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Cover Photo

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash. (Oct. 10, 2022) – Aviation Electrician’s Mate 3rd Class Alexander Joseph Rubio, attached to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, the ‘Grey Knights’, directs a P-8A Poseidon with Patrol Squadron (VP) 46 into a parking position at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI), Oct. 10, 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)





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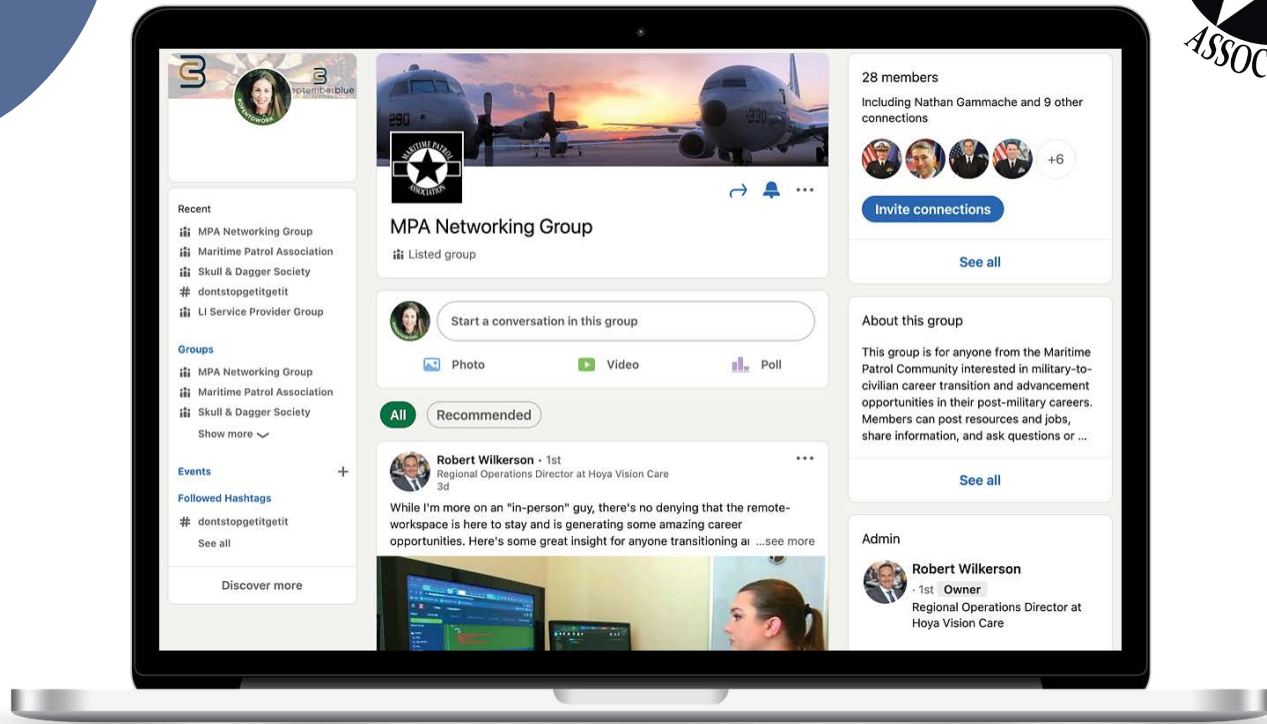
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Checking on Station



Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Warriors Past and Present,

The MPRF's transformation from "Cold War" era legacy platforms to a technologically advanced, networked and more lethal Family of Systems (FoS) is a reality. Having just returned from a very well attended and successful Commander's Action Group (CAG), Naval Aviation Requirements Group (NARG) and MPRF Symposium in Jacksonville, it is clear that our community is at a crossroads. Leaning into the future and shifting to an all P-8A and Triton force is no longer theoretical.

This winter VP-30 graduated its last class of CAT 1 P-3C aviators with plans to stop all P-3 training and divest of its last Orion this June. With the MQ-4C Triton rapidly coming online, our remaining P-3C/EP-3 resources are focused on sustaining VQ-1 as it executes its sundown plan to final disestablishment. These closely choreographed events were set in motion over a decade ago with the decision to replace the P-3C with the P-8A Poseidon supported by TacMobile and the subsequent fielding of Triton to fall in behind the retiring EP-3 Aries. A proven spiral acquisition strategy accompanied by flawless execution of our transition has been recognized across the Navy and Department of Defense as a model program and accurately reflected in our long range plan. More to the point, you can be proud of how far your community has advanced as we professionally and safely executed an unparalleled transformation of one of the most storied and strategically important communities in Naval Aviation.



