



## *Maritime Patrol Association 2026 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 Fourteenth 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 2026 MPA Symposium!*

### **Transportation Information**

**Shuttle transportation will be provided on the following dates and events:**

- **March 4th: Heritage Dinner**
- **March 5th: After the Golf Tournament**
- **March 6th: Flight Suit Social**

### **Pick-Up Location:**

**The shuttle bus will depart from the USO parking lot across from the Base Pass and Tag Office (Yorktown Gate).**

### **Route:**

**The shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers at the following locations:**

- **Yorktown Gate**
- **NGIS**
- **Navy Lodge**
- **The Cottages**

**It will then transport guests to and from the event locations on each designated day.**

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## Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 3rd		
<b>1800-2000</b>	Corporate Sponsor Reception	River Cove
Wednesday, March 4th		
<b>0800</b>	Welcome	VP-30 Aud
	MPRF: Around the Globe/ Community update/Allied Presentations	VP-30 Aud
	MPA Heritage Presentation	VP-30 Aud
<b>1200-1400</b>	Tech Expo	VP-30 Hangar
<b>1200-1400</b>	Lunch	VP-30 Hangar
<b>1200-1400</b>	P8	VP-30 Hangar
<b>1230-1400</b>	P-8 Simulator Tours	ITC
<b>1600-1700</b>	MPA General Members Meeting	River Cove
<b>1800-2300</b>	MPA Heritage Dinner	River Cove
Thursday, March 5th		
<b>0800-1000</b>	MPRF Community Update (invite only)	CPRW-11 Aud
<b>1130-1300</b>	Golf Registration	Mulligans
<b>1300-1830</b>	Golf Tournament	Mulligans
<b>1830-2000</b>	Golf Social	Mulligans
Friday, March 6th		
<b>1700-1800</b>	Spouse Happy Hour	River Cove
<b>1800-2400</b>	Flight Suit Social	River Cove

## Event Details

**Tuesday, March 3rd**

MPA Corporate Sponsor Reception (*Invitation only*)

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**WEDNESDAY, March 4th**



## **Symposium 2026 kick off**

Time: 0800-1200

Location: VP-30 Auditorium at NAS Jacksonville

Agenda for the morning:

### **Welcome Remarks**

Time: 0800

### **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: River Cove Community Center at NAS Jacksonville

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

## **MPA Heritage Dinner**

Time: 1800-2300

Cost: \$70 (MPA Members), \$85 (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 2026 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.

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## **THURSDAY, March 5th**

### **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 CPRG leadership.



### **MPA Scholarship Golf Tournament**

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

Cost: \$100 (MPA Members), \$120 (Non-Members)

Location: NAS Jacksonville Golf Course

To submit foursomes, contact Kristen Heimerle Kirkland at: [info@maritimepatrolassociation.org](mailto: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. The cost of social is already included in the cost of the Golf Tournament for golfers.

## **FRIDAY, March 6th**

### **MPA Flight Suit Social**

Time: 1800-2400

Cost: \$50 (MPA Members), \$65 (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 River Cove on board NAS Jacksonville. Active, reserve, retired - don your flight suits for a fun-filled evening of camaraderie, fine food, and a few sea stories. Food, beer, 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 the 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 4 March*

*Tech & Squadron Expo & Lunch, Wednesday 4 March*

*Aircraft Tours, Wednesday 4 March*

### **Events at the ITC:**

*ITC/Simulator Tours, Wednesday 4 March*

### **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 5 March*

*Scholarship Social, Thursday 5 March*



## **TO THE River Cove Community Center (formerly known as OFFICERS CLUB)**

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 4 March*

*Heritage Dinner, Wednesday 4 March*

*Spouse Symposium Friday 6 March*

*Flight Suit Social, Friday 6 March*



## **2026 Hall of Honor Inductees**

The following inductees will be celebrated at the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Vice Admiral Michael Moran**

