



**Patrick Walsh, Admiral, USN (Ret.)**  
 “Sponge”

Date of Designation: 13 April 1979

Dates of Active Duty: 8 June 1977 – 1 March 2012.

Total Flight Hours: 4750

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 750

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 4650 Prop: 65 Helicopter: 35

Combat Tours:

Operation DESERT STORM (Combat Strike Leader)  
 1/91-3/91

Operation PROVIDE COMFORT/NORTHERN WATCH  
 3/91-4/91

Operation SOUTHERN WATCH 11/94 – 12/94  
 and 10/99 – 2/00

Operation DENY FLIGHT - BOSNIA 12/94 - 3/95

Combat Missions: 77 Combat/Combat Support Missions

Commands:

Strike Fighter Squadron ONE ZERO FIVE

Carrier Air Wing ONE

USS *John C. Stennis* Strike Group/Carrier Group SEVEN

U.S. FIFTH Fleet/NAVCENT/Commander Coalition  
 Maritime Forces

U.S. Pacific Fleet/JTF 519

Awards:

Navy Distinguished Service Medal (with 2 award stars)

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit (with 3 award stars)

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 award star)

Air Medal (1 individual award with Bronze star & Combat V)  
 with Strike/Flight numeral 5)

Navy Commendation Medal (with Combat V and 2 award  
 stars)



Navy Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (with 1 service star)

Navy ‘E’ Ribbon with 2 Battle E devices

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 service star)

Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 service stars)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun (Japan)

Order of National Security Merit, Tong-il (Republic of Korea)

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait)

Order of Bahrain, First Class (Bahrain)

### **Duty Assignment Chronology**

1973 – 1977 U.S. Naval Academy, Midshipman

1977 – 1979 Naval Aviation Training (NAS Pensacola,  
 NAS Corpus, NAS Beeville, NAS Lemoore)

1979 – 1982 VA-192 (NAS Lemoore, USS *America*  
 CV-66)

1982 – 1984 VX-5 (NAS China Lake)

1984 – 1987 Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue  
 Angels) (NAS Pensacola)

1988 – 1989 White House Fellow, Executive Office of the  
 President, OMB, the White House

1989 – 1991 VFA-87 (NAS Cecil Field, USS *Theodore*  
*Roosevelt* CVN-71)

1991 – 1993 Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy (Tufts  
 University, Boston, MA)

1993 – 1996 Command, VFA-105 (NAS Cecil Field, USS  
*Dwight D Eisenhower* CVN-69)

1996 – 1998 Department Chairman, Leadership, Ethics &  
 Law, US Naval Academy (Annapolis)

1998 – 2000 Command, CVW-1 (NAS Oceana, USS *John*  
*F Kennedy* CV-67)

2000 – 2002 EA to the Chief of Naval Personnel (VADM  
 Norb Ryan, Washington, DC)

2002 – 2003 Deputy Director, Strategy & Policy, Office of  
 the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Pentagon)

2003 – 2004 Command, Carrier Strike Group SEVEN,  
 USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN-74)

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### Duty Assignment Chronology continued

2004—2005 Director, Navy Quadrennial Defense Review (Pentagon)  
2005 – 2007 Command, US Fifth Fleet/NAVCENT/  
Coalition Maritime Forces (Bahrain)  
2007 – 2009 Vice Chief of Naval Operations (Pentagon)  
2009 – 2012 Command, US Pacific Fleet/Joint Task Force 519

### **Summary of Significant Career Events**

(1) While assigned as a nugget to VA-192, won the CVW-11 Bombing Derby (while deployed), made the Top Ten Hook for two-line periods, and as the Nuclear Safety Officer (NSO) successfully passed 3 NTPI inspections, including one surprise inspection.

(2) At VX-5, flew weapon tests on A-7, A-4, A-6, and F-18 platforms including follow-on operational test & evaluation and at-sea preparations for the first F/A-18 deployment.