This extraordinary transformation did not just happen. For those who attended this year's Heritage Dinner you heard me say, "We stand on the shoulders of giants." I truly believe that we would not be here today if it were not for the leadership, service and sacrifice of so many that have gone before. The list of MPRF notables is long and distinguished. In fact, it can be traced back to our very origin during the dawn of Naval Aviation. All one has to do is take a walk down our hallowed Hall of Honor located in the Integrated Training Center in Jacksonville to gain an appreciation for the courageous and accomplished shipmates that shaped our community over the last century. We added to that auspicious list this year by inducting CAPT Frankie Bryant and Admiral Bill Moran into our MPA Hall of Honor.

Both CAPT Bryant, who passed in 2017, and Admiral Moran are recognized as architects of today's MPRF. Commodore Bryant was instrumental in driving the community into new mission areas to effectively bridge the gap between the "Cold War" and the "Global War on Terror." Admiral Moran's philosophy while leading CPRG that, "If you can do ASW, you can do anything," became the mantra that allowed us to navigate the P-3C red-stripe of the early 2000's and set the stage to recapitalize the MPRF with a new, technologically advanced Family of Systems. We owe a great debt of gratitude to these, and so many more, titans of the MPRF. Yes, we do stand on the shoulders of Giants!

One of the most important lessons our leaders left us is the idea that our community performs best when we work as a team. The professional relationship that exists between the Fleet, NAVAIR Program Managers, and OPNAV

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I hope to continue the conversation in Whidbey Island the week of 25 September for our annual West Coast gathering. 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
Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Group/Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Pacific

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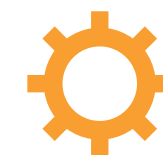
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In the News

Chinese Jet Fighter Shadows U.S. Aircraft Over South China Sea

ABOARD A U.S. PATROL AIRCRAFT—A Chinese J-11 jet fighter, armed with four air-to-air missiles, appeared at the rear of an American P-8 patrol aircraft, passed above and settled a few hundred feet from the wing of the U.S. Navy plane.

"American aircraft, this is the PLA air force. You are approaching Chinese airspace. Keep a safe distance or you will be intercepted," a Chinese military ground station broadcast to the P-8, using the abbreviation for the People's Liberation Army.

Encounters such as the one on Friday over the South China Sea are now a near-daily occurrence, and they are becoming more dangerous, U.S. officials say.

In December, the U.S. accused a Chinese jet fighter of flying within 20 feet of a U.S. reconnaissance plane over the South China Sea. Beijing said the U.S. plane veered suddenly toward the jet. China hasn't responded to U.S. calls for talks about unsafe military encounters.

"The long-term trend is more and more aggression" by Chinese fighter pilots, said Capt. Will Toraason, the commander of U.S. Navy surveillance aircraft in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

The U.S. shot down a suspected Chinese spy balloon after it passed over the U.S. earlier this month, raising tensions. China said it was a civilian meteorological balloon that blew off course.

Beijing has in turn accused the U.S. of spying on China, including by using patrol aircraft over the South China Sea. China claims almost all of the resource-rich maritime region, which is also an important trade route.

China has built military bases on artificial islands in the waters. That puts it into confrontation with other countries in the region that also have territorial claims and adds to U.S. concerns about trade routes and regional security.

Earlier this month, the Philippines said China's coast guard used a military-grade laser against a Philippine coast guard ship in the South China Sea.

U.S. patrol aircraft fly over the South China Sea on most days to push back on China's claims of control of the region, as well as to record images of the militarization of artificial islands. The Wall Street Journal flew on a P-8 patrol plane Friday as the crew used cameras, radar and other sensors to look at ships, aircraft and facilities on the islands.

The encounter between the P-8 and the Chinese jet fighter occurred a few dozen miles north of the Paracel Islands, claimed by both China and Vietnam. China has built military facilities on some of the islands.

The P-8 responded to the Chinese warning by saying it was flying in international airspace. The Chinese ground station replied: "No approaching any more or you will pay full responsibility."

With the Chinese jet fighter still nearby, the U.S. Navy aircraft looped south around the islands and headed back across the South China Sea, passing over the Spratly Islands, another contested region. The Chinese jet pulled away after about an hour as the P-8 left the area of the Paracel Islands. No further jet fighters were seen.

China's foreign ministry didn't respond to questions about what territory it claims in the South China Sea or what it thinks about U.S. patrol flights.



Naval Air Warfare Officer William Craig monitored a Chinese jet fighter while on board a U.S. Navy surveillance aircraft as the fighter flew within a few hundred feet of the patrol plane over the South China Sea. PHOTO: ALASTAIR GALE/THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

After the December incident, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said: "The U.S. has frequently deployed aircraft and vessels for close-in reconnaissance on China, which poses a serious danger to China's national security. The U.S.'s provocative and dangerous moves are the root cause of maritime security issues."

