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NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, FLA., (April 24, 2024) — The doors of Historic Hangar 117 are opened to reveal the sun setting behind the P8 on display during the Heritage Dinner during Symposium Week 2024. (Photo courtesy of the Maritime Patrol Association.)



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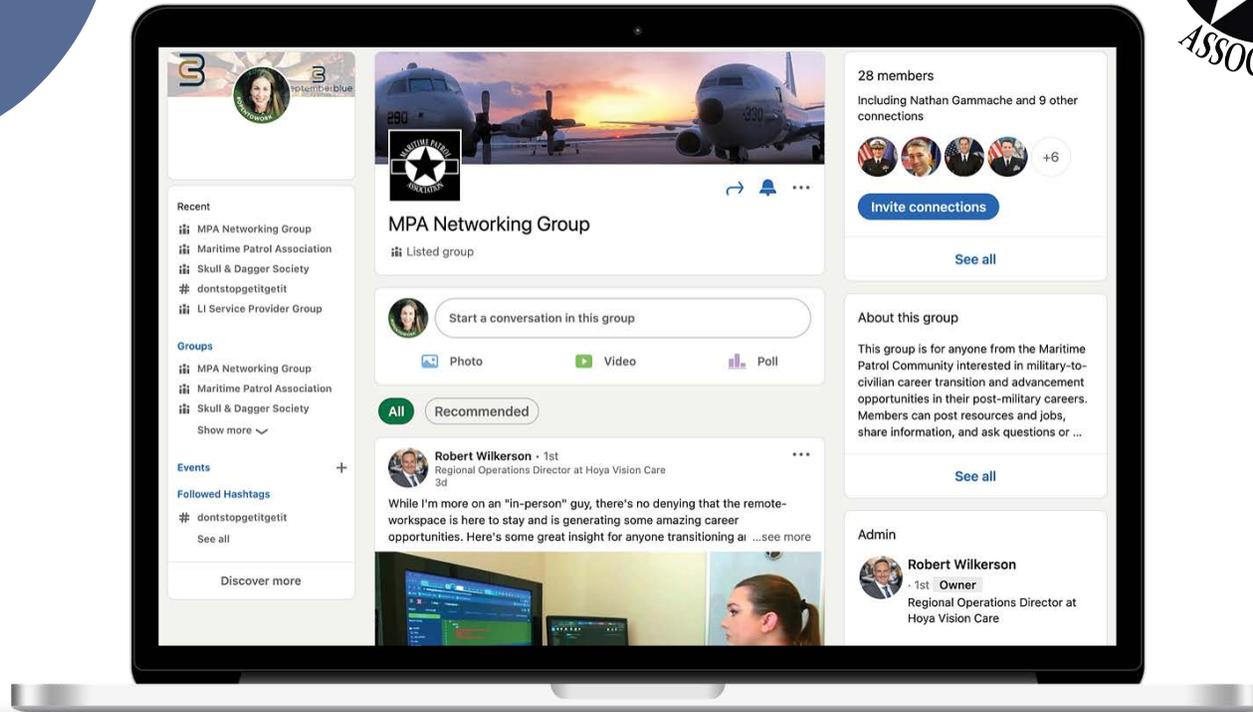


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Checking on Station



Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Warriors Past and Present,

We wrapped up another tremendous year for the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) at the 2024 MPRF Symposium aboard Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville April 23-26.

The theme for this year's symposium was, "Preserve the Peace, Respond in Crisis, and Win Decisively." It was well attended by more than 300 U.S. Navy, allied and Industry representatives. Motivational video presentations featuring the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Lisa Franchetti and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Christopher W. Grady, kicked off the week.

Vice Adm. Daniel Cheever, Commander, Naval Air Forces and Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, participated in person for both the active-duty and spouses' symposiums. Admiral Cheever, our 10th Air Boss, set the tone for the entire conference by thanking all participants for their support of warfighting, warfighters and the foundation that supports them.



