

COLONEL WALTER V. WALSH US Army, Retired



COL Walter Walsh, Jr., was commissioned from the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at the University of New Hampshire in 1971 and attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course later that year. He later earned a Master's degree in Business Management from Salve Regina College and a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Over 27 years of active duty service, COL Walsh was directly responsible for testing and developing new intelligence initiatives that were validated and are now used across the Army, including the Analysis & Control Element (ACE), the Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and deployment of the US Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) Force Projection Brigade.

COL Walsh's first tour of duty was as a CI Agent in the 902nd MI Group at Fort Meade, Maryland. He then served as the S2 for the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry; S2 of the 3rd Brigade; and Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division. COL Walsh was then assigned to the 25th Infantry Division where he served as the G2 Plans/Training Officer and then as the Commander of the 372nd Army Security Agency (ASA) Company. He served at the US Army Intelligence School at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where he held assignments as an Instructor, Executive Officer, and Chief of the MI Proponency Office. COL Walsh then served as the G2 Operations Officer of the 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea. He was subsequently selected for the Director's Fellowship Program at the National Security Agency (NSA), Fort Meade. Upon completion of this program, he served as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, NSA, and later as the Executive Officer to the Associate Deputy Director for Operations/Military Support at NSA. COL Walsh took command of the 125th MI Battalion, 25th Infantry Division in June 1989, and followed battalion command by serving as the Division G2. He then attended the Army War College, with a follow-on assignment as the Chief of the Intelligence Support Division in the G2 Directorate at Headquarters, Forces Command. In July 1994, COL Walsh assumed command of the 513th MI Brigade. His final assignment was as Director of Joint Requirements, J2, Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

COL Walsh retired in 1997. His awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters) and Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster).

COL Walsh was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 2008.