

Rear Admiral William F. Moran Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV N88)

Rear Admiral Moran was born and raised in New York State. He is a graduate of Valley Central High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy (1981) and a master's degree from the National War College (2006).

Moran's operational Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) tours span all four MPR sites including his first in Patrol Squadron 44, Brunswick, Maine; department head, Patrol Squadron 45, Jacksonville, Fla.; command of Patrol Squadron 46, Whidbey Island, Wash., and command of Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, Hawaii. He has deployed to Sigonella, Sicily; Rota, Spain; Lajes Azores; Keflavik, Iceland; Misawa, Japan; Diego Garcia; Masirah, Oman; Bahrain; and numerous detachments around the world. His other operational tours include flag lieutenant and Battle Group tactical watch officer for commander, Carrier Group 6, Mayport, Fla., completing a Mediterranean deployment aboard USS *Forrestal* and a subsequent deployment to the Caribbean aboard numerous cruisers as part of the first deployed staff in support of Counter Narcotics Operations. He has served extensively as an instructor pilot in multiple operational tours and two tours with Patrol Squadron 30, the Fleet Replacement Squadron.

Moran's shore assignments include: Patrol Wing 11, Jacksonville, Fla., as safety officer and assistant maintenance officer; the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, as assistant Washington placement officer and assistant flag officer detailee; deputy executive assistant and executive assistant to commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii, from July 2000 to July 2003; deputy director, Navy staff from July 2006 until June 2007 and as executive assistant to the chief of Naval Operations from June 2007 until August 2008. Upon selection to flag rank, Moran assumed duties as commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group in August 2008.

Currently, Moran serves as head, Maritime Aviation Programs on the staff of the chief of Naval Operations (CNO). In this capacity, Moran assists the director of Air Warfare (OPNAV N88) in the development, programming, and budgeting of warfighting requirements underpinning all training, maritime, and maintenance programs.