Among the many highlights of the week was the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Heritage Dinner and induction of three titans of the community. First, Vice Adm. Mike Haskins, whose leadership at every level of command made the Navy and the MPRF community stronger. Second, was CAPT Bob Porter, a true plank owner and combat veteran of the MPRF. CAPT Porter flew multiple combat missions in the P-2V for the CIA in Vietnam providing critical intelligence and targeting information. And lastly a MPRF stalwart, CDR Mike Sheehy, whom sadly we lost to cancer last year. While leaders like Adm. Bill Moran and Vice Adm. Mike Moran were the architects of our current transition, Mike was the engineer that did the heavy lifting of turning that policy into action. Mike dedicated his life and service to making us better and never lowering the bar.

This year's conference was made even more successful by the participation of a record eight allied countries that operate the P-3C Orion and P-8A Poseidon aircraft. The participation of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance leadership from the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Germany, Norway, Japan, and Republic of South Korea provided a tremendous opportunity to collaborate and increase interoperability in every theater of operations and stresses the importance of working seamlessly with our allies.

Representing the foundry of joint force capabilities, we also welcomed our industry partners that support the MPRF. These dedicated teammates, led by our Program Managers and OPNAV Resource Sponsors, are charged with developing and delivering capability to meet the evolving needs of the Fleet. This critical role is paramount to meeting our national security objectives and warfighting requirements with urgency. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside the men and women of the MPRF family over the last 22 months. I am confident that as we continue the transformation of the community that we are stronger today due to the efforts of this incredible team. The MPRF is truly "World Class" and widely recognized as one of the great asymmetric advantages the United States has when conflict comes. Continue to be bold and execute as the incredible professionals you are.

I have the distinct honor to turnover command to Rear Adm. Brett Mietus on June 14 on board Naval Station Norfolk, Va. The community is in good hands and Brett is eminently qualified to take us to the next level. I am heading back to the Pentagon to help the greater Navy's continued transition into an even more professional and lethal force.

As I check off station, I continue to be in awe of all that our squadrons, aircrew, and support personal accomplish day in and day out. Led by incredibly talented leaders and dedicated staffs, we can rest easy knowing that the MPRF is truly World Class. I look forward to watching our future successes and advocating for the MPRF at every opportunity. 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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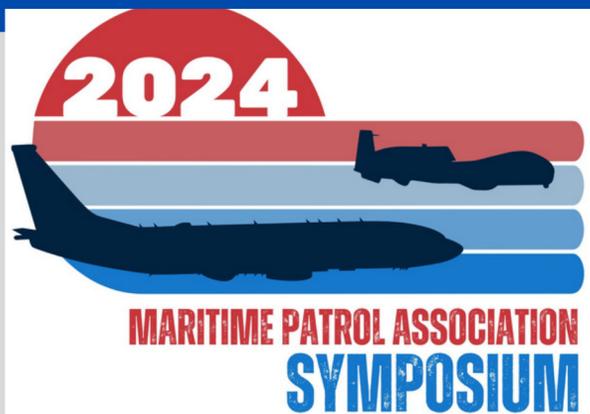




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Friends you haven't seen in a while, reunion groups from past squadrons and foreign partners - are just a few highlights of the Heritage Dinner!



The annual Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium was held April 23rd-27th. In a celebration of heritage, the annual week-long symposium brought together community members for a series of events.



From community updates to captivating heritage presentations, the famed Heritage Dinner, an exciting golf tournament and lastly a flight suit social. The symposium served as a platform for fostering connections and celebrating the rich tapestry of culture within the community.

Kicking off the symposium were the eagerly anticipated community updates, from our community and our foreign partners. Following those we had a legacy presentation where old squadron experiences and stories were shared.

Central to the symposium is the Heritage Dinner. This year MPA inducted three new members to the Hall of Honor: Vice Admiral Mike Haskins, CAPT Robert Porter and CDR Mike Sheehy. It was a mementos night for everyone. Thank you also to our guest speaker, Rear Admiral Adam Kijek, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group.

Thursday afternoon Symposium attendees competed in the MPA golf tournament 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 the golf tournament sold out and we were able to raise over \$6,000 for the scholarship fund. 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.



The beautiful table setting from the 2024 Spouse Symposium, hosted by Meredith Tartaglia.



Golfers getting ready for the start of the tournament.

MPA thanks all of those that attended the MPA 2024 Symposium. We hope to see you again in 2025!

