

Trump Selects Former Boeing Executive to Replace Former General Dynamics Board Member as Defense Secretary

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*The military-industrial complex revolving door keeps revolving. Sunday morning, **President Donald Trump** [announced](#) in a Twitter post that he plans to replace outgoing **Secretary of Defense James Mattis**, temporarily at least, with current **Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan**. Shanahan will assume the job on January 1 — two months before the departure date Mattis had proposed. Before taking on their current government jobs, Mattis and Shanahan worked for two of the largest military contractors — Mattis as a General Dynamics [board of directors member](#) and Shanahan as a Boeing [senior vice president](#).*

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