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Maritime Patrol Association 2025 Symposium Guide

We are honored by the support and enthusiasm that our MPA members and sponsors have brought to this organization, enabling us to host the Thirteenth MPA Symposium! *It all started with the Centennial of Naval Aviation celebration on board NAS Jacksonville in the spring of 2011....the huge success of that week-long event launched the interest and resources that have brought MPA this far...**THANK YOU for your support and welcome to the 2025 MPA Symposium!***

TRANSPORTATION will be provided:

***April 30th to and from River Cove for the Heritage Dinner (from the Yorktown gate, NGIS, and the Navy Lodge)**

***May 1st to the gate after the golf tournament**

***May 2nd to and from the gate and River Cove for the Flight Suit Social.**

The Shuttle Bus pick up point is at the USO parking lot across from the base pass and tag office (the Yorktown gate)

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Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Location
Tuesday, April 29th		
1800-2000	Corporate Sponsor Reception	River Cove
Wednesday, April 30th		
0900	Welcome	VP-30 Aud
	MPRF: Around the Globe/NAE/Community update	VP-30 Aud
	MPA Heritage Presentation	VP-30 Hangar
1200-1400	Tech Expo	VP-30 Hangar
1200-1400	Lunch	VP-30 Hangar
1200-1400	P8 Tours	VP-30 Hangar
1200-1400	P-8 Simulator Tours	ITC
1600-1700	MPA General Members Meeting	River Cove
1800-2300	MPA Heritage Dinner	River Cove
Thursday, May 1st		
0800-1000	MPRF Community Update (invite only)	CPRW-11 Aud
0900-1300	Spouse Symposium	River Cove
1130-1300	Golf Registration	Mulligans
1300-1830	Golf Tournament	Mulligans
1830-2000	Golf Social	Mulligans
Friday, May 2nd		
1800-2400	Flight Suit Social	River Cove

Event Details

Tuesday, April 29th

MPA Corporate Sponsor Reception (*Invitation only*)

WEDNESDAY, April 30th

Symposium 2025 kick off

Time: 0900-1200

Location: VP-30 Auditorium at NAS Jacksonville

Agenda for the morning:

Welcome Remarks from MPA President, Mark Burns and National Director, Richard Heimerle.

Time: 0900

MPRF Legacy Presentation



Time: 0910

Around the globe updates.

Time: 1020-1200

Technology and Squadron Expo / Lunch / Aircraft tours

Time: 1200-1400

Cost: XXX

Location: VP30 Hangar at NAS Jacksonville

Check out the exciting exhibits of our industry partners/ sponsors and grab some geedunk from local squadrons all while grabbing some lunch! After that take a tour/view the P8.

Ongoing ITC/Hall of Heroes/ Tours

Time: 1200-1400

Cost: \$0

Location: Integrated Training Center at NAS Jacksonville

Tours of the memorial hall and simulators in the ITC are given throughout the tour period. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.

MPA General Members Meeting

Time: 1600-1700

Cost: \$0

Location: Officers Club at NAS Jacksonville

Join us for our annual MPA General Members meeting to discuss organizational business and meet your leadership. Located at the Officers Club. MPA Members Only.

MPA Heritage Dinner

Time: 1800-2300

Cost: \$60 (MPA Members), \$75 (Non-Members)

Location: River Cove Community Center (formerly known as the O'Club)

Join shipmates past and present as we gather for drinks, dinner and dancing. The 2025 Hall of Honor inductees, as well as several community awards, will be announced and honored during the evening. Food, beer and wine are included, a cash bar will also be provided. Attire will be flight suits for active duty. Retired members, and other guests are encouraged to wear their uniforms or business casual attire.

THURSDAY, May 1st

MPRF Community Update (invitation only)

Cost: \$0

Current MPRF Leadership, current MPA Sponsors and retired Flag Officers will be invited to a briefing with the AirBoss and CPRG leadership.

Officer and Enlisted Spouse Symposium

Time: 0900-1400

Cost: \$10

Location: River Cove Community Center (formerly known as the O'Club)

The Spouse Symposium is an exceptional event that offers a wealth of valuable information and the ability to network and socialize amongst other spouses in the community. Base resources will be there to answer questions as will the detailers and Admiral Brett Mietus, CPRG.

Lunch will be provided.



MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament

Time: 1200-1800 Check-in and lunch begins at 1200. SHOT GUN start at 1300.