Community



VP 30 Hosts Annual MPA Symposium and CAG/NARG

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 25, 2024) Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 hosted the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium and the Commander's Action Group and Naval Aviation Requirements Group (CAG/NARG), April 22 through 26, 2024.

The MPA Symposium, along with the CAG/NARG, take place annually aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville and include discussions pertaining to future resourcing, provide maritime patrol and reconnaissance community update briefs to all attendees, and include several networking events. The MPA symposium portion, focuses on celebrating the long history and traditions of the maritime patrol community and is designed to enhance relations between the community's domestic and international audiences.

"This year's theme was interoperability," said Lt. Spencer Vance, CAG/NARG and MPA Symposium coordinator, and Quality Assurance Officer/instructor pilot at VP-30. "We had all the important players in the same room at the same time, and on the same page. We can always communicate from afar, but when we come together, the synergy in the room just has an outsized impact on our collective ability to refine coordinated operational constructs."

450 attendees were hosted during 24 MPA Symposium and 17 CAG/NARG events, throughout the week. Leaders from the United States, Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, and the United Kingdom attended, including commanding officers, commodores, and flag officers.

"Relationships are always easier when you are able to meet your allies face-to-face," said German Navy Cmdr. Bjorn Malmus, assigned to the German Procurement Office and CAG/NARG, MPA Symposium attendee. "Establishing the relationship is important in our world. It is very important to meet and interact with the U.S. Navy and all our allies. When we have similar issues, we can come together and find solutions much more effectively."

Rear Adm. Adam Kijek, commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group sat on several panels during the event and gave his insights into the inner workings of the community.

"I am confident that as we continue the transformation of the community," Kijek said. "We are stronger today due to the efforts of this incredible team. Thanks to bold leaders at every level, the MPRF is truly 'world class,' and widely recognized as one of the great asymmetric advantages the United States has when conflict comes."

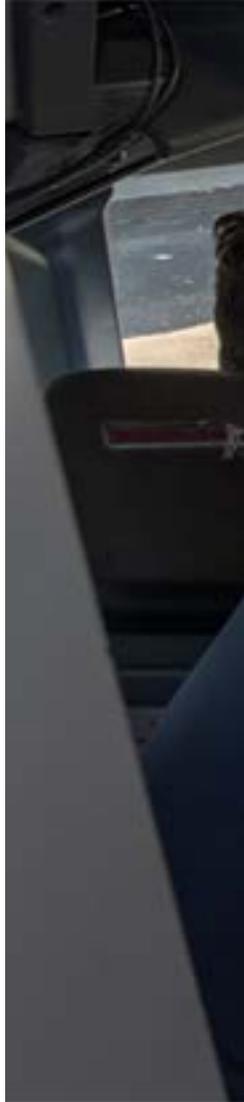
"At the conclusion of the busy week everyone was in agreement, the work that was accomplished definitely set the conditions for advancing MPA's ability to effectively coordinate on-station during future opportunities," said Capt. Derrick Eastman, commanding officer, VP-30 "It's all about taking our tactical game to the next level."

VP 30, based in Jacksonville, Fla. is the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). VP 30's mission is to provide P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C UAS specific training to pilots, Naval flight officers, and enlisted aircrew prior to reporting to the fleet.

For more news from Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron (VP) 30, visit, <https://www.airlant.usff.navy.mil/Organization/COMPATRECONGRU/-Patrol-and-Reconnaissance-Squadron-VP-30-FRS/> and <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/VP-30>.



Story by Petty Officer 1st Class Curtis Spencer



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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 24, 2024) Lt. John D’Albora, instructor pilot, assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 gives a tour inside the flight deck of a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft during the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium at VP-30 headquarters, April 24, 2024. 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’s mission is to provide P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C 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. (April 22, 2024) Rear Adm. Adam Kijek, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, kicks-off the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium at Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 headquarters with a department head call, April 22, 2024.





(TOP LEFT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 24, 2024) Rear Adm. Adam Kijek, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, fifth from right, poses for a photograph with senior leadership attendees during the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium at Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 headquarters, April 24, 2024. 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's mission is to provide P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and MQ-4C 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.)