"China will continue to take necessary measures to resolutely defend its sovereignty and security," the spokesman said.

The P-8 returned to its base in Okinawa, Japan, flying close to two Chinese naval destroyers, one north of the Philippines and another around 38 nautical miles off the eastern coast of Taiwan.

The aircraft is one of seven P-8 planes belonging to Patrol Squadron 10, which is based in Jacksonville, Fla., and currently on a six-month rotation in Japan.

Cmdr. Marc Hines, commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 10, said the missions contributed to upholding international norms, supporting U.S. partners and ensuring free commerce in international waters. He said China's challenges to the existing order had to be countered.

"If it's left unchecked, then what?" he said.

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**By Alastair Gale, *The Wall Street Journal*
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Community

MPA HOSTS 11th SYMPOSIUM

The Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) hosted its annual Jacksonville Symposium onboard NAS Jacksonville. The week-long event ran from April 25th-April 28th and active duty, retired, veterans, civilians, spouses, reunion groups all were present to take part in lectures, discussions, and social gatherings focused on the latest developments inside the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF).

With over 900 registrants attending any one for the many MPA events, it was deemed MPA's most attended symposium yet. The events began on Wednesday morning, the MPA Heritage Day, and were kicked off by RDML Adam Kijek, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group. RDML Kijek gave a big welcome to a standing room only crowd. The morning continued with the MPRF community update, an RAF and RAAF community update given by our foreign partners. They were on hand to talk about how the VPI and MPRF communities are growing together. Back on the schedule this year was a Heritage Presentation. CAPT Bill Toti, USN (Ret) gave a presentation on the sinking of the cruiser USS Indianapolis and the rescuing of the crews by MPRF. Following all the briefs, planes were on standby for tours all the while the tech expo was the place to meet some of the MPA corporate sponsors and have lunch. After lunch folks returned to the VP30 Auditorium for the announcement of the winners of the Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW) Fleet Challenge. The Fleet Challenge is a competition between crews from different VP squadrons designed to test tactical knowledge and prowess. The winning crew this year came from VP40.

The pinnacle event of the first day, and the whole week, was the MPA Heritage dinner. The SOLD-OUT Dinner was held in historic Hangar 117. The dinner welcomed two large reunion groups, VP5 and VP24, friends and family from the MPA Hall of Honor inductees, ADM Bill Moran, USN (Ret) and CAPT Frank Bryant, USN (Ret) and other MPRF distinguished guests. The guest speaker for the evening was Vice Admiral Sean Buck, Superintendent, United States Naval Academy.

Thursday afternoon Symposium attendees competed in the MPA golf tournament in order to support the MPA Scholarship Fund. The Fund, in partnership with the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation, offers financial aid to dependents of active-duty military members. This year, due to a terrible afternoon storm that came through Jacksonville, the tournament was not completed. The 200 golfers were able to play 9 holes and then enjoy dinner and socializing waiting out the storm. Friday evening members gathered for one last meeting at the flight suit social. Generations of aviators shared stories and made new friends as the festivities brought the week to a close.

MPA thanks all of those that attended the MPA 2023 Symposium. We hope to see you again in 2024!

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By Maritime Patrol Association

[To view all of the professional photos of the Heritage Dinner, please click here.](#)



ABOVE: Guests dine at the Heritage Dinner in the Ceremonial Hangar onboard NAS Jax.
BELOW: Guest speaker VADM Sean Buck and members of the VP5 Reunion group at the heritage dinner.





ABOVE LEFT: Ms. Kristen Bryant, daughter of the late CAPT Frank Bryant USN (Ret), accepted her father's Hall of Honor plaque after he was inducted into the MPA Hall of Honor.



ABOVE RIGHT: ADM Bill Moran, USN (Ret), one of the newest inductees to the MPA Hall of Honor.



BOTTOM: Three of the great MPRF Admirals - VADM Sean Buck, RADM Peter Garvin and RDML Adam Kijek.

Ever wondered why you should attend the MPA Symposium? This moment captures it. RADM Kirkland, USN (Ret) reuniting with an old friend.





(ABOVE) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 27, 2023) Capt. Kim DaCosta-Azar, from New York, Commander, Task Force 57 and Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 57, speaks with Chief Naval Aircrewmembers Mechanical Greta Hynes, from Jacksonville, Fla., assigned to Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30, during the Commander's Action Group and Naval Aviation Requirements Group (CAG/NARG), April 27. MPA Symposium, along with CAG/NARG are annual events with lectures, discussions, and social gatherings focused on the latest developments inside the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF). VP 30 based in Jacksonville, Fla. is the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replenishment Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide 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 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer.)

