

James E. Fanell



Captain James E. Fanell concluded a near 30-year career as a naval intelligence officer specializing in Indo-Pacific security affairs, with an emphasis on China's navy and operations. His most recent assignment was the Director of Intelligence and Information Operations for the U.S. Pacific Fleet. He served in an unprecedented series of afloat and ashore assignments focused on China, as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence for the U.S. Seventh Fleet aboard the *USS Blue Ridge* as well as the *USS Kitty Hawk* aircraft carrier strike group both forward deployed to Japan. Ashore he was the U.S. Navy's China Senior Intelligence Officer at the Office of Naval Intelligence. In addition to these assignments in the Navy, he was a National Security Affairs Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and is currently a Government Fellow with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Switzerland. He is an accomplished international public speaker most notably at AFCEA West / U.S. Naval Institute China Panels in 2013 and 2014, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2017, as well as before the U.S. House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in 2018. He has also been featured on *60 Minutes Australia* and has an extensive list of published works regarding China ranging from the *Wall Street Journal*, U.S. Naval Institute *Proceedings*, *Naval Intelligence Professionals Quarterly*, *Fox News*, Switzerland's *Military Power Review*, Liechtenstein's *Geopolitical Intelligence Service* and the *Hoover Digest*. He is also the creator and manager of the Indo-Pacific Security forum *Red Star Rising* since 2005.