

MQ-4C Tritons Complete First Deployment to Japan



An MQ-4C Triton taxis at Andersen Air Force Base, April 29, 2020. *U.S. AIR FORCE / Senior Airman Michael S. Murphy*
MISAWA, Japan – Two MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft systems returned to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, following a deployment to Naval Air Facility (NAF) Misawa, NAF Misawa public affairs said Oct. 19.

The deployment of an Unmanned Patrol Squadron 19 (VUP-19) detachment and its two MQ-4C Tritons to Japan helped develop the concept of operations, including expeditionary basing, and fleet learning associated with high-altitude, long-endurance systems operations in the maritime domain.

The two MQ-4C Tritons will continue to operate from their forward deployed location at Andersen Air Force Base to provide maritime surveillance and persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities to the U.S. 7th Fleet in support of U.S. interests and regional allies.

The MQ-4C Triton's persistence and capabilities complement the Navy's P-8A Poseidon multi-mission maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft and are integral to the Navy's Maritime Strategy.