October 1, 2026

Dear Industry Partner,

The Maritime Patrol Association is now halfway through its second decade. Over these years, we have experienced many changes, and certainly our share of obstacles, but we have continued to move forward, due in large part to your unwavering support of our Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation community

We were thrilled to welcome our industry partners back to Jacksonville and, most recently, Whidbey Island for this year's reunion. A Reunion in which we were able to welcome over 30 new members into the Association. After both of these events, our Scholarship fund grew and now has provided more than $165,000 in assistance to our members and their dependents.

This year's events in Jacksonville and Whidbey were both very well attended, and planning for next year is already underway. The Jacksonville Symposium is currently scheduled for March 1–5, 2027.

Throughout our 15-year history, your continued generosity has allowed us to increase our prices only twice. Without your support, we would likely have priced out many of the younger active-duty members (the very people we are working to directly engage and impact). I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done to help us maintain that accessibility.

As our work continues, we must once again request your consideration and request you dig as deep as possible to support the Association. Your contributions allow us to continue hosting our annual events, publishing our newsletter, and, most significantly, funding our annual scholarship program.

If anything, we would love to grow the scholarship fund. This year, we accounted for the highest number of scholarship applications processed by our host organization, Wings Over America. In addition, our applicants are eligible to apply for other Wings Over America scholarships for which their sponsor qualifies. This has created opportunities for significant additional funding for many deserving applicants.

Your continued support makes all of this possible. Whether you have supported us for years or are considering contributing for the first time, we sincerely appreciate your investment in the future of our Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation community. Thank you again for your generosity, your partnership, and your commitment to the MPRA Community, past, present and future.

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 2027 MPA corporate sponsorship program at any of our five corporate sponsorship levels.

2027 Corporate Sponsorship Levels
Elite: $15,000+
Premier: $12,000 – $14,999
Platinum: $8,000 - $11,999
Gold: $4,000 - $7,999
Silver: $1,500 - $3,999

** Sponsorship period runs from January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027.*

The benefits of being a sponsor include: 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 **2027 MPA Symposium** will be the week of March 1-5, 2027. This weeklong symposium begins with the Corporate Sponsor Reception and continues with a Scholarship Golf Tournament, a Flight Suit Social, the **MPA Heritage Dinner in Historic Hangar 117,** and many other events**.** The Heritage Dinner, along with 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 future leaders.

There has never been a more exciting time to be a part of the U.S. Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation 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,

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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 pursing 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.