Cost: \$90 (MPA Members), \$110 (Non-Members)

Location: NAS Jacksonville Golf Course

To submit foursomes, contact Kristen Heimerle Kirkland at: info@maritimepatrolassociation.org or (904)318-8800. (Foursome requests cannot be guaranteed until ALL FOUR GOLFERS have registered and paid for the MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament.) Learn more about our MPA Scholarship at:

<https://maritimepatrolassociation.org/home/scholarships/>

MPA Scholarship Social

Time: 1800-2000

Cost: \$25 (MPA Members), \$35 (Non-Members)

Location: NAS Jacksonville Golf Course (Mulligans)

Join the tail end of the golf tournament for dinner and awards. Social includes Fajita dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost of social is already included in the cost of the Golf Tournament for golfers.

FRIDAY, April 26th

MPA Flight Suit Social

Time: 1800-2400

Cost: \$40 (MPA Members), \$55 (Non-Members)

Location: River Cove Community Center (formerly known as the O'Club)

We conclude the week with the MPA FLIGHT SUIT SOCIAL on Friday night at the Officer's Club on board NAS Jacksonville. Active, reserve, retired - don your flights suits for a fun-filled evening of camaraderie, fine food, and a few sea stories. Food, beer and wine, and SWEET SWAG BAG included. Cash bar available.

Directions

TO VP-30 & THE INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTER (ITC)

To get to the VP-30 Hangar, enter the base through the YORKTOWN entrance. At the stoplight at YORKTOWN and GILLIS STREET, turn left into the VP-30 parking lot and follow attendants to park and walk into the hangar. The ITC is directly across the street - you can take the over-road walkway to get back and forth.

Events at VP-30:

Heritage Day events, Wednesday 30 April

Tech & Squadron Expo & Lunch, Wednesday 30 April

Aircraft Tours, Wednesday 30 April

Events at the ITC:

ITC/Simulator Tours, Wednesday 30 April

TO MULLIGANS

Enter the base through the YORKTOWN entrance and make a right hand turn after 1 mile onto MUSTIN ROAD (4th light you come to). The clubhouse is on the right hand side about 0.75 miles down the road.

Events at Mulligans:

Scholarship Golf Tournament, Thursday 1 May

Scholarship Social, Thursday 1 May



TO THE OFFICERS CLUB (Now called River Cove Community Center)

Enter the base through the YORKTOWN gate and make a right hand turn after 1 mile onto MUSTIN ROAD (4th light you come to). River Cove is on the left hand side about 0.75 miles down the road.

Events at the O'Club:

MPA General Members Meeting, Wednesday 30 April

Heritage Dinner, Wednesday 30 April

Spouse Symposium, Thursday 1 May

Flight Suit Social, Friday 2 May



2025 Hall of Honor Inductees

The following inductees will be celebrated at the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, April 30th:

Admiral Thomas Hall

United States Navy

Born in Oklahoma, Thomas Hall attended Oklahoma State University for a year before transferring to the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1963. After graduating at the top of his flight class, he was assigned to VP-8, the Navy's first operational P-3 Orion squadron. Qualifying as a Patrol Plane Commander in 12 months, he was assigned as the squadron NATOPS officer and was credited with the squadron's outstanding performance on the first ever squadron P-3 NATOPS evaluation.

Then LT Hall, as the most junior crew and mission commander, flew over 100 combat hours in the Gulf of Tonkin and overland Vietnam, identifying enemy troop movements. His crew also identified and tracked an enemy surface combatant, which was turned over to carrier attack aircraft and sunk, a mission for which he was awarded the Air Medal with combat "V". When he returned to VP-8 as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer from 1979-81, the squadron was operating the last P-3Bs in the fleet. Despite aging aircraft and limited support, his squadron was specifically recognized by the Operational Commander with a Navy Unit Commendation for superior ASW performance in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea.

Serving next as Chief of Staff of Commander Fleet Air Keflavik from 1982 to 1985, he devised and implemented processes which facilitated the highest ASW operations tempo anywhere in the world. He was subsequently selected for Major Command as Commanding Officer of NAS Bermuda. During his tenure, at the height of the Cold War, the Soviets maintained a continuous presence of several Yankee and Victor III class submarines, and CAPT Hall personally oversaw the monitoring and reporting on the sinking of a Yankee SSBN that had suffered an internal explosion while on patrol off Bermuda.



Selected to Flag Rank in 1989, he was assigned as Commander Iceland Defense Force, where he was awarded the Order of the Falcon by the President of Iceland. The final tour of his Navy career was as Chief of the Naval Reserve. He was then selected and confirmed as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, where he directed an organization with oversight of 1.2 million Reserve and Guard personnel and contributed significantly to the success of Desert Storm, which saw the largest number of reservists mobilized since WWII.

