



## **PJ Walsh**

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### **PJ Walsh Bio**

As a first generation Irish-American with a blue collar upbringing, PJ Walsh is instinctively aware of the power of laughter and its ability to transcend generations. Regarded as one of the hardest working comics behind the microphone, he is known for his quick wit, boundless energy and his often insightful observations on the things he cherishes most: the military, family, and being American.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, PJ discovered his talent for comedy while stationed in Bethesda, Maryland where he served as the primary dental care technician for the White House. While there, he flossed the teeth of such high-ranking military and government officials, as former President Bill Clinton, former Vice-President Al Gore and their families.

PJ was a natural fit as the opener on Larry the Cable Guy's hugely successful "Tour of America" and "The Right to Bare Arms" tours. PJ has also made a name for himself opening for other famous blue collar comedians Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Ron White. He can be found also on tour headlining comedy clubs nationwide.

PJ was the host of hit show "Wall2Wall Good Stuff" on Blue Collar Radio channel 103 on Sirius Satellite Radio. He can be seen in Larry the Cable Guy's "Git-R-Done" DVD, Ron White's "They Call Me Tater Salad" DVD and plays a role in the Lionsgate feature film "Delta Farce" starring DJ Qualls, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy. In 2007, PJ had the distinct honor of performing with Larry at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

During his career, PJ has also performed at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, he took first place in the Rocky Mountain Laugh-Off and was a finalist in the Seattle International Comedy Competition. He hit national television with his appearance on CBS' "Star Search" and received much acclaim at the HBO Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, CO.

As a veteran, PJ has never forgotten the sacrifices made by U.S. military men and women and he understands how important a laugh can be to troops stationed thousands of miles from home. He has performed at Armed Forces facilities in Japan, Korea and the Balkans, as well as with the "Comics on Duty" tour throughout Iraq and Afghanistan. He was later featured on the CNN profile of the "Comics on Duty" program.

PJ resides in New York City where he has completed a two-year acting intensive at the prestigious William Esper Acting studio. He just took his eleventh trip overseas to entertain our service members. On Christmas day he "Tailhooked" onto the U.S.S. Nimitz Aircraft Carrier to bring a little bit of home to those sailors.

Currently PJ is in the process of premiering his first solo show "Over There".



### **PJ Walsh Press**

*BOTTOM LINE: Hilarious show by a current stand-up comedian and former member of the U.S. Navy that goes much deeper than you'd expect... Walsh plays all of these characters from his life with such skill that they really pop off the stage... I highly recommend this show. It'll make you laugh, think, and leave with a glimpse to a side of stand-up you might not expect to see.*

*Ben Charles, Theater is Easy (theasy.com), August 15, 2010*

*Thankfully, I got to see this fantastic, heartfelt, hilarious one-freckled-man show... Instead of just a guffaw, OVER THERE offers a thought-provoking, side-splitting journey through PJ Walsh's not so ordinary life... just when you're thinking you can laugh no more, he hits you in the stomach with raw emotion and you realize his comic agenda is not just about him but to help and support others as well. I've already told my friends to go see this show and now I'm telling you.*

*Maura Kelley, nytheatre.com, August 13, 2010*

*The one-hour comedy show is a fusion of Walsh's quick wit and insightful observations about life as a soldier and civilian... The poignant narrative intertwines the solemnity of war with the humor of Walsh's inner thoughts. "Over There -- Comedy Is His Best Weapon" demonstrates Walsh's keen eye to see comedy in the ebb and flow of every day events while tackling larger issues such as war and growing up.*

*Brian Willett, bloginity.com, August 8, 2010*

*In "Over There: Comedy Is His Best Weapon," the Queens-based writer and standup comic relates his personal journey through three wars — as an enlistee and as part of Comics on Duty — and through being President Clinton's dental technician. "He could floss more and use a fluoride rinse," says Walsh, "like most people.*

*Joe Dziemianowicz, The Daily News, August 7, 2010*

*If you're looking for laughs in the humble form of true talent and motivation, then check out PJ Walsh at the NYC Fringe Festival. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll leave ready to conquer the world, or at least a small part of it.*

*Sheena Vega, Independent Media Magazine, August 4, 2010*



### **PJ Walsh OVER THERE: Comedy Is His Best Weapon**

When I started working on a “solo” show I was not really sure where I was heading. I had been told for years that I needed write a book because I have so many unique experiences with very recognizable individuals. Stand –up comedy will always be my first love. It is how I define myself when someone asks, but the experiences over the past few years have had me feeling that I might have experienced more in my life then just jokes.

The process of putting this show together really became an exploration of a life. Because of my love for comedy, I wanted to infuse my sense of humor into a serious narrative that would make audiences walk away laughing but go to sleep thinking. This show features tales from my life, but its purpose is so much bigger than me as an individual. My hope is to continue with this “Over There” movement in a fashion that will benefit those who truly deserve every ounce of our compassion, empathy and support.

60 Miles North Productions and I will donate 10% of our profits on the NY Fringe Festival’s production of OVER THERE™ to programs that help our warriors when they return home.

Thank you for taking a moment to join us here at the “Over There” movement. This may be a one-man show, but we're working hard to do important things to improve countless lives.

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**NAVY VETERAN PJ WALSH STARS IN**

**“OVER THERE: COMEDY IS HIS BEST WEAPON”**

**WORLD PREMIERE – NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FRINGE FESTIVAL**

**60 Miles North Productions in association with The Relevance Group presents  
the one-man comedy show “Over There: Comedy Is His Best Weapon”  
starring Navy veteran PJ Walsh**

**August 13-29 at The Players Theater**

NEW YORK – From a blue-collar upbringing to the big city, it’s been quite a ride for comedian PJ Walsh. The navy veteran is premiering his one-man comedy show, *“Over There: Comedy Is His Best Weapon”*, at this year’s New York International Fringe Festival. *“Over There”* illustrates the hardship and hilarity of Walsh’s journey – from a screw-up kid convinced there’s no chance of war that enlists in 1990 to a stint in President Clinton’s administration, a career in stand-up, and facing his mortality in the belly of a C-130 flying over Afghanistan.

Walsh’s observational comedy echoes with audiences at home and abroad thanks to his quick wit, incredible energy, and entertaining insight on the military, family and American life. Walsh’s relatable story brings viewers through his struggles to escape his hometown, survive basic training and six months on a ship during the Gulf War, work in the White House and Camp David, and eventually step into a comedy career that has found him performing alongside Larry The Cable Guy and hosting his own radio show.

*“Over There”* is a poignant narrative that intertwines the solemnity of war with the hilarity of Walsh’s inner thoughts. The show will delight audiences of all ages and is sure to be a hit at the Fringe Festival.

**ABOUT THE FRINGE:**

The New York International Fringe Festival (FringeNYC) is the largest multi-arts festival in North America, with more than 200 companies from all over the world performing for 16 days in more than 20 venues. FringeNYC will celebrate its 14th Anniversary August 13th - 29th, 2010.

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