(TOP RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 24, 2024) Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 give a tour of a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft during the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium at VP-30 headquarters, April 24, 2024. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer.)

(BOTTOM RIGHT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 23, 2024) Rear Adm. Adam Kijek, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, speaks to attendees during the Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium at Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 headquarters, April 23, 2024. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Curtis D. Spencer.)





JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 1, 2024) A P-8A Poseidon assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 takes off from Naval Air Station Jacksonville as the squadron deploys. VP-10 is currently deployed to the 7th Fleet area of operations where they will conduct maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist First Class Ashley Guire)

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VP-10 Deploys to 7th Fleet

NAVAL AIR FACILITY MISAWA, Japan – The “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 began conducting missions in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations, April 8.

The Red Lancers assumed duties from the Jacksonville based “Mad Foxes” of VP-5 as Commander, Task Group 72.4.

“I am very proud of the Red Lancers' performance in preparing for deployment,” said Cmdr. Luke Huston, VP-10's commanding officer. “The Red Lancers trained at a high level during the Fleet Response Training Plan to ensure that we were fully ready for operational tasking. I'm looking forward to watching our Lancer team execute on deployment!”

The Red Lancers are based in Jacksonville, Florida, and are currently operating from multiple locations including Misawa Air Base in Misawa, Japan. The squadron conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations, as part of a rotational deployment to Commander, Task Force 72, 7th Fleet, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

7th Fleet is the U.S. Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, and routinely interacts and operates with allies and partners in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region.



By Petty Officer 1st Class Ashley Guire, VP-10 Public Affairs

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U.S. and Allies Gather at Jedi Symposium

NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Jan. 22-26, 2024) – U.S. Navy and Allied Partners gathered at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, to discuss initiatives, share lessons learned and foster interoperability surrounding the P-8A Poseidon at the inaugural Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) Symposium, Jan. 22-26, 2024.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Lisa Franchetti kicked off the start of the symposium by encouraging nations to build foundational relationships.

"This is an incredible forum that allows us to work together, with our Allies and partners, to assess our progress and refine our shared vision toward increasingly lethal, agile, and interchangeable joint forces," said Franchetti.

The Symposium was attended by U.S. Naval entities as well as service members from U.K, Norway, Germany and Canada.

Bringing current and future P-8A users from several countries, face-to-face, fosters the invaluable component of integrated operability and enhanced communication:

"The JEDI Conference really gets at the core of our strategic warfighting advantage in this theater: Allies. Together we are knocking down barriers and thinking through the tough challenges. This will create a paradigm shift from deploying a squadron with a handful of aircraft to plugging into a large team of interchangeable P-8A's across the alliance. That's a game changer," said Cmdr. Kevin 'KFED' Harrington, Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 46.

The symposium consisted of a series of briefs with topics surrounding flight, mission planning and future capabilities. Attendees were then challenged to problem-solve various scenarios in a round-table style discussion.

The event was organized by Capt. Bryan Hager, Commodore of Commander, Task Force 67, after recognizing the transition to the P-8A Poseidon was missing the emulsion and understanding between countries that users had with the P-3 Orion for over 50 years.

"JEDI's crucial contribution to our strategic goals cannot be overstated, emphasizing not only the vital importance of interoperability amongst our partners but also the unmatched value of face-to-face interactions," said Hager. "These in-person engagements create a unique synergy, creating deeper ties and cooperation that surpasses what is achievable through webcams, phones, and email."

Out of the five attending countries, U.S. was the first to receive P-8A's in 2012 and began conducting operational flights in 2014. U.K. followed and received their first P-8s in 2019 and began conducting operational flights in 2020.

U.K. Wing Commander Benjamin Livesey, Commanding Officer of No. 120 Squadron (CXX Sqn) said, when speaking about the transition from the Hawker Siddeley Nimrod to the P-8A Poseidon, "re-building a force from scratch is challenging, and was achieved at such a rapid rate only through the efforts and contribution of our allies."

U.K. developed Project SEEDCORN to ease the transition to the P-8A as well as galvanize relationships with Allied Partners in Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) operations: "UK had personnel embedded within the MPRA community ever



NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA (CTF) 67, addressed the transition to the P-8A Poseidon at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, to discuss initiatives, share lessons learned and foster interoperability between partners and foster relationships between partner nations.



ATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Jan. 23, 2024) -- Capt. Bryan Hager, Commodore of Commander, Task Force
addresses attendees at the inaugural Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) symposium
Station (NAS) Sigonella, Italy, Jan. 23, 2024. The JEDI symposium facilitates constructive discussions
partner nations using P-8As, to increase tactical awareness, share lessons learned, discuss initiatives
interoperability between allied nations. NAS Sigonella's strategic location enables U.S., allied, and
tion forces to deploy and respond as required to ensure security and stability in Europe, Africa, and
Central Command. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jacquelin Frost.)

since the demise of Nimrod," said Livesey. "This developed to U.K. aircrew undertaking P-8 conversion at [U.S.] VP-30 from January to June 2019."

Norway received their first P-8A in 2022, and inspired by the U.K.'s SEEDCORN project, also sent aircrew to learn from U.S. VP-30 and U.K. CXX in 2019.

Norway's Col. Hans Martin Steiro, Commander 133 Airwing, said he expected JEDI to bring forth increased cooperation between the various P-8A flying nations and build networks within the P-8A Community. Steiro added that he was inspired at the symposium by the shared focus on a closer cooperation in a shared operational area.

"The common will to start working more closely together reached above my expectations," said Steiro.

Canada and Germany are scheduled to receive P-8A's in the near future.

Canadian Armed Forces Col. Jeff Davis, attached to 14 Wing Command, said Canada announced in November 2023 that they will be acquiring the P-8 in the summer of 2026.

Davis and Steiro both described the challenge of learning and utilizing a new aircraft platform and the value that JEDI will bring to the community moving forward.

Davis said networking and making vital connections to allies who can provide recommendations will resolve potential transitional challenges and enable operational capability quickly.

"We will need to find creative solutions, mostly with our allies, to help force generate our initial cadre of P-8 crews," said Davis.

"Norway appreciates Commodore Hager's JEDI initiative a lot, and we have already briefed Chief of the Air Force on this great success we believe JEDI was," said Steiro.

The JEDI symposium was an important first step towards a future of P-8A users working cohesively.

Steiro said the allies now need to take good will from words to actions: "I believe we have to start with short visits. We need to start operating at each other's bases on a more frequent basis."

Discussions and planning at the symposium laid the foundation for steps moving forward for allies and widened the door for greater interoperability between current and future P-8A users.

Davis said, "The symposium was extremely valuable. It was great to see the tactical level searching for innovative ideas to better our capabilities and how we work together."

"All objectives were achieved, through a combination of briefings, working groups and discussions," said Livesey. "Social interaction allowed each nation to build relationships, with bonds formed and renewed across all ranks. We are already stronger as a result of this gathering, and importantly have an impetus and understanding to now develop that further."

JEDI fostered relationships amongst P-8A Poseidon users by gathering service members from five countries together, in person, to discuss challenges and lessons learned. Hager said the intent moving forward is for countries to implement these ideas, and then rotate hosting following JEDI symposiums so that operations, tactics and missions can continue to integrate seamlessly in the future.

"By listening firsthand to the experiences, perspectives, and strategies of our allies, we gain a broader understanding of how their tireless efforts support and enhance the Navy's strategic objectives within the 6th Fleet area of operation," said Hager.

"The JEDI symposium is a powerful demonstration of our commitment to interoperability and ultimately interchangeability with our NATO allies to ultimately address tomorrow's challenges by forging the tactics for tomorrow, together."



Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jacquelin Frost

(TOP RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Jan. 23, 2024) -- Service members from U.S., U.K., Norway, Canada and Germany gather at Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Italy, for the inaugural Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) symposium, Jan. 23, 2024.

(BOTTOM RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (Jan. 23, 2024) -- Capt. Neal Garbett, attached to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 75 (left), Capt. Troy Tartaglia (center), Commodore, Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing (MPRW) 11, and Cmdr. Frank Verducci (right), Deputy, Commander, Task Force (CTF) 169, represent the U.S. as panel members at the inaugural Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) symposium at Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Italy, Jan. 23, 2024.)