(BOTTOM RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 24, 2023) Rear Adm. Adam Kijek, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, kicks-off the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium at Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30 headquarters with a junior officers call, April 24. . MPA Symposium, along with Commander's Action Group and Naval Aviation Requirements Group (CAG/NARG) are annual events with lectures, discussions, and social gatherings focused on the latest developments inside the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF). VP 30 based in Jacksonville, Fla. is the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replenishment Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide 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.



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 26, 2023) Lt. Cmdr. Jen Ryan, from Jacksonville, Fla., assigned to Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP) 19, speaks with Royal Australian Air Force Officer Squadron Leader Daniel Bailey, from Adelaide, Australia during the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium at Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30, headquarters, April 26. MPA Symposium, along with Commander's Action Group and Naval Aviation Requirements Group (CAG/NARG) are annual events with lectures, discussions, and social gatherings focused on the latest developments inside the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF). VP 30 based in Jacksonville, Fla. is the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replenishment Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide 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 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer.)





VP-10 Changes Command



ABOVE: 200 golfers getting ready on the NAS Jax golf course to head out before the storm broke.

BOTTOM: Standing room only for the Wednesday morning Heritage Day.



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Cmdr. Luke Huston relieved Cmdr. Marc Hines, becoming the 87th commanding officer of the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10, during a change of command ceremony at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, May 5th.

VP-10, which operates the P-8A Poseidon aircraft, is one of the original naval aviation squadrons and one of the oldest patrol squadrons in the Navy. It traces its official heritage to 1930 with the commissioning of Patrol Bombing Squadron 10S, and operated as an instrumental asset during the Battle of Midway.

This ceremony marked the conclusion of a successful tour for Cmdr. Hines. Over the course of his career, he accumulated over 2,600 flight hours in the P-3C Orion and P-8A Poseidon aircraft. He recently led the squadron through deployment to the Seventh Fleet Area of Responsibility, safely executing over 600 sorties and 3,800 flight hours across 13 detachment sites throughout the Indo-Pacific region. During his time as commanding officer, he inspired VP-10 to reach high levels of operational excellence while conducting anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions in support of Combatant Commander’s Fleet objectives.

Cmdr. Huston joined VP-10 as the executive officer in May 2022. His other operational tours include VP-9 as pilot training officer, the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) as Assistant Navigator (ANAV), and VP-40 as the squadron maintenance officer. Cmdr. Huston’s shore tours consisted of VP-30, U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha, Nebraska as strategic planner in the Plans and Policy Directorate, and the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Weapons School (MPRWS). His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Strike/Flight Air Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various campaign, unit, and service awards.

Captain Mark Stevens (Ret.), provided remarks as the guest speaker for the change of command ceremony. Capt. Daniel Boman, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 11, presided over the ceremony and awarded Hines the Meritorious Service Medal on behalf of Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group.

VP-10 also welcomes Cmdr. Scott Miller as the squadron’s new executive officer.

The VP-10 “Red Lancers” are based in Jacksonville, Florida. The squadron has just returned from a very successful six month rotational deployment to the U.S. Seventh Fleet Area of Responsibility, operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. The squadron excelled at conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theatre outreach operations within the U.S. Seventh Fleet area of operations



By VP-10 Public Affairs



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VP 30 Hosts Boy Scouts of America Troop 424

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Jan. 21, 2023) The Boy Scouts of America Troop 424 visited Patrol Squadron Thirty (VP) 30, home of the world's premier maritime patrol aircraft platforms, January 21.

The public affairs team of Lt. Andy Coen, Lt. Jordan Dungca, and Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer gave the boys an overview of the mission sets and capabilities of the P-8A Poseidon, P-3C Orion, and the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

The troop also received a historical overview of the squadron's achievements which date back to WWII.

The Troop was given firsthand insight into life in the Naval Aviation community. The visit included a static display of a Poseidon aircraft and its systems. Lt. Coen and Lt. Dungca spoke of their deployment experiences and gave insight into the importance of Naval Aviation in light of recent world events.

Inside the VP 30 hangar, the troop toured a P-8A Poseidon aircraft and witnessed a P-3C Orion static display. Onboard, they saw the Navy's premier aviation technology which included sensor systems, weapons

systems, and safety equipment. The troop also experienced an interactive demonstration of the AGM-84D Harpoon Anti-Ship Missile, Mk 54 Lightweight Torpedo, and Mk 62 Mine.

As future leaders of America, the Boy Scouts have the opportunity to experience camping, backpacking, and canoeing in the great outdoors. Learning about the Navy's premier reconnaissance platforms and seeing these capabilities firsthand provided unique insight toward shaping the troop members' future.

"As our world and military evolves, empowering our nation's youth to create impact is more important than ever," Lt. Coen said. "At VP 30, the troop received keen insight into how the Navy provides an avenue for applying their love for exploring, surviving in extreme conditions, and traveling the world."

