

Skillman Nominated for Vice Chief of Naval Operations



ARLINGTON, Va. – Secretary of War Pete Hegseth announced Oct. 2 that the president has nominated Navy Vice Adm. John B. "Brad" Skillman for appointment to the grade of admiral, with assignment as vice chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Skillman is currently serving as deputy chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, N8,

Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

To succeed Skillman as deputy chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, N8, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., the president nominated Navy Rear Adm. Benjamin G. Reynolds for appointment to the grade of vice admiral. Reynolds is currently serving as deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for Budget/Director, Fiscal Management Division, N82, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

In the same announcement, Navy Rear Adm. Benjamin R. Nicholson was nominated for appointment to the grade of vice admiral, with assignment as commander, Military Sealift Command, Norfolk, Virginia. Nicholson is currently serving as commander, Military Sealift Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

Below is the official biography of Skillman from the Navy's website:

"Vice Adm. Brad Skillman is a native of Muncie, Indiana and St. Paris, Ohio. He is a 1986 graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography. He earned a Master of Science in Operational Oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a proven financial management specialist.

A surface warfare officer, Skillman's sea duty assignments include USS Josephus Daniels (CG 27), USS Belleau Wood (LHA 3), USS Nashville (LPD 13), USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 8 and PHIBRON-4.

Skillman was the commissioning commanding officer of USS New Orleans (LPD 18). He also commanded USS Ponce (LPD 