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## Cover Photo

HAWAII (August 21, 2025) - VP-47: The Best in the West continue to uphold our high standards in Hawaii! Excellent work by our AOs and load team in readying the plane to do what we do best!!! (Photo courtesy of VP-47, Facebook)



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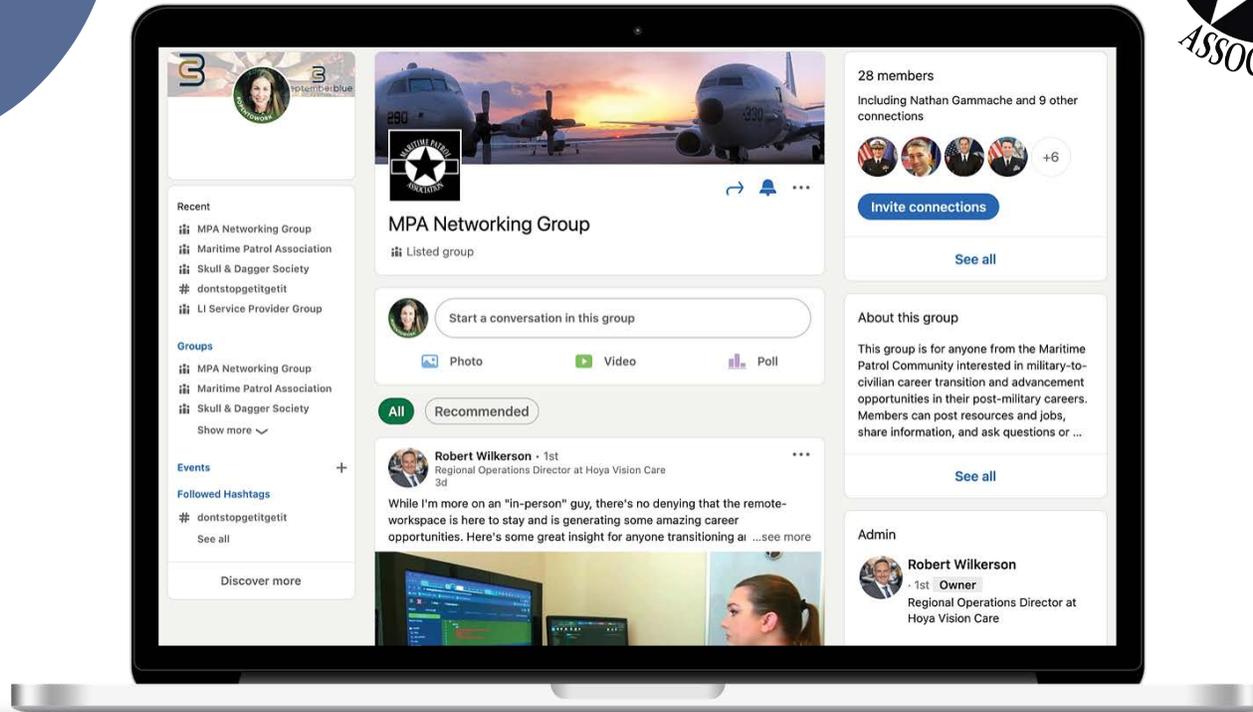


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# Checking on Station



Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Warriors, Past and Present,

Our business is Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), Anti-Surface Warfare (ASuW) and Maritime Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR)...and business is good! Demand for MPRF multi-mission services is on par with the height of Cold War operations when we enjoyed 24 active-duty VP squadrons and a dozen more reserve units. Today, with less than half that number, we are getting the job done in every hot spot around the world. I am not exaggerating when I say, no one does it better!

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In C-NOTE #2, our CNO reminds us that the Navy's FOUNDRY is the engine that drives our warfighting advantage—and that our people remain our greatest strength. Nowhere is that more evident than within the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF). Our decisive edge comes from selective assignment, focused training, strong leadership, and unmatched professionalism—all sustained by deliberate investment in our people. Not surprising, our Sailors and their families are the heart of our readiness. When we invest in them, they thrive—and so does the mission.