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VP 30 Graduates Final P-3 Orion Pilot and NFO Class



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Jan. 24, 2023) Sailors assigned to Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30 pose for a photo in front of a P-3 Orion aircraft at VP 30 headquarters, Jan. 24. The final pilot and Naval flight officer training class graduates March 31. 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)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (March 31, 2023) Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30 held the Navy's final graduation of P-3 Orion aircraft pilots and Naval Flight Officers (NFO), March 31.

The final graduating class was comprised of eight students, four pilots and four NFOs, all of whom are slated to move on to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1 and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 30.

"Receiving this training is an extremely unique opportunity, and I am excited to be able to fly and be a part of the great work that VQ-1 will be accomplishing," said Lt. j.g. Andrew Bishop, VP 30 student pilot, from Warrenton, Va.. "Hopefully, I will be able to bring my knowledge and flying experience to positively influence the future of Naval aviation."

Also graduating from the final class were pilots, Lt. j.g. Brandan Breen, Lt. j.g. Garrett Reese, Lt. j.g. Thomas Roth and NFOs, Lt. j.g. Gavin Beaver, Lt. j.g. Michael Lapio, Lt. j.g. Kelly Larkin and Lt. j.g. David Ray.

The multifaceted evolution of training aviators for the P-3C Orion Platform has been rooted in promoting safety and proficiency for all.

"Our P-3 pilot training program has undoubtedly instilled more confidence, readiness, and safety in the P-3 fleet squadron's pilots," said Lt. Terry Tran, VP 30 pilot and instructor from Westminster, Calif."I have had the privilege to train and lead over 60 student pilots at VP-30. I have trained and led 25 classes of P-3C Pilots, ranging from Category One students, or first tour pilots to Category Five students, or prospective commanding and executive officers."

Although the Navy is moving away from the platform, numerous institutions will still use variations of the aircraft.

"The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency operates them to protect and enforce our borders," said Tran. "The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) uses heavily modified P-3s to hunt and monitor hurricanes. NASA also uses the P-3C platform as an airborne science laboratory, supporting scientific studies all over the globe."

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By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer, VP-30 Public Affairs

Community

Oldest Maritime Patrol Squadron has Change of Command

NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. -- Cmdr. Kevin Harrington assumed the duties and responsibilities as Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 46 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Wash. on April 21, 2023.

VP-46, the 'Grey Knights,' was established in 1931 making it the oldest maritime patrol squadron in U.S. Naval Aviation history.

Harrington is the 88th Commanding Officer, and relieved Cmdr. Frank P. Verducci III after serving one year as Executive Officer for the squadron. Harrington was relieved as Executive Officer by Cmdr. Kenny Prindle, who detached from Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) N98.

Harrington said he intends to build on the command culture Verducci set forth which holds lethality, integrity, family, training and trust in the highest esteem. In order to do this, Harrington described the guiding principles of valuing people, time, embodying positive leadership, teamwork and pride in our squadron and profession at arms.

Harrington described in his speech how VP-46 has been involved in every major conflict since its establishment nearly a century ago, and that he intends to continue the excellent work paved by his predecessors to keep the country safe.

"We will have the strength to fight to win and the honor to do it right," said Harrington. "Strength requires reps and sets, resilience and connectedness. Honor reflects our proud history and requires integrity, trust and inclusivity. We will never, ever give up."



By Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacquelin Frost, VP-46 Public Affairs



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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. For details see: www.anapatriotsquadron.org