Rear Admiral Charles Prindle

United States Navy

Rear Admiral Charles Prindle was born in Nyack, New York in 1931. Following graduation from high school, he enrolled at the University of Mississippi as an NROTC midshipman, graduating in May of 1953 and immediately reporting to flight training. Designated a Naval Aviator in October 1954, he reported to Patrol Squadron 28 in Barbers Point, HI, participating in the squadron's first P2V Neptune deployments to NAS Adak, Alaska and Iwakuni, Japan. After a tour as a primary flight instructor in Pensacola, FL he reported to the Staff of Commander, Carrier Division SIX as CIC Officer. In 1964, then Lieutenant Commander Prindle reported to VP-10 for his department head tour. During this tour he was cited for the superb planning and execution of the squadron's transition from the P2V to the P3A Orion and was the Operations Officer as they completed their first deployment to Keflavik, Iceland.

Following tours at Naval Postgraduate School and on the staff of Commander, Fleet Air Wings Pacific, he reported to Patrol Squadron FIFTY for his XO/CO tour just after the squadron completed transition to the P-3A from the P5M Marlin. He led Vp-50 on their first Orion deployment, conducting split site operations from Cubi Point, Philippines and Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, flying ASW from one site and overland enemy interdiction flights from the other and receiving the Bronze Star for his command presence. After work on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, he served as Navy Assistant to the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs. He assumed command of Patrol Wing Eleven in September 1976, and 1977 saw the Wing record its first ever year with over 1,000 hours of Soviet submarine tracking.

Selected for promotion to Rear Admiral, he served as Commander, Patrol Wings Pacific prior to returning to Washington, DC for his final tour on the OPNAV staff. He was diagnosed with cancer, passing away on while still on active duty at Bethesda Naval Hospital in 1985.

Of all the endorsements with his nomination, the same quote kept appearing from personnel who served under him across his tours, and it was that "he made you want to be just like him".

2025 Award Recipients

The following award recipients will also be celebrated at the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, April 30th:

MPA 2024 Pilots of the Year

LT Parker Smith, VP-10 (LANT)

LT Kyle McGarry, VP-47 (PAC)



MPA 2024 Naval Flight Officers of the Year

LT Patrick Gough, MPRWS (LANT)

LT Stephen Hinson, VP-46 (PAC)

MPA 2024 Enlisted Aircrewmembers of the Year

AWO1 Eric Leonard, VP-45 (LANT)

AWO1 Joshua Wyrsh, VP-40 (PAC)

MPA 2024 Chief Petty Officer of the Year

ADCD Jackielou Backlund, VP-45 (LANT)

LSC Joseph Aceron, VP-46 (PAC)

MPA 2024 Maintainer of the Year

AE1 Raefek Luna-Lugo, VP-16 (LANT)

AE1 Nikki Garcia, VP-46 (PAC)

Travel & Lodging

BASE ACCESS Requirements to drive your vehicle on base are a valid driver's license, insurance and registration, and either an active/retired military ID or a sponsors pass. Active and retired military can sponsor civilian attendees to gain on-base access during these events.

Plan on entering the YORKTOWN gate at NAS Jacksonville for all Symposium events.

For attendees with base privileges (retired), the front gate will allow you normal access with your military I.D. card. Please make sure that all passengers in your vehicle who are 16 years of age and older have a valid I.D.

TRAVEL BY AIR

If you are traveling by air to the symposium, the closest commercial airport to NAS Jacksonville is the [Jacksonville International Airport](#). The physical address for Jax International is: 2400 Yankee Clipper Drive Jacksonville, FL 32218.

TRAVEL BY CAR

If traveling by car, the physical address of NAS Jacksonville for purposes of directions is: 6801 Roosevelt Ave Jacksonville, FL 32212.

ON BASE LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (BOQ/BEQ): (904) 542-3138

Navy Lodge: (904) 772-6000

RV Park: (904) 542-3227

OFF BASE LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

The following off-base hotels are conveniently located to NAS Jax:



Hilton Garden Inn: (904) 458-1577
Holiday Inn & Suites: (904) 562-7400
Fairfield Inn by Marriott: (904) 278-7442
Courtyard by Marriott: (904) 854-1500
Best Western: (904) 264-4466

Dress Code

UNIFORMS/ATTIRE

"JAX CASUAL" for the day time events on Wednesday, as well as for golf on Thursday. FLIGHT SUITS, uniform of the day, or smart business casual for the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday night and FLIGHT SUITS or casual evening wear for the flight suit social on Friday night. For our "former warriors," if you still have a flight suit, we cordially invite you to wear it to the flight suit social events.

Contacts

If you have any questions, or require assistance, the 2025 Symposium planning committee is available to assist:

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