(3) The tour with the Blue Angels included the transition from the A-4F to the F/A-18. Since I was the only demo pilot who had prior experience in the F/A-18, I was the transition officer for the team, modified flight controls, worked flight clearance issues, and wrote the initial Standard Operating Procedures so the team, which started winter training with an average of 10 hours in the aircraft, was ready to start the '87 season on time.

(4) I was the 5th naval officer selected to the White House Fellowship Program and worked in the Office of Management & Budget at the end of the Reagan administration and beginning of the Bush term in office.

(5) At the end of Operation DESERT STORM, and while still assigned to VFA-87, I participated in the debrief of combat performance (weapons).

(6) I attended the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy due to the generous benefits of the Moreau scholarship, which allowed me to graduate with a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy and entered into the PhD program. I subsequently completed the dissertation and defended the work at Tufts University in 1999, returning to the ship in time for day/night CQ aboard CV-67 the following day.

(7) I was in the Navy Annex, under the flight path of AA#77, heard the engines at full power, sensed the wing over our corner office window, when it hit the Pentagon on 9/11/01.

(8) As Commander of US FIFTH Fleet, responsible for the evacuation of 15,000 US citizens from Lebanon, during the Israeli – Hezbollah war in 2006. Once the Navy/Marine Corps team in place, there were life-threatening moments, international media coverage, and high drama getting everyone out of Lebanon safely. When we had all personnel embarked and underway in the eastern Mediterranean, under

clear skies...a fellow naval aviator in command of one of the amphibious ships broke the serious communications discipline over the net with one phrase, "sir, it looks like Woodstock at sea out here."

(9) As the US Pacific Fleet and JTF 519 Commander (JTF 519 is the only 4-star Standing Joint Task Force), we responded to the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake, tsunami, and radiation release on March 11, 2011 with Operation TOMODACHI (Friend), to the people of Japan. It was a 9.1 magnitude earthquake; Prime Minister Naoto Kan described the combined events inflicted the worst destruction in Japan since World War II.

### **Post Military Highlights**

(1) I am the oldest of 6 kids, my father worked at a Jesuit High School as a coach and administrator for approximately 50 years. I always wanted to return to my home-of-record, Dallas, TX, for life with family after a long career in the U.S. Navy.

(2) In 2012, I joined Southern Methodist University (SMU) as a senior fellow. Additionally, I am the Chairman, Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations, Chairman, Board of Visitors, National Defense University. Formerly, I served two terms on the Board of Governors for the Center for Creative Leadership as well as a term as a board member for the East West Institute.

(3) From 2012-2104, I was President of Strategic Programs, Academic Partnerships, LLC., where we helped public universities convert traditional degree programs to an online format to lower the barrier to admission in college programs and make degree programs more accessible.

(4) In 2014 I received an offer to join a cyber threat intelligence group called iSIGHT Partners as a Senior Vice President. After acquisition by FireEye (NASDAQ: FEYE) in 2016, we developed an Enterprise Readiness framework, borrowing from many lessons in naval aviation, TOPGUN, and naval strike warfare to deliver actionable intelligence and operational readiness to network teams in the private sector.

(5) In 2018, I was recruited by The Boeing Company, as Vice President for their Navy Marine Corps global services business, responsible for the full \$1.3B portfolio and associated training programs. This required a restructured business and a focused growth strategy to provide service solutions to the Navy Marine Corps aviation team and resulted in measurable improvements in fleet readiness.

(6) I have recently retired from The Boeing Company, and joined Oliver Wyman, Inc., as a Senior Consultant with experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors of the economy.

## **Personal:**

By far, my proudest achievement – September 5, 1986 - during the introduction of the Blue Angels to the Atlanta community at the Dobbins AFB officer's club, I spied this beautiful woman surrounded by a bunch of guys (at least a dozen) all in their corporate suits. Realizing both the benefit of 20:20 vision and a very narrow window of opportunity, I leaned into the microphone and asked the master of ceremonies if we could have a picture with 'that girl' in the back of the room. Married to the former Andy Kaye Cooke on November 26, 1988, we are living the dream with 2 kids (Jennifer – a nurse in Boston, Matthew – a junior at Loyola Marymount University).