This was evident when I had the privilege to stand up a new squadron in the constellation that comprises the MPRF. It is a rare and historic moment in Naval Aviation when we stand up a squadron. It's even rarer that we do it in the image of the legendary VP-11 "Proud Pegasus"—a name that echoes through Brunswick's hangars and across the long arc of MPRF history. We now continue this lineage of excellence, in the establishment of VUP-11: a new chapter, a new weapon system, and a new generation of Sailors who will write the next story of greatness.

The Dark Horses of VUP-11, operating the MQ-4C Triton from mission control stations in NAS Whidbey Island, Washington represent the next step in MPRF ISR dominance. The high altitude, long endurance, and unblinking eye of Triton adds to the MPRF portfolio of ISR excellence and with their sister squadron, VUP-19 in Jacksonville Florida, will provide depth on the bench for any contingency. Their squadron motto – "Ride the Lightning" – gives credence to the dynamic nature and importance of this evolving mission. The squadron's ethos clearly embraces CNO's mandate to, "Be ready to win—tonight. Not prepare to be ready later. Not build capacity eventually but - Be ready to win tonight."

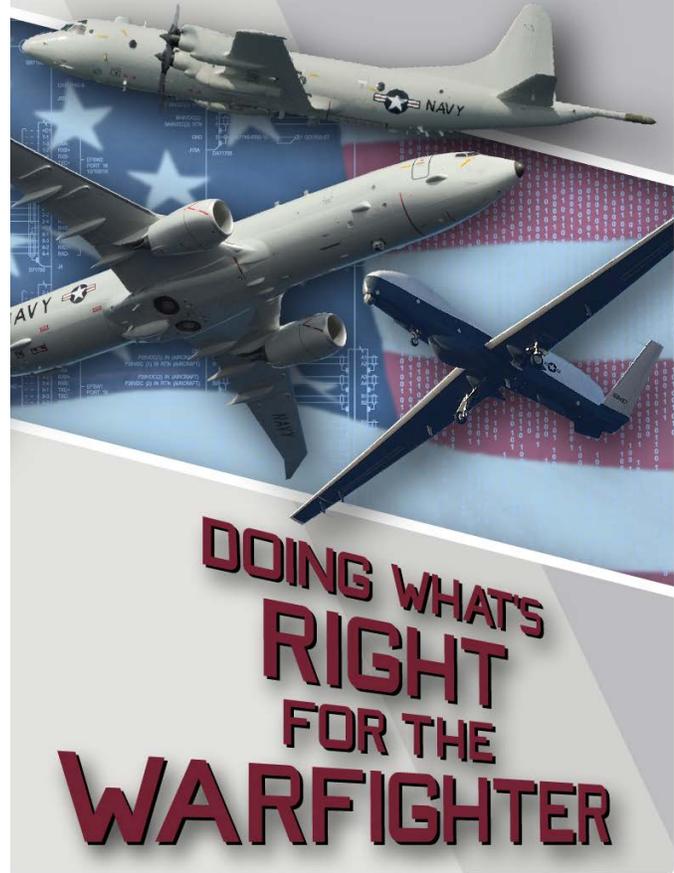
I hope to share more community news with you at the Spring MPA Symposium in Jacksonville in early March. Until then, I wish you the very best as we continue to Fly, Fight, Lead, and Win!

With Great Respect,

Craig "MADDOG" Mattingly

Rear Admiral, Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Group/Patrol and Reconnaissance Group Pacific

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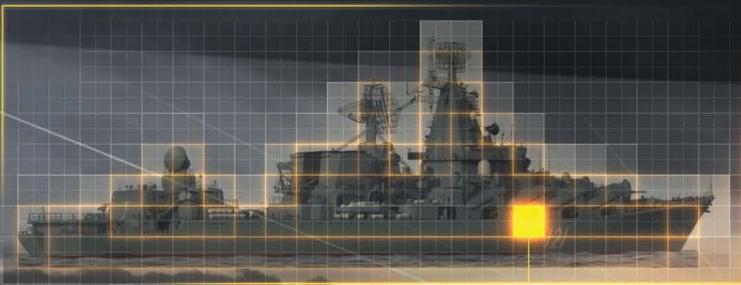
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# VP Images Around the Globe