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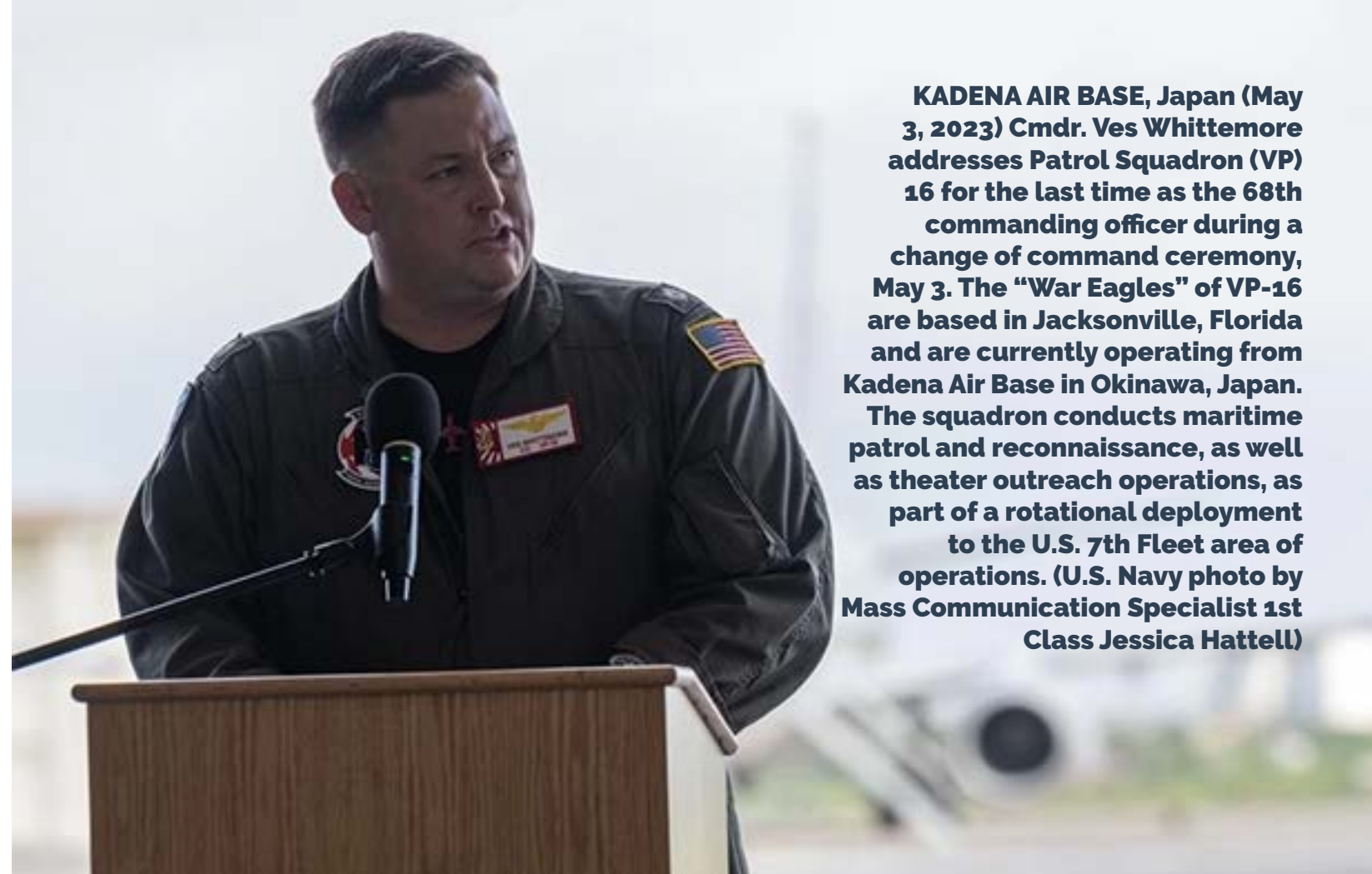


(ABOVE) MPA PAX RIVER Chapter gathered for a Happy Hour on February 16, 2023!



(ABOVE) MPA DC Chapter gathered for a Happy Hour on March 23, 2023!

(BOTTOM RIGHT) KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (May 3, 2023) Cmdr. Ves Whittemore (center) informs Capt. Clifford Toraason (left), Commander Task Force 72, that he has been properly relieved by Cmdr. Terrell Radford (right) as commanding officer of VP-16, May 3. The “War Eagles” of VP-16 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. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jessica



KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (May 3, 2023) Cmdr. Ves Whittemore addresses Patrol Squadron (VP) 16 for the last time as the 68th commanding officer during a change of command ceremony, May 3. The “War Eagles” of VP-16 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. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jessica Hattell)





ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (March 23, 2023) Sea Dragon anti-submarine warfare (ASW) competition participants pose for a group photo after the “Dragon Belt” was awarded to the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) for earning the highest average score all given ASW criteria, March 23. Participating nations include Royal Canadian Air Force, Indian Navy, JMSDF, Republic of Korea Navy, and the United States. Sea Dragon is a U.S.-led, multinational exercise designed to practice and discuss anti-submarine warfare tactics to operate together in response to traditional and non-traditional maritime security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Tiffany Savoie)



TAPAO AIR BASE, Thailand (March 1, 2023) – Sailors assigned to the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 and members of the Royal Thai Navy pose in front of various aircraft during exercise Cobra Gold. This exercise was primarily designed to strengthen relationships and enhance military interoperability between the United States and Thailand. VP-10 is based in Jacksonville, Florida and is currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. It 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 Naval Aircrewman Operator 2nd Class Shilyr French)



KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa (March 3, 2023) - A U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon from the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 takes off from Kadena Air Base, March 3. 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. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ashley Guire)



KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (Feb. 13, 2023) - Sailors with the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 pose for a photo with members of the Royal Malaysian Air Force during a training event. VP-10 joined members of the Malaysian Armed Forces in holding presentations, conducting static displays, and hosting demonstration flights. VP-10 is based in Jacksonville, Florida and is currently operating from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. It 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. Jane Moon)



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 20, 2023) Lt. Thomas Coffin, from Crofton, Md., left, assigned to Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30 and Lt. Joe Tomellini, from Rehoboth, Mass., right, assigned to Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 8, pilot a P-8A Poseidon on approach to a Meta Aerospace KC-135R aircraft during an air-to-air refueling evolution, April 21. VP 30 based in Jacksonville, Fla. is the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replenishment Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide 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 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer.)



