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"I'd like to formally thank the team, including PMA-290, Boeing and our entire P-8A industry team, as we deliver the 50th P-8A Poseidon early and under budget," said [Capt. Tony Rossi](#), the Navy's program manager for Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft. "This milestone demonstrates outstanding work ethic, professionalism and dedication to the fleet."

"The P-8A is special," added Rossi. "This is the first time a Navy combat aircraft was built from the ground up on a commercial production line. We've leveraged commercial expertise and experience, and a highly reliable airframe, the 737, which has reduced production time and overall production costs."

Since the initial contract award, the program has reduced P-8 costs by more than 30 percent and has saved the U.S. Navy more than \$2.1 Billion.

"Together, we and our industry partners are transforming today's maritime patrol and reconnaissance force for the evolving threats and diverse mission requirements," he said. "This replacement for the P-3C builds on lessons-learned, while enhancing those capabilities with unique features, such as an electro-optical/infrared (EO/IR) sensor turret and increased acoustic processing capability with 64 passive sonobuoys, 32 multistatic sonobuoys and concurrent passive and active processing."

The fleet's transformation from the legacy P-3C to the P-8A is expected to be completed by Fiscal Year 2019.

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As of April 2016, all six active and one fleet replacement squadron at NAS Jacksonville have completed their fleet transition training from the P-3C to the P-8A and the first west coast P-8A squadron, VP-4, has relocated its home port from Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii to NAS Whidbey Island, Washington. All squadrons will complete transition training by Fiscal Year 2019.

For more information on the P-8A Poseidon go to

<http://www.navair.navy.mil/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.display&key=cfd01141-cd4e-4db8-a6b2-7e8fbfb31b86>