**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (September 18, 2025) The honorable Sylvia Cesaratto, Consulate General of Canada and staff take a tour of a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 during a scheduled visit, September 18, 2025. VP-30's mission is to provide P-8A 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.)**







**(TOP LEFT) SIGONELLA, Italy (Oct. 22, 2025) – Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman Chloe Perkins directs a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon assigned to the “Fighting Marlins” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 40 at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. VP-40 is currently deployed in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations, supporting the warfighting effectiveness, lethality, and readiness of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, while defending U.S., Allied, and partner interests in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andy A. Anderson)**

**(BOTTOM LEFT) SIGONELLA, Italy (Oct. 10, 2025) – Aviation Electrician’s Mate 2nd Class Bailey Burrows signals a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon assigned to the “Fighting Marlins” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 40 during flight line operations at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. VP-40 is currently deployed in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations, supporting the warfighting effectiveness, lethality, and readiness of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, while defending U.S., Allied, and partner interests in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andy A. Anderson)**

**(TOP RIGHT) SIGONELLA, Italy (Oct. 28, 2025) – Sailors launch a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon assigned to the “Fighting Marlins” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 40 at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. VP-40 is currently deployed in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations, supporting the warfighting effectiveness, lethality, and readiness of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, while defending U.S., Allied, and partner interests in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andy A. Anderson)**



**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (October 1, 2025) Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 inspect an AGM-158C Long Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM) on board a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft, October 1, 2025. VP-30's mission is to provide P-8A 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.)**







