



RDML Kent Whalen, USN, Ret.

Teams: International, Naval & Missile Defense,
SPECTRUM Leadership Advantage

Expertise Areas

- Maritime, Aviation, and Naval Vessel Subject Matter Expert, including Operations, Training, New Construction, Logistics, Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul
- Program Management & Business/Manufacturing Optimization/Earned Value Management System (EVMS)
- NATO Operations, Readiness & Joint Force HQ Functions

Professional Experience

Admiral Whalen supports clients in military maritime and aviation operations, maintenance, training, and acquisition programs, leveraging his extensive experience in new ship construction, ship maintenance, program management, and business and manufacturing optimization domains, including EVMS, quality control, and risk analysis.

Prior to joining The SPECTRUM Group, Admiral Whalen served as Director of Shipyard Operations and General Manager (GM) for Lockheed Martin's Littoral Combat Ship and Multi-Mission Surface Combatant (MMSC, a foreign military sales (FMS) program) construction programs. In these roles, he was responsible for daily oversight of 1,200 shipyard workers, delivering two naval warships per year to the U.S. Navy, and keeping these key large projects tracking on time and budget.

In his 34-year U.S. Navy career, Admiral Whalen commanded at the squadron, ship, aircraft carrier, and carrier strike group levels. As Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, NATO Joint Force Command, he managed southern NATO force deployments, exercises, training, and equipping, working with NATO member country military leaders and key U.S. Navy and Joint service enablers. His command assignments included Carrier Strike Group 12, the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), two amphibious ships, and a Hornet squadron. Over his Navy career, he accumulated 3,500 A-7 and F/A-18 flight hours, and served more than nine years at sea. He is a graduate of the Navy Nuclear Power School.

Key Positions

- Director of Shipyard Operations and General Manager, Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Commander, Lincoln Carrier Strike Group
- Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, NATO Joint Force Headquarters (Naples, Italy)
- Assistant Chief of Staff, Readiness, Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific

Education

- M.S., Engineering Management, Old Dominion University
- M.S., National Security Studies, U.S. Naval War College
- B.S., Computer Science, U.S. Naval Academy

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