United States Navy

VADM Michael Moran is a native of Waldon, New York and is a 1984 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1986, and reported for his first tour to Patrol Squadron 23 in Brunswick, Me. He subsequently served at Patrol Squadron 30 as an instructor before reporting to Sea Duty Component Dallas, where he served as a project officer on the Littoral Surveillance Radar System (LSRS). Upon completing his department head tour at Patrol Squadron 16, he was selected for command. While in command of Training Squadron TEN, he produced over 400 Navy and Air Force student navigators, earning the coveted CDR Theodore G. Ellyson Aviation Production Excellence Award. During this period, he also led the transition to the T-6A Texan, which replaced the aging T-34C, bringing NFO training into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Throughout the remainder of his thirty-eight year career, VADM Moran was at the forefront of bringing cutting edge capabilities to the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF). From his earliest days on LSRS, to his subsequent tours as the P-3C Class Desk and Anti-Surface Warfare Improvement Program (AIP) Deputy Program Manager, he focused on multi-mission capabilities that brought P-3Cs back to prominence during overland combat operations throughout the Global War on Terror. As Program Manager for PMA-290, CAPT Moran recognized the criticality of getting the replacement P-8A and subsequent sensor technologies to the Fleet as soon as possible. His strategy and unprecedented level of collaboration with CPRG, resource sponsors, and industry in making critical trades preserved cost, schedule, and capability, resulting in an on-time delivery in March 2012. He then set the course for integration of the AN/APS-154 Advanced Airborne Sensor (AAS) onto the P-8A, along with Aerial Refueling and the ongoing upgrade known as P-8A Increment 3 Block 2, which is ensuring the P-8A paces the threat well into the future.

VADM Moran was promoted to Rear Admiral in 2013 and in his subsequent tour as Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, he shaped the strategy to increase P-8A lethality through the integration of digital weapons. In his two-star role as Program Executive Officer, Tactical Aircraft, he integrated P-8A into Carrier Strike Group kill webs by leveraging Poseidon's weapons grade targeting capabilities. Finally, in his three-star capacity as Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), he provided critical advocacy



for MPRF to reconstitute its long-range strike capability in the form of the Long Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM). Following retirement from Naval service in 2021, VADM Moran was awarded the VADM James H. Doyle Jr. Award for acquisition lifetime achievement and he continues to serve in key leadership roles on the Executive Advisory Panel in support of Advanced Sensor Technologies and other MPRF objectives.

### **Vice Admiral Stephan Loftus**

United States Navy

Born in Wellesley, Massachusetts on 27 October 1933, VADM Loftus graduated from the University of Massachusetts and commissioned an Ensign in 1956. That year he earned designation as a Naval Aviation Observer (NAO), ultimately being designated one of the initial Naval Flight Officers in 1965 when the Bureau of Naval Personnel authorized a new designator to replace the NAO. His first tour was in S-2s with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron Twelve onboard the USS Forrestal. In May 1968, then LCDR Loftus penned a scholarly article, “Career Development for the Naval Flight Officer,” published in the Naval Institute Proceedings and addressing the inequity of NFOs not having equal command opportunity with their pilot shipmates. His clarion call stimulated widespread activity and was seminal to President Nixon signing into law a bill providing NFOs equal command opportunity as pilots.

While assigned as a Department Head, in the Navy’s first multi-sensor night interdiction squadron, Heavy Attack Squadron 21 (VAH-21), he was a tactical coordinator flying heavily modified P-2s, equipped with some of the most advanced sensors of the day. While deployed to NAF Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, he flew 33 low-level night attack missions in support of Project TRIM (Trails, Roads, Interdiction, Multi-Sensor). Just days prior to returning to the US, on 2 May 1969, his aircraft was heavily damaged, but he continued to direct his crew resulting in a highly effective attack which prevented valuable supplies from reaching enemy forces and for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. During this combat deployment, he earned 3 Strike Flight Air Medals with Combat “V”.

Selected for command in 1974, he was one of the first NFOs to command a VP squadron, the Pelicans of Patrol Squadron Four Five, with the squadron earning a Sixth Fleet “Hook’em” award for ASW operations out of Sigonella, Sicily in 1975. In 1981, he reported to NAS Bermuda as Commander Task Group 24.3 directing numerous successful prosecutions of the newly deployed Soviet Union Yankee class ballistic missile submarines. After selection for flag rank, he served as Commander Fleet Air Mediterranean and Task Force 67 during the height of the Cold War. The first NFO promoted to Vice Admiral, he served his final tour in the Navy as Director of the Office of Program Appraisal, during the post-Cold War drawdown. There he was instrumental in maintaining funding for our community and the building of the AIP program, which eventually led to the decision to fund the P-8A Poseidon. When he retired in 1994, he was the Navy’s Gray Owl, the most senior NFO in the Navy.

## **2026 Award Recipients**

The following award recipients will also be celebrated at the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, 4 March

### **MPA 2025 Pilots of the Year**

LT Luke H. Redito – VP 16 (LANT)

LT Adam P. Oyler – VP 9 (PAC)

### **MPA 2025 Naval Flight Officers of the Year**

LT Casey R. Densmore – VP 8 (LANT)

LT Justin N. Myers – VP 4

### **MPA 2025 Enlisted Aircrewmembers of the Year**



AWO1 Andrué A. Wellington – VPU 2 (LANT)

AWO1 Marcangelo Lizza – VP 47 (PAC)

**MPA 2025 Chief Petty Officer of the Year**

AMEC Brian M. Winnicki – VP 8 (LANT)

AMCS Torlar Pookphant – 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 sponsor's 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 2026 Symposium planning committee is available to assist:

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<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			<b>RECREATION &amp; SERVICES</b>			<b>FITNESS, AQUATICS &amp; SPORTS</b>		
8	1	Morale, Welfare & Recreation Administration (MWR)	16	NA	Allegheny Park	13	614	Base Gym / Indoor Pool
<b>LODGING</b>			5	798	Bingo	43	2069	Family Fitness Center
40	NA	Heritage Cottages	12	609	Bowling Center / Gutterball Grill	14	867	Fitness Source / Wellness Center
39	11	Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (NGIS) / T-Bar	25	NA	Fisherman's Cove / Mariner's Cove	13	614	Indoor Pool / Base Gym
34	802	Navy Lodge	14	867	Wellness Center	9	419	Outdoor Pool
24	NA	RV Park (Check in at Auto Center)	11	554	Fleet & Family Support Center	29	NA	Outdoor Tracks
<b>RESTAURANTS &amp; CATERING</b>			2	847A	Flying Club (not shown, on flight line)	38	10A	PRT Center
6	855	Galley	18	953A	Information, Ticket & Travel Office	31	NA	Softball Complex (McCaffrey Fields)
33	809	Mulligan's Restaurant & Bar	4	816	Liberty	15	NA	Tennis Courts & Basketball Courts
5	798	The Zone Entertainment Complex	27	1072	Mulberry Cove Marina / Outdoor Recreation & Equipment Rental	<b>OTHER</b>		
37	10	River Cove (O' Club) Catering & Conference Center	35	170	MWR Warehouse	20	622	Auto Skills Center / Auto Rama / RV & Deployed Storage Registration
39	11	T-Bar (NGIS)	32	NA	NAS Jax Golf Course	28	NA	Auto Skills Storage Lot
<b>CHILD &amp; YOUTH PROGRAMS</b>			19	623	Recycling Center	23	751	Chapel
10	705	Child Development Center	26	NA	Sea Bat Park	22	429	Gas Station / Autoport
43	2069	Youth Center / Gym / Family Fitness Center	21	NA	Sea King Park	7	960	Housing Office
43	2065	School Liaison Office	42	NA	Trap & Skeet Range	36	929/929A	Housing Learning Center
			30	537	Vet Clinic	17	987	Navy Exchange / Commissary
						41	2080	Navy Hospital
						3	NA	Patriots' Grove
						1	1050	USO

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