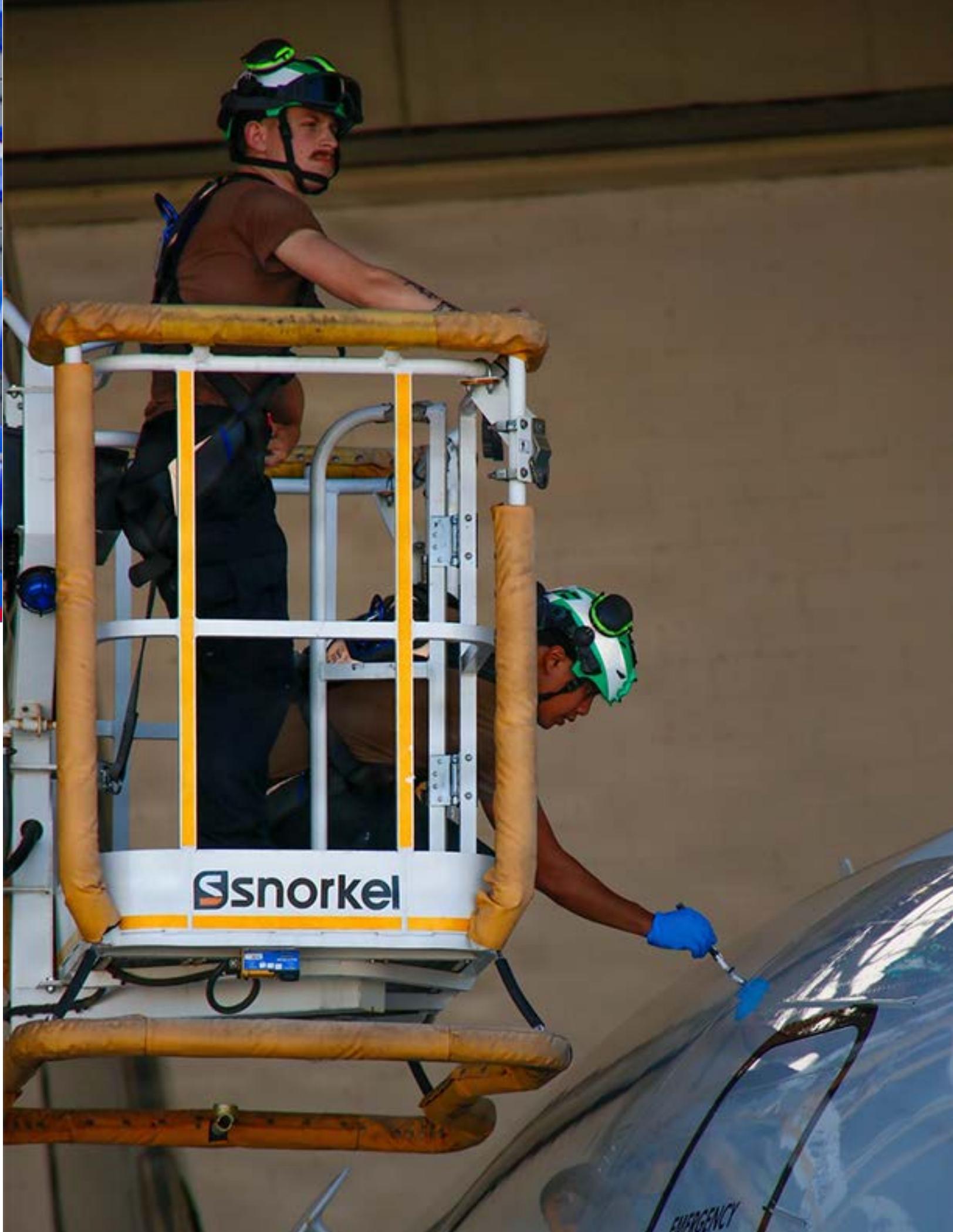


**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (August 15, 2025) Cmdr. Louis Gerard, Commanding Officer Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 Squadron Augment Unit (SAU), relieves Cmdr. Nicholas Rueda as Commanding Officer at the VP-30 SAU change of command ceremony, August 15, 2025. Capt. Hamish Kirkland, Commanding Officer VP 30, presided over the ceremony. 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.)**



**(TOP LEFT) SIGONELLA, Italy (Oct. 15, 2025) – Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Calypso Schroeder and Chief Aircrew Survival Equipmentman Greg Choate perform a tool inspection at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. VP-40 is currently deployed in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations, supporting the warfighting effectiveness, lethality, and readiness of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, while defending U.S., Allied, and partner interests in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andy A. Anderson)**

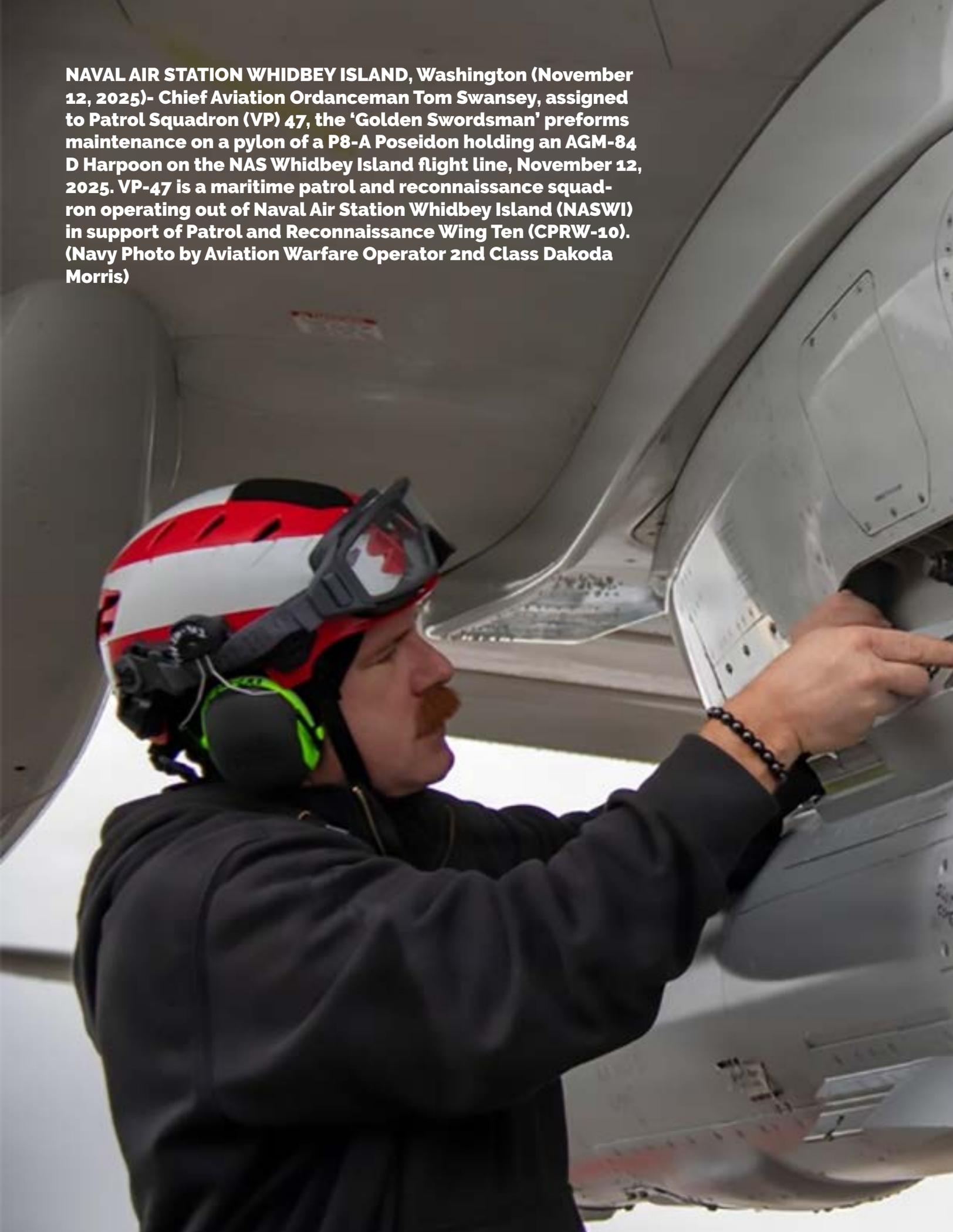
**(RIGHT) SIGONELLA, Italy (Oct. 17, 2025) – Sailors on a manlift perform repairs on a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon assigned to the "Fighting Marlins" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 40 at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily. VP-40 is currently deployed in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations, supporting the warfighting effectiveness, lethality, and readiness of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, while defending U.S., Allied, and partner interests in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andy A. Anderson)**