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (March 31, 2023) Lt. Jordan Dungca, assistant public affairs officer Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30, Pensacola, Fla., speaks to the Ridgeview High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets, from Orange Park, Fla., inside a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft at VP 30 headquarters during a scheduled tour, at VP 30 headquarters during a scheduled tour, March 31. 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 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer)

(BOTTOM RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Jan. 24, 2023) Capt. Jon Spore, commanding officer, Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30, from Chantilly, Va., rightmost, poses for a photo with the final training class of P-3 Orion pilots and Naval flight officers at VP 30 headquarters, Jan. 24. The final pilot and Naval flight officer training class graduates March 31. 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)





(ABOVE) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (March 9, 2023) Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Robert Hrontez, from West Chester, Pa., assigned to Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30 takes the E-5 Cycle 259 Navy-wide Advancement Exam at VP 30 headquarters, March 9. 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 Rebekah Montanez)



(TOP RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Jan. 21, 2023) Lt. Andrew Coen, public affairs officer Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30, from Placerville, Calif., far right, and Lt. Jordan Dungca, assistant public affairs officer, from Pensacola, Fla., second from right, pose for a photo with the Boy Scouts of America Troop 424 at VP 30 headquarters during a scheduled tour, Jan. 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 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer)



(BOTTOM RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. (April 14, 2023) -- Sailors attached to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, the "Grey Knights," stand arranged in a "46" formation in front of a P-8A Poseidon for a command photo on the flight line at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Wash., April 24, 2023. Cmdr. Frank P. Verducci III, Commanding Officer of VP-46, and Cmdr. Kevin Harrington, Executive Officer of VP-46, stand in the front with Command Master Chief Benjamin Faulise and Master Chief Aircraft Maintenceman Matthew Allen. A P-3 Orion can be spotted in the background amongst the line of P-8A Poseidon's. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacquelin Frost.)



NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. (March 14, 2023) -- U.S. Navy Cmdr. Kevin Harrington (left), Executive Officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, escorts Canadian National Defense Lt. Col. Corey Taylor (center-left), Assistant to the Canadian Forces Air Force and Space Attaché, with Canadian National Defense Maj. Thomas Dunlap (center-right), full time staff at Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (CPRW) 10, and Lt. jg. Christopher Woods (right), assigned to VP-46, on the flight line at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, March 14, 2023. VP-46 was hosting Taylor to describe the utility and functions of the P-8A Poseidon. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacquelin Frost.)

(TOP LEFT) NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. (March 14, 2023) – U.S. Navy Christopher Woods (right), a Pilot assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, speaks to Canadian National Defense Lt. Col. Corey Taylor, Assistant to the Canadian Forces Air Force and Space Attaché, about flying the P-8A Poseidon on the flight deck of one of the aircraft at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Wash., March 14, 2023. VP-46 was hosting Taylor to describe the utility and functions of the P-8A Poseidon. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacquelin Frost.)



(BOTTOM LEFT) JACKSONVILLE, FL (March 16, 2023) Adm. Daryl Caudle, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, speaks to Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 in the hangar bay onboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville March 16. Caudle congratulated VP-8 on their exceptional string of accomplishments to include back-to-back Battle 'E.' recipients, the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy, and the Navy Surgeon General's Health Promotion and Wellness "Blue H." VP-8 is currently executing its fleet readiness training plan in preparation for an upcoming deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Juan S. Sua/Released)



(ABOVE) Charleston S.C. (Jan. 31, 2023) Lt. j.g. Abigale Brewer, a pilot assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 8 welcomes Cadets and Midshipmen from the Citadel's NROTC program and students from West Ashley High School's ROTC program to board and learn about the P-8A Poseidon aircraft and crew during a static display in Charleston, Jan. 31. VP-8 is currently executing its fleet readiness training plan in preparation for an upcoming deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Juan. Sua/ Released)



(TOP RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Mar. 16, 2023) Aviation Structural Mechanic Safety Equipment 2nd Class Karl Missig from Cleveland assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 4, demonstrates how to use the stairwell from the external control panel on a P-8A Poseidon aircraft to firefighters assigned to Naval Air Station Sigonella Fire and Rescue, Mar. 16, 2023. 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)



