VP-44 was the first Navy command to spot and attack the Japanese task force approaching Midway Island in June 1942. VP-2 is best known for the flight of the “Truculent Turtle,” establishing a world record for nonstop, unrefueled flight in 1946. VP-40 conducted the last flying boat deployment to Vietnam in 1967. VP-23 was the first operational fleet patrol squadron to deploy with the Harpoon Missile System in 1979. VP-8 was the first Navy patrol squadron to receive the P-3A in 1962. VP-82 was the first Navy patrol squadron to transition to land-based patrol aircraft and the first Navy command to record U-boat kills in the Battle of the Atlantic. (Right) VP-871 was nicknamed “Big Red” after Operation Firefly during the Korean War. After the war, VP-871 was redesignated VP-19 and transitioned to the regular Navy.