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Rear Admiral Kent Whalen, U.S. Navy (Ret.) Joins The SPECTRUM Group

Alexandria, Va. – October 3, 2023 – [The SPECTRUM Group \(TSG\)](#) is pleased to announce that [Rear Admiral Kent Whalen, U.S. Navy \(Ret.\)](#) has joined its firm. Admiral Whalen delivers impressive experience in U.S. and foreign military sales (FMS) military maritime, naval vessel, and aviation domains, adding new capabilities to TSG's [Naval & Missile Defense](#) practice area.

"Kent is a terrific addition to TSG," said [Andrew J. Campbell, TSG Executive Chairman](#). "He can support our clients on many levels as they pursue opportunities in numerous facets of defense and naval programs and the private sector. I am grateful to Kent for his years of service to our country and look forward to working closely with him in the years ahead."

Prior to joining TSG, Admiral Whalen served as Director of Shipyard Operations and General Manager for Lockheed Martin's Littoral Combat Ship and Multi-Mission Surface Combatant (MMSC, a foreign military sales (FMS) program) construction programs. There, he leveraged his extensive new ship construction, ship maintenance, program management, and business and manufacturing optimization experience, including EVMS, quality control, and risk analysis, to deliver two naval warships per year to the U.S. Navy while managing program time and budget.

"TSG is fortunate to have Kent join our team," said [TSG's President, Major General George Close, U.S. Army \(Ret.\)](#). "He comes to TSG with unique Navy and commercial experience that will be of great assistance to our clients."

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. He commanded Carrier Strike Group 12, the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), two amphibious ships, and a Hornet squadron. Admiral Whalen accumulated 3,500 A-7 and F/A-18 flight hours and served more than nine years at sea.

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