Patrick Walsh

Patrick Walsh is a former United States Navy four-star admiral who last served as the 59th Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet from 2009 to 2012. Additionally, Admiral Walsh served as the 35th Vice Chief of Naval Operations and as Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet He retired from the Navy in 2012 with over 34 years of service.

Since retiring from a career in the military, Admiral Walsh has Co-Founded The First Watch Group with Ed Dolanski and Neil Jarvis. First Watch is a company that focuses on an alternative to the existing industry model of consulting that the co-founders personally experienced as business leaders.

Admiral Walsh is an experienced Fortune 50 business executive with an established record of leadership delivering results in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Has had a broad spectrum of responsibilities in the development of public policy and exposure to a complete range of perspectives as a customer, consumer, general manager, and business leader retaining full P&L responsibilities for businesses in higher education, cybersecurity, aerospace & defense industries.

Concurrent to his engagement with First Watch, he is a Senior Advisor to Oliver Wyman where he provides executive-level consulting for cybersecurity, aerospace & defense industries with specific focus areas in the supply chain, logistics, and large-scale program management. He is also a Senior Fellow with the John G. Tower Center for Public Policy and International Affairs at Southern Methodist University.

Prior engagements include serving as a Vice President for Boeing Global Services; as a Senior Vice President for iSIGHT Partners; and as the President of Strategic Programs for Academic Partnerships, LLC.

He has a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy and PhD with Distinction in International Relations from the Fletcher School at Tufts University as well as a Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy and a Master of Arts from Chapman University.