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**NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Washington (November 12, 2025)- Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Tom Swansey, assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, the 'Golden Swordsman' preforms maintenance on a pylon of a P8-A Poseidon holding an AGM-84 D Harpoon on the NAS Whidbey Island flight line, November 12, 2025. VP-47 is a maritime patrol and reconnaissance squadron operating out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) in support of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten (CPRW-10). (Navy Photo by Aviation Warfare Operator 2nd Class Dakoda Morris)**





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**(TOP RIGHT) KEFLAVÍK, Iceland (September 10, 2025) - Cmdr. Eric Bowen, commanding officer, Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, speaks to members of the Belgian Air Force about sonobuoy capabilities inside a P-8A Poseidon aircraft during a tour at Keflavik Air Base, Iceland, September 10, 2025. VP-46 and VP-69 are on a joint deployment in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations to support warfighting effectiveness, lethality and readiness of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, and defend U.S., Allied and partner interests in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Sara Wedemeyer)**

**(TOP LEFT) KEFLAVÍK, Iceland (September 13, 2025) - Members of the Royal Danish Army; 2nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (2 EODBTN) and 5th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company (5 EODKMP), and U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46 pose for a photo in front of a P-8A Poseidon during Northern Challenge 2025 at Keflavik Air Base, Iceland, September 13, 2025. Northern Challenge is an annual explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) exercise hosted by the Icelandic Coast Guard to sharpen warfighting readiness and strengthen multinational interoperability in complex EOD operations to ensure U.S. forces and Allies remain ready to fight and win together. VP-46 and VP-69 are on a joint deployment in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations to support warfighting effectiveness, lethality and readiness of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, and defend U.S., Allied and partner interests in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Sara Wedemeyer)**

**(BOTTOM LEFT) KEFLAVÍK, Iceland (September 13, 2025) - U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46 participate in a familiarization ride aboard a Piranha V, attached to the attached to the Royal Danish Army, 2nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion (2 EODBTN) during Northern Challenge 2025 at Keflavik Air Base, Iceland, September 13, 2025. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Sara Wedemeyer)**