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CPRW-10 Changes Command

WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA - On March 6, 2024, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten (CPRW-10) held a Change of Command ceremony. Captain Miguel R. Martinez was relieved by Captain John T. Pianetta. Rear Admiral Adam "Kujo" Kijek of Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group was in attendance as the guest speaker. Captain Martinez will go on to serve as a Joint Staff at the Pentagon. Captain Wayne G. Lewis relieved Captain Pianetta as the Deputy Commodore.

Located on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in Oak Harbor, Washington, CPRW-10 is responsible for the training, maintenance and administrative support of its assigned VP and VQ squadrons.

Fair winds and following seas, Captain Martinez, and congratulations to Captain Pianetta on assuming command!

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Courtesy of CPRW-10 Facebook Page



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VP-1 POPS (P-3 Orion Pioneers)

Join/Renew your VP-1 POPS Membership:

Check out membership information at: www.vp1pops.com

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-g2 and predecessor reserve patrol squadrons that were based at NAS South Weymouth.

For details see: www.anapatriotsquadron.org

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CAPT Tom Spink, USN (Ret.)

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VP Images Around the Globe



(TOP LEFT) OAK HARBOR, Wash. (March 7, 2024) A civilian contractor with Booz Allen Hamilton, takes imagery of a P-8 Poseidon during a visit to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, March 7. VP 1 conducts anti-submarine warfare along with intelligence-gathering, reconnaissance and surveillance missions. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Gray Gibson)

(TOP RIGHT) MISAWA, Japan (Apr. 25, 2024) - A P-8A Poseidon assigned to the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 takes off on a Search and Rescue (SAR) mission flight. The P-8A is capable of supporting SAR missions by quickly securing, launching, and deploying the SAR kit to stranded persons and increasing the chances of survivability prior to rescue. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist First Class Ashley Guire)

(BOTTOM RIGHT) MISAWA, Japan (May 4, 2024) Aviation Electronics Technician First Class Harry Zakarian, left, and Aviation Electronics Technician First Class Jarrett Jackman, assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 10, conduct maintenance on a P-8A Poseidon during Major Phase Inspection. VP-10 is currently deployed to the 7th Fleet area of operations where they will conduct maritime patrol and reconnaissance, as well as theater outreach operations. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist First Class Ashley Guire)







(TOP & BOTTOM LEFT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 17, 2024) Lt. Quincy Page, instructor pilot assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30, from Walton, Ky., gives cadets enrolled in Taft High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), a tour of a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft during a scheduled visit to VP- 30, Apr. 17, 2024. VP-30's mission is to provide Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and Northrop Grumman maritime surveillance unmanned aircraft system (UAS) MQ-4C 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)

(TOP RIGHT) Manila, Philippines (May 21, 2024) Adm. Stephen Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Fleet Master Chief Donald Davis, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Capt. Zachary Stang, commodore, Task Force 72, pose with the crew of a U.S. Navy P-8A maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft assigned to Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) at Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Philippines. VP-4, homeported out of NAS Whidbey Island, Washington, is forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. 7th Fleet is the Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, and routinely interacts and operates with allies and partners in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Second Class Andy Anderson)



(TOP LEFT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 12, 2024) Vice Adm. John B. Mustin, Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander, Navy Reserve Force, speaks with Reserve Sailors during his visit to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 , Apr. 12, 2024. During the visit, Mustin presented awards to Sailors and gave remarks on the status of Naval Reserve Forces. The “Pro’s Nest” of VP-30, based onboard Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., is the U.S. Navy’s Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). VP-30’s mission is to provide Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and Northrop Grumman maritime surveillance unmanned aircraft system (UAS) MQ-4C 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)

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(RIGHT) LOSSIEMOUTH, SCT, UNITED KINGDOM (Feb. 20, 2024) - Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class Noah McKeehan, a Sailor assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, the 'Grey Knights,' repairs an engine on a P-8A Poseidon on the flight line at Lossiemouth Air Base, Scotland, Feb. 20, 2024. VP-46 was detached to Lossiemouth Air Base for NATO exercise 2024 Steadfast Defender, which demonstrated NATO's ability to defend and protect partner and allied territory and interests from any threat. Airmen from the Royal Air Force also flew with Grey Knights as an integration initiative from events held at Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) weeks earlier, which discussed plans to enhance interoperability between NATO's P-8A Poseidon users. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jacquelin Frost.)

