



October 1, 2025

Dear Industry Partner,

The Maritime Patrol Association is almost halfway through its second decade. During the last several years, despite an ever-changing environment, especially during COVID, your contributions have been instrumental in allowing us to support our Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Community. Our membership continues to grow, and this year we surpassed a total of \$150,000 in scholarships to our members and their dependents.

Once again, we find ourselves in a changing environment, as we had to forego our corporate events in Whidbey Island. For the disruption that caused, please accept my apologies. We are looking forward to the New Year and are striving to ensure our Spring Reunion, currently slated for the week of 2-6 March 2026 in Jacksonville, continues to be our premier opportunity for community interaction.

I cannot overstate the impact of your contributions, both in dollars and in participation at our events, and so I humbly request that you consider staying the course with us as we move into the future. Without your contributions, we could not continue to put on the events or push more scholarship dollars, as we have every year, to our worthy scholarship recipients. Your donations allow us to continuously offer scholarships totaling \$15,000 each year. Not only have we been able to continue to publish our quarterly *Planeside* magazine, but we are also exploring new projects and setting new goals.

For our current sponsors, we look forward to your continued support. For new partners, we look forward to you joining forces with us through our 2026 MPA corporate sponsorship program at any of our six corporate sponsorship levels.

**2026 Corporate Sponsorship Levels**

**Elite: \$15,000+**

**Premier: \$12,000 – \$14,999**

**Platinum: \$8,000 - \$11,999**

**Gold: \$4000 - \$7,999**

**Silver: \$1000 - \$3,999**

**Bronze: \$500 - \$999**

*\* Sponsorship period runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.*

The benefits of being a sponsor are: advertising on MPA's website and in our quarterly online newsletter (*PLANESIDE*), first choice of sponsorship opportunities at symposium, and a personal invitation to our Corporate Sponsor Receptions that are held at the Jacksonville Symposium in the spring and in Whidbey Island in the fall. Please see our Corporate Sponsor Brochure (included) for more information on each sponsorship level.

MPA's Symposiums are the cornerstone of the organization's programs, and it is during these events that our sponsors reap the most benefit from their partnership and participation with the association.



The **2026 MPA Symposium** will be the week of March 2-6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This weeklong symposium starts with the Corporate Sponsor Reception and follows with a Scholarship Golf Tournament, a Flight Suit Social, the **MPA Heritage Dinner in Historic Hangar 117**, and many other events. The Heritage Dinner, and all the other events allow our corporate sponsors to mix, mingle, and share ideas with the MPRF community's flag officers and best and brightest up-and-comers.

There has never been a more exciting time to be a part of the U.S. Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community. It is our hope that we can count on you as one of our invaluable corporate sponsors. Please visit our website <https://maritimepatrolassociation.org> for more information about MPA and contact me today to discuss how your company can support the future of this community through the Maritime Patrol Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Heimerle", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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The Maritime Patrol Association (MPA), a tax-exempt non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID No. 45-1968605), is the premier professional organization representing the U.S. Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community by promoting the use of and recognizing the accomplishments the patrol and reconnaissance aircraft by the United States Navy. In pursuing this objective, MPA will provide a forum whereby individuals across the community can: interact and network through a variety of meetings, events and media; provide recognition to those persons who have made significant contributions to the community; and be informed of new developments and accomplishments in the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance community.