**FACEBOOK (October 2, 2025) - VP-8 Fighting Tigers**

**AMEC Brian Winnicki and his family depart as the “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8) returned home to NAS Jacksonville after a six-month deployment to the U.S. 5th and 8th Fleet areas of responsibility, Oct. 2. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Matt Riggs/Released)**



**(TOP) NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Washington (November 12, 2025) Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Bryson Fulp, left, Aviation Ordnanceman Chief Warrant Officer Kyle Wagner, center, Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Tom Swansey, right, all assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, the 'Golden Swordsman' preform maintenance in the weapons bay of a P8-A Poseidon on the NAS Whidbey Island flight line November 12, 2025. VP-47 is a maritime patrol and reconnaissance squadron operating out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) in support of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten (CPRW-10). (Navy Photo by Aviation Warfare Operator 2nd Class Dakota Morris)**

**(RIGHT) NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, Washington (November 7, 2025) Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Kaylin Scott (left), Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Tony DeJesus (center), Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Gavin Kelly (right), assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 47, the 'Golden Swordsman' walking up the airstair to preform maintenance a P8-A Poseidon aircraft assigned to VP-47, November 7, 2025. VP-47 is a maritime patrol and reconnaissance squadron operating out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) in support of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten (CPRW-10). (Navy Photo by Aviation Warfare Operator 2nd Class Dakota Morris)**



**NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (November 18, 2025) An Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 directs a P-8A Poseidon aircraft into the hangar on the flight line at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. VP-5 is currently executing its fleet readiness training plan in preparation for an upcoming deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sang Kim)**







**(TOP) VP-1 would like to extend a big congratulations to our four newest Navy Chiefs, who were pinned this past Tuesday!**

**AZC Barrington**

**ATC Dankelman**

**AEC Williams**

**ATC Woehler**

**Becoming a Chief is one of the greatest milestones in a Navy career, and it doesn't happen overnight. It takes years of hard work, sacrifice, and commitment to service. These four have excelled in their fields through their leadership, professionalism and dedication. They could not be more deserving of this achievement. We are proud of each one of them and excited to see the impact they will continue to make as Chiefs. EFR!**

**(Facebook, September 22, 2025)**

**(RIGHT) A VP-16 P-8 Poseidon aircraft pilot refuels their aircraft at a U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft over the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Oct. 17, 2025. The P-8 Poseidon is a multi-mission maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Monteleone)**





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**(TOP) NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (November 18, 2025) Sailors assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 move a P-8A Poseidon aircraft on the flight line at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. VP-5 is currently executing its fleet readiness training plan in preparation for an upcoming deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sang Kim)**

**(LEFT) NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (November 18, 2025) A pair of Aviation Machinist's Mates assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 conduct routine maintenance on the port engine of a P-8A Poseidon aircraft on the flight line at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. VP-5 is currently executing its fleet readiness training plan in preparation for an upcoming deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sang Kim)**

**FACEBOOK (September 18, 2025) - VP-9 Golden Eagles**

**VP-9 in action working with both the U.S. Marines, and our allied partners!**

**US Pacific Fleet: Airpower in formation over Japan**

**U.S. Marine Corps MV-22B Ospreys with VMM-262, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force V-22 Ospreys, and a U.S. Navy P-8A with VP-9 fly together during exercise Resolute Dragon 25 off the coast of Kagoshima.**

**The annual bilateral exercise sharpens command and control, strengthens multi-domain maneuver, and reinforces the ability of U.S. and Japanese forces to defend key maritime terrain.**

**Cpl. Jeremiah Barksdale**







**(TOP LEFT & RIGHT) FACEBOOK (November 14, 2025) - VP-4 Skinny Dragons**

**On Nov. 13, #P3Cs with 5th Airlift Corps conducted joint training with #USNavy P-8As. Strengthening cooperation with our allies will fund regional peace and stability, and the #Maritime Self-Defense Force will continue to work with the U.S. Navy to create a better security environment.**

**13th Nov, P-3C conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy P-8A. Strengthening ties with allies contributes to regional peace & stability. The #JMSDF will continue working with US Navy to build a safer security environment. #FreeandOpenIndoPacific #JapanUSAlliance**