(RIGHT) LOSSIEMOUTH, SCT, UNITED KINGDOM (Feb. 20, 2024) - Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Joseph McCoy (left), Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class Noah McKeehan (center) and Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Nixon Deang, Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, the 'Grey Knights,' repair an engine on a P-8A Poseidon on the flight line at Lossiemouth Air Base, Scotland, Feb. 20, 2024. VP-46 was detached to Lossiemouth Air Base for NATO exercise 2024 Steadfast Defender, which demonstrated NATO's ability to defend and protect partner and allied territory and interests from any threat. Airmen from the Royal Air Force also flew with Grey Knights as an integration initiative from events held at Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) weeks earlier, which discussed plans to enhance interoperability between NATO's P-8A Poseidon users. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jacquelin Frost.)





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(TOP RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (March 27, 2024) Vice Adm. Douglas Perry, Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet, presents Aviation Electronics Technician Chief Tyler Tucci, assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 26, with a challenge coin, March 27, 2024. U.S. 2nd Fleet employs maritime forces ready to fight across multiple domains in the Atlantic and Arctic in order to ensure access, deter aggression and defend U.S., allied, and partner interests. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Aubrey Stueven)

(BOTTOM RIGHT) Patrol Squadron FIVE (MAY 25, 2024) - #USINDOPACOM forces stand ready and postured today to ensure a #freeandopenindopacific alongside Allies and Partners #readytodayIPC. (Courtesy of VP-5 Facebook page)





(TOP LEFT) NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Washington (February 21, 2024) Aviation Structural Mechanic Heather Saunders, assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, the “Golden Swordsmen”, performs maintenance on a P-8A Poseidon in a hangar at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI), February 21, 2024. VP-47 is based out of NASWI in support of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class William Sykes)

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(TOP LEFT) OAK HARBOR, Wash. (Feb. 2, 2024) Rear Adm. Doug Verissimo, left, Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (AIRLANT), shakes hands with Cmdr. Isaiah Gammache, commanding officer, Patrol Squadron (VP) 1, during a visit to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Feb. 2. VP 1 conducts anti-submarine warfare along with intelligence-gathering, reconnaissance and surveillance missions. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Gray Gibson)

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(TOP LEFT) Manila, Philippines (May 21, 2024) Adm. Stephen Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks with Sailors from Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) while preparing to participate in a reconnaissance flight aboard a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft. VP-4, homeported out of NAS Whidbey Island, Washington, is forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. 7th Fleet is the Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, and routinely interacts and operates with allies and partners in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Second Class Andy Anderson)

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Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 held a Change of Command ceremony at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida on 8 May 2024, during which Cmdr. Brett Eckert relieved Cmdr. Stefanie Haseman.





(May 10, 2024) THE FIGHTING TIGERS OF VP-8 CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP THEIR MIND, BODY, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DURING THE FIRST TIGER THRIVE OF THE 2024/2025 HOMECYCLE.





Welcome
CDR Hopfinger
Farewell
CDR Bruze!





On April 29th VP-9 held a change of command ceremony, CDR Matthew Hepfinger relieved CDR Jordan Brye as the Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron NINE. Thank you CDR Brye for your dedicated leadership! Welcome Skipper Hepfinger and XO Berkstresser!

Patrol Squadron TEN (May 24, 2024) - Congratulations to the newest VP-10 Tactical Coordinator (TACCO) LT Sparks, as well as the newest Instructor TACCO LT Henson!







(TOP) VUP-19 (March 25, 2024) The Big RED Women's History presentation and potluck was a success!! Every job and rank in the U.S. Navy is open to women and women serve in nearly every Navy community. In the continued celebration of #WomensHistoryMonth, we recognize the diversity of our team and those who are under-represented across the Navy. We know there is still work to be done and strides to be made, but we are committed to an inclusive service and believe it is vital to mission success. Go Big RED!!

(BOTTOM) VUP-19 (March 19, 2024) - Thanks for joining us at VUP-19 Toco Creek High School! Hope you enjoyed learning about the U.S. Navy's newest and most advanced unmanned surveillance drones!

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