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BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID C. WALSH COMMANDER MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND



Brigadier General David C. Walsh, a native of Brooklyn, New York, was commissioned into the Marine Corps in August 1992 after receiving his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia. He reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, for flight training and was designated a naval aviator in February 1995.

Brigadier General Walsh trained as an AH-1W pilot and was assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HML/A) 167 at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina. While at New River, he deployed with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). Upon his return to HML/A-167, he attended the Marine Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course at Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron (MAWTS) 1 and served as the squadron tactics officer. During this tour, Brigadier General Walsh earned every qualification possible in the AH-1W and served in diverse operations and maintenance billets.

Brigadier General Walsh completed training at the Amphibious Warfare School (AWS) in Quantico, Virginia, in June 2001. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School in June 2002. Upon graduation, he served as the H-1 lead test pilot and Weapons System Support Activity military deputy for the Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 31 at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California. He also participated in developmental flight testing of the H-1 Upgrades aircraft (AH-1Z and UH-1Y) and multiple other flight test programs.

In July 2005, Brigadier General Walsh became the USMC Light/Attack Helicopters (PMA-276) assistant program manager for systems engineering for the Marine Aviation Detachment at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland. During that period, he was selected as part of the first cadre of Marine Corps Acquisition Officers.

In January 2008, he became the director of operations at Fleet Readiness Center East, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina, where he managed depot-level maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft, engines and components, and supervised production flight test operations.

In June 2011, Brigadier General Walsh became the Specialized and Proven Aircraft (PMA-226) program manager. He was responsible for the management of the H-46 helicopter and T58 engine, U.S. Naval Test Pilot School aircraft, adversary aircraft, contracted air services, as well as Foreign Military Sales cases for multiple aircraft and systems.

He returned to NAS Patuxent River, in August 2014 and served as the H-1 Foreign Military Sales lead, then as the Acting Director, Logistics Management Integration Department at Naval Air Systems Command. He was then selected and assigned as the program manager for the Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Program (PMA-276) where he was responsible for total lifecycle management of the H-1 helicopter.

In March 2021, Brigadier General Walsh was selected as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition at the Pentagon, where he served until being appointed as the acting Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS) in February 2022. He served as acting PEO LS until May 2022.

In June 2022, Brigadier General Walsh assumed command of Marine Corps Systems Command.

Brigadier General Walsh earned a master's degree in technical management from Johns Hopkins University and graduated from USAF Air War College. He is Level III acquisition certified in Program Management, Test and Evaluation and in Production, Quality and Manufacturing; and Level II certified in Engineering. Brigadier General Walsh has accumulated over 2,500 flight hours in more than 30 types of aircraft. His decorations include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy Commendation Medal, and various campaign and unit awards.