New Acting Undersecretary of the Navy Selected



Gregory J. Slavonic (middle), at the time assistant secretary of the Navy for manpower and reserve affairs, tours the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island in January 2019. Slavonic has been selected to become acting undersecretary of the Navy. U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeremy Laramore

WASHINGTON – Gregory J. Slavonic was selected by the president as acting undersecretary of the Navy on June 22, the Navy secretary's public affairs office said in a release.

Slavonic has been serving as the 18th assistant secretary of the Navy for manpower and reserve affairs since June 2018.

"I've had the opportunity to work with Greg Slavonic for a number of years and value his leadership abilities, foresight and friendship," Navy Secretary Kenneth J. Braithwaite said. "I look forward to the innovation and inspiration he will continue to bring to the Department of the Navy in his new position."

As the acting undersecretary of the Navy, Slavonic serves as the deputy and principal assistant to Braithwaite as well as chief operating officer and chief management officer for the Department of the Navy.

Additionally, he oversees intelligence activities, intelligence-related activities, special access programs, critical infrastructure and sensitive activities within the department.

"Over the past two years, I've been very fortunate to work with a great team of Sailors, Marines and civilians to make advances and improvements in manpower and reserve component affairs for the [department]," Slavonic said. "I am honored to

have been selected to this new position, being able to do a job that I love, engaging with a broader scope of issues and personnel.”

The majority of Slavonic’s professional life has been in service to the Department of the Navy, both in uniform and out. He enlisted as a seaman recruit and retired after a distinguished military career at the rank of rear admiral in the Navy Reserve.

During his time as a service member, he held four command assignments, served in combat deployments to Vietnam, Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His final assignment was as the Navy’s sixth special assistant to the chief of information and director of the Navy Reserve Public Affairs Program.

The secretary also served as the co-chair for the design and building of the USS Oklahoma Memorial at Pearl Harbor to remember the 429 Sailors and Marines who served aboard the battleship and lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941.

Prior to serving as ASN (RA), Slavonic served as chief of staff for U.S. Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.), and was Lankford’s last chief when he was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

For the past 40 years, Slavonic has held various civilian senior level positions in the communications industry and held positions with broadcasting and print organizations.