(BOTTOM RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Mar. 16, 2023) Aviation Structural Mechanic Safety Equipment 2nd Class Karl Missig from Cleveland assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 4, demonstrates how to shut down the engines on a P-8A Poseidon aircraft to firefighters assigned to Naval Air Station Sigonella Fire and Rescue, Mar. 16, 2023. 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)



(ABOVE) Recently, VP-45 had the pleasure of hosting Korean VADM Myongsoo Kim, ROK and RDML Schafer, USN in Atsugi, Japan to show off one of our P-8s and discuss our mission both at home and abroad as well as maintain a strong partnership between our two nations! Pictured, LT Jones of VP45 (right) talking with RDML Schafer, USN about his time in the squadron as a tactical coordinator (TACCO).

(TOP RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Mar. 16, 2023) Lt. Caleb Chapley from Deerfield, Mass., assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 4, discusses the safety features of the flight deck of a P-8A Poseidon aircraft to a firefighter assigned to Naval Air Station Sigonella Fire and Rescue, Mar. 16, 2023. 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)

(BOTTOM RIGHT) VP-1 Screaming Eagles congratulate LT Shields for completing his last flight with VP-1.





(ALL PHOTOS) Quick refuel then back in the air . Sailors from NCHB Det Guam fuel a P-8A Poseidon aircraft for the VP-45 Pelicans during Exercise Sea Dragon 2023 onboard Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. Exercise Sea Dragon serves an opportunity to work alongside our Allies and partners and further our level of interoperability.



(ALL PHOTOS) And just like that... all of the Pelicans have made it back home to the Roost. As of this past week, VP-45 officially completed its scheduled deployment to 7th fleet in Misawa, Japan and has returned to sunny Jacksonville! We would like to offer our gratitude to all of the families, veterans, and Pelican alumni that have supported us from the very beginning, as well as a special thank you to Commodore and Deputy Commodore of CPRW-11 for receiving us with a warm welcome back to the states.



(ALL PHOTOS) VP-47 had a visit from the Royal Air Force cadets at RAF Lossiemouth. Here are pictures of the cadets touring VP-47's P8 Poseidon Aircraft!





(ABOVE) The “Fini” Flight is a tradition amongst military aviators where aircrew members are hosed down by their peers, family & friends upon the completion of their final flight at their unit or retirement. The tradition dates back to World War II. VP-5 Skipper Brian “BB” Blaschke flew his fini flight on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 for Patrol Squadron FIVE.



(TOP RIGHT) The Mad foxes celebrated the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community at this evenings Heritage Dinner. Amongst the attendees was the Mad Fox Wardroom from Circa 1990 during Desert Storm!

**(BOTTOM RIGHT) Red-Tailed Hawks Flying Club visits NAS Whidbey Island
NAS Whidbey Island hosted a group of more than 50 Red Tailed Hawks Flying Club Youth Program members on Saturday, March 18, 2023. It was an opportunity to expose these club members to opportunities careers in naval aviation can provide, while also allowing them the chance to interact with current Navy aviators. The Red-Tailed Hawks Flying Club, which operates under the charter of Black Pilots of America, is based in Mukilteo, Washington. Its mission is to introduce underserved and underrepresented youths to the world of aviation, engage their minds in practical applications of STEM, educate them in aviation history, inspire them towards aerospace related career paths and help them learn to fly. The organization’s goal is to inspire participating youth to pursue paths in aviation as pilots and/or aerospace professionals. The visit, coordinated with the base, was organized and hosted by Maritime Patrol Squadron NINE (VP-9) with the assistance of VP-46. During their visit, the youth and their sponsors toured the Fleet Training Center, base air traffic control facility (ATC), Aviation Survival Training Center (ASTC), and static displays of the EA-18G Growler and P-8A Poseidon.**





(ABOVE & BELOW)
VP-62 celebrated
the delivery of their
first P-8 on April 22,
2023.



Thousands of excited Japanese spectators gathered for the chance to see the mighty P-8A Poseidon from the Tridents at the Friendship Day event on NAF Atsugi today. Trident Sailors signed autographs, took photos, and spoke with locals, increasing the US / Japan community goodwill.

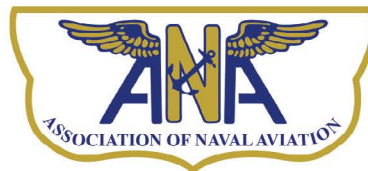


VP-26 welcomed Rear Adm. Michael Donnelly, Commander, Task Force SEVEN ZERO / Commander, Carrier Strike Group FIVE, for a visit to the squadron. During the visit, Donnelly toured the P-8A Poseidon with Trident Sailors. Tridents Are... Trident True!

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