**(BOTTOM RIGHT) FACEBOOK (September 30, 2025) - VP-26 Tridents**

**As part of UNITAS 2025, VP-26 Tridents hosted a static display at Naval Station Norfolk to demonstrate the P-8A Poseidon's mission to partner nations. This year marks the 66th iteration of the world's longest-running multinational maritime exercise, a testament to enduring international cooperation. UNITAS, Latin for 'Unity,' emphasizes enhanced partnerships, uniting 26 allied and partner nations. UNITAS 2025 also launches a series of events commemorating the U.S. Navy's 250th birthday.**





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**FACEBOOK (September 30, 2025)**

### **VP-26 Tridents**

**Over the past week, VP-26 Tridents conducted a diverse range of missions supporting UNITAS 2025. These missions encompassed theater anti-submarine warfare, special forces intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, live-fire exercise surveillance, and a photo exercise. The photo exercise captured here includes 19 ships, 2 submarines, 2 fixed wing and 2 rotary aircraft. Through Trident's commitment to unity, accountability, and excellence, these missions not only achieved their objectives but also reinforced critical cooperation with allied and partner nations.**







**FACEBOOK (October 2, 2025) - VP-8 Fighting Tigers**

**The “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8) have begun their journey back home to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, marking the end of a successful six-month deployment to the U.S. 6th and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.**

**Welcome home Fighting Tigers! #NASJAX #FightingTigers #PatrolSquadron8 #Homecoming #AmericasNavy250**

**(LEFT) IS2 Malik Johnson poses for a photo with family as the “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8) returned home to NAS Jacksonville after a six-month deployment to the U.S. 5th and 8th Fleet areas of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Matt Riggs/Released)**

**(TOP) Family members watch as the “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8) return home to NAS Jacksonville after a six-month deployment to the U.S. 5th and 8th Fleet areas of responsibility, Oct. 2. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Matt Riggs/Released)**



**FACEBOOK (September 6, 2025) - VP-9 Golden Eagles**

**Fair winds, fini-flights, and following seas to LTJG DeCotis, LT Oyler, LT Darwin, and LCDR Lane! Each leaves a lasting legacy in the squadron through hard work, wisdom, and an unwavering willingness to share their knowledge. Wishing them all future success as they forge forward in their careers—our Golden Eagle fam won't be the same without them! #RideTheWave**







**FACEBOOK (September 19, 2025)**

**VUP-19 Big Red**

**On Tuesday, 16 September 2025, we welcomed 11 new Chiefs into the Big Red CPO Mess.**

**“We take a deep and sincere pleasure in clasping your hand, and accepting you as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy.”**

**Congratulations! Now let's get to work!**





(FACEBOOK, November 20, 2025)

### CPRW-11

Members from Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven (CPRW-11) recently brought the excitement of Naval Aviation and a hands-on STEM challenge to sixth graders at Christ the King Catholic School in Jacksonville, Florida. Last week, the team kicked off a thrilling multi-week project where students became engineers for a day.

Their task was to design and build the ultimate paper tower. Using their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, the students rose to the challenge, constructing the tallest and strongest platforms to support a weighted object. CPRW-11 CAPT Carl White awarded medals to the team with the best-built structure, celebrating the young innovators' amazing achievements in science and engineering.

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**(FACEBOOK, November 19, 2025)**

### **VP-45 Pelicans**

**The Pelicans are in full deployment swing out in Misawa Japan! On our first day of snow, our fearless Pelicans preform routine de-icing of the aircraft in the rigid conditions. Keep up the great PFH! #MissionReady #VP45 #USN**







**(FACEBOOK, November 19, 2025)**  
**VP-45 Pelicans**



FACEBOOK (August 25, 2025)

CPRW-10

**CPRW-10 Dominates the Ragnar Relay—Again!** This past weekend, the CPRW-10 Ragnar Relay team, the "Super-Sized Orca Thighs," competed in the Rainier Trail Race and brought home 1st place in the Military/First Responder Division for the third consecutive year!

Over the course of 27 hours and 11 minutes, the team pushed through little sleep, blisters, and cramps to complete a grueling 128+ miles with an incredible 34,000 feet of elevation gain.

Their resilience, teamwork, and determination continue to set the standard. Congratulations to our champions for once again proving that Orcas always rise to the challenge!





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