



MARITIME PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCE HALL OF HONOR

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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 21st 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.