability and leads to improved and standardized evolutions in the future."

Over the course of eight days, the "Red Lancers" crew hosted several distinguished visitors including Commander Operations Group of the Royal Brunei Air Force Colonel Hishamuddin bin Abidin and participated in numerous combined-force events. The "Red Lancers" demonstrated how to preflight the P-8A Poseidon aircraft, exchanged information with other subject matter experts, and toured the Charleston with members of the RBAF.

CAC-9 wrapped up CARAT operations with a final tracking exercise aimed at increasing both navies' understanding of tracking and pursuing targets utilizing surface ships and aircraft.

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By Lt. j.g. Brian DePaola, VP-10 Public Affairs



RIMBA AIR BASE, Brunei (Oct. 26, 2022) – Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Chase Hawes briefs Commander Operations Group of the Royal Brunei Air Force Colonel Hishamuddin bin Abidin during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Brunei 2022. The "Red Lancers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 are currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations, as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Nicholas Skeen)

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ANA Patriot Squadron, Boston, MA

Monthly Meeting & Lunch @ 11 am, last Saturday of the month at the museum: This group operates a small naval aviation museum on the site of former NAS South Weymouth called the Shea Naval Aviation Museum. A number of members were formerly VP-92 and predecessor reserve patrol squadrons that were based at NAS South Weymouth.

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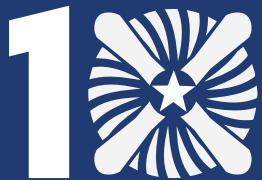
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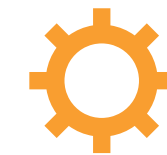
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The Norfolk Chapter will be hosting an event in February - please get in touch with John Fox for the details!



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VP of Region:
Joshua Portzer

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Perry Yaw

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VP of Region:
CAPT Tom Spink, USN (Ret.)

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VP Images Around the Globe



(ABOVE) MPA DC Chapter gathered for a Happy Hour on December 8th and welcomed one new member and two Ensign prospective members!



(TOP RIGHT) CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines (Oct. 7, 2022) - Sailors assigned to the "Red Lancers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 pose for a photo with members of the British Royal Marines in front a P-8A Poseidon during exercise Sama Sama-Lumbas. The "Red Lancers" are currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations, as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Douglas Tengler II)



(BOTTOM RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Oct. 21, 2022) Chief Naval Aircrewman Operator Ashley Gee, from Romulus N.Y., assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30, departs the stage during the fiscal Year 2023 chief petty officer pinning ceremony, at St. Edwards Catholic Chapel, on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville, May 21. VP 30, based in Jacksonville Fla., is the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) specific training to pilots, Naval flight officers, and enlisted aircrew prior to reporting to the Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Curtis D. Spencer)



Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. (Oct. 11, 2022) – Lt. Will Parham, a pilot attached to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, the 'Grey Knights', holds his son outside the aircraft hangar at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI), Oct. 11, 2022. VP-46 returned to their homeport at NASWI after a six-month deployment to support operations for Commander, Task Force (CTF) 57 and 67. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacquelin Frost)



(TOP RIGHT) The Golden Eagles of VP-9 celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday by throwing a "Turkey Burn" the week before. The spread was bountiful and the squadron was full and grateful! (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of VP-9.)



(BOTTOM RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Oct. 4, 2022) Aviation Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Benjamin Wolfe, assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 kisses his infant daughter as VP-8 returns to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 4, 2022. VP-8 is returning from a six month deployment in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72 and U.S, Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Juan Sebastian Sua/ Released)

VP-16's newest PPC, LT Murvin, after being celebrated by her squadron mates. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of VP-16)



(BELOW) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Sept. 21, 2022) Rear Adm. John F. Meier, commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL), from Export, Pa., left and FORCM Chris Chelberg, Force Master Chief, CNAL, from Minneapolis, right, speak with Sailors from various Squadrons during a routine visit to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 headquarters, Sept. 21. VP 30, based in Jacksonville Fla., is the U.S. Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) specific training to pilots, Naval flight officers, and enlisted aircrew prior to reporting to the Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Curtis D. Spencer)



1 JMSDF P-1, 1 USN P-8A from VP45, 1 RAAF P-8A, and an Indian P-8I fly in formation over the USS Ronald Reagan CSG, exercise Malabar, 2022. Photo courtesy of VP-45.



(ABOVE) RIMBA AIR BASE, Brunei (Oct. 25, 2022) – Naval Aircrewman (Operator) 1st Class Chelsea Mitchell, assigned to the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10, conducts training for members of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Brunei 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Aviation Electrician’s Mate 1st Class Brian Woodford) (U.S. Navy photo by Aviation Electrician’s Mate 1st Class Brian Woodford)



(TOP RIGHT) Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. (Oct. 02, 2022) – Aviation Structural Mechanic, Safety Equipment, 2nd Class Yvette Knoepke, a Sailor assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, the ‘Grey Knights’, is greeted by family members on the flight line at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI), Oct. 2, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacquelin Frost)



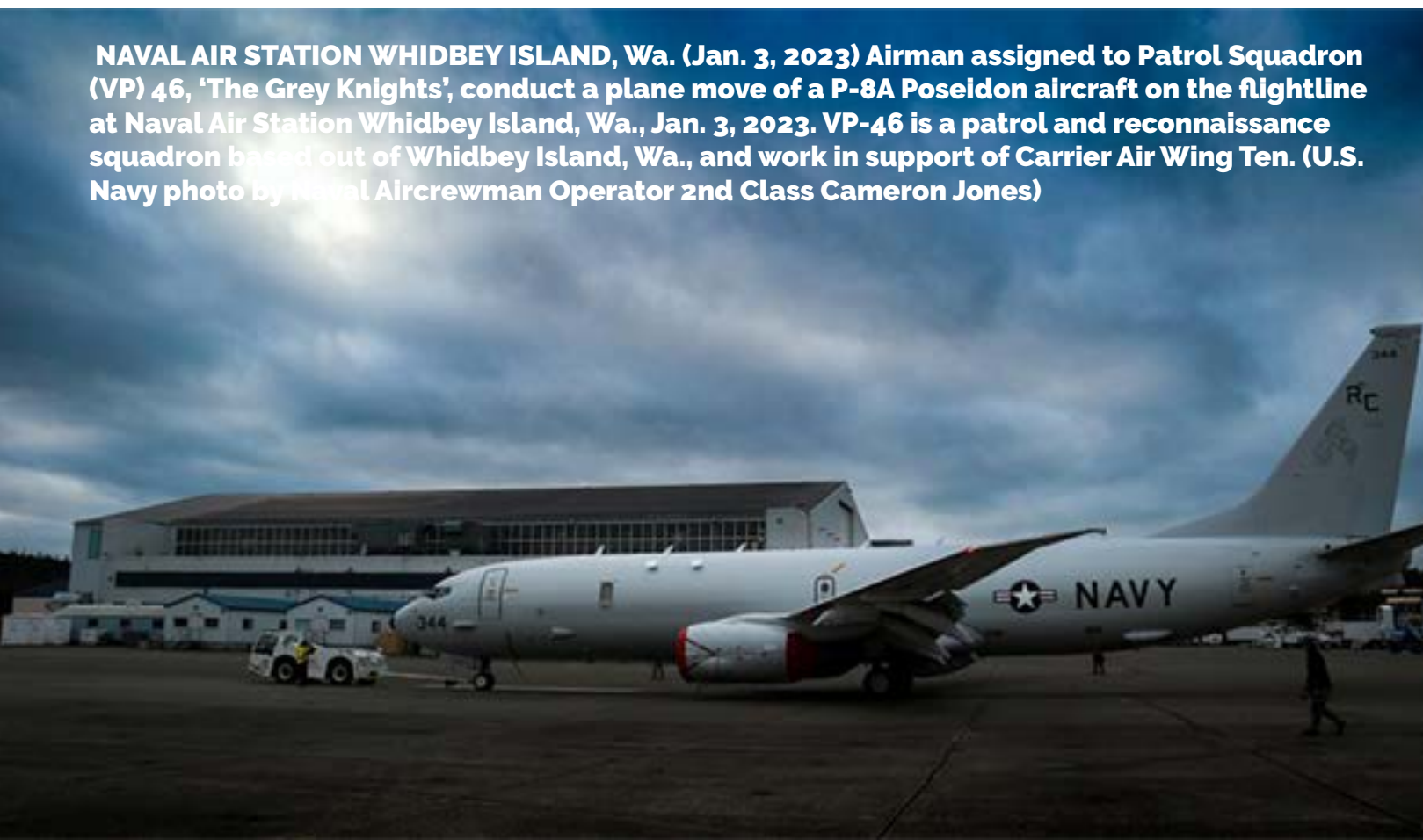
(BOTTOM RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Oct. 21, 2022) Chief Naval Aircrewman Operator Chris Murphy, from Crown Point Ind., assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30, poses for a photo on stage during the fiscal Year 2023 chief petty officer pinning ceremony, at St. Edwards Catholic Chapel, on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville, May 21. VP 30, based in Jacksonville Fla., is the U.S. Navy’s Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). VP 30’s mission is to provide P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) specific training to pilots, Naval flight officers, and enlisted aircrew prior to reporting to the Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Curtis D. Spencer)



RIMBA AIR BASE, Brunei (Oct. 25, 2022) – Members of Combat Aircrew 9, assigned to the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10, participate in an information exchange with members of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Brunei 2022. VP-10 is currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations, as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Aviation Electrician’s Mate 1st Class Brian Woodford)



Member countries India, Japan, Australia, and Crew 10 from VP45 pose for a picture for exercise Malabar 2022 from NAS Atsugi, Japan. (Photo courtesy of VP-45)



NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wa. (Jan. 3, 2023) Airman assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, ‘The Grey Knights’, conduct a plane move of a P-8A Poseidon aircraft on the flightline at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wa., Jan. 3, 2023. VP-46 is a patrol and reconnaissance squadron based out of Whidbey Island, Wa., and work in support of Carrier Air Wing Ten. (U.S. Navy photo by Naval Aircrewman Operator 2nd Class Cameron Jones)



A look behind the scenes in the VP-1 hangar. Photo courtesy of VP-1.



JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska (Sept. 23, 2022) – Cdr. James Reeves, Executive Officer of the 'Fighting Tigers', Patrol Squadron (VP) EIGHT, discusses features of the P-8A Poseidon with members of the U.S. Air Force on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Sept. 23, 2022. VP-8 is currently deployed to NAF Misawa, Japan conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance and theater outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet (C7F) area of operations in support of Commander, Task Force 72, C7F, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandon J. Vinson/Released)

(BOTTOM LEFT) NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Nov. 7, 2022) A Sailor assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 4, directs a P-8 Poseidon aircraft after landing Naval Air Station Sigonella, Nov. 7, 2022. NAS Sigonella's strategic location enables U.S., allied, and partner nation forces to deploy and respond as required, ensuring security and stability in Europe, Africa and central command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andy A. Anderson)



Congrats to VP-26 Work Center 230 on a successful completion of their conventional weapons technical proficiency inspection, scoring an exemplary 390/400. Photo courtesy of VP-26.



NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Nov. 12, 2022) Ariel view of Naval Air Station Sigonella from a P-8 Poseidon aircraft, Nov. 12, 2022. NAS Sigonella's strategic location enables U.S., allied, and partner nation forces to deploy and respond as required, ensuring security and stability in Europe, Africa and central command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andy A. Anderson)



Golden Eagle Sailors hard at work! Today, these maintainers were performing quality checks and maintenance as an aircraft goes through a routine scheduled inspection process. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of VP-9.)

Another PPC celebration at VP-16. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of VP-16)



Trident Sailor assist ing pilots with ground checks in preparation for a functional check flight. Photo courtesy of VP-26.

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