

P-3B “Orion”



Adopted by the VP-93 Alumni Association

This Lockheed-built long-range anti-submarine and patrol aircraft was flown by the US Navy Reserve’s Patrol Squadron (VP) 93 from 1976 until it was decommissioned in September 1994. The long probe on the tail of the aircraft contains a Magnetic Anomaly Detector that could detect fluctuations in the earth’s (gravitational force) magnetic field caused by submerged submarines. The P-3 was also equipped with sophisticated sensors and sonobuoys that could hear (detect) submarines under water. This aircraft is on loan from the National Museum of Naval Aviation. (Photo courtesy of SCPO Jerry Lach)

AIRCRAFT STATISTICS

Wingspan: 99’ 7”	Length: 116’ 10”	Height: 33’ 6”
Weight: 135,000 lbs.	Engine: T56-A14 (4)	Power: 4,600 hp each
Speed: 466 mph	1st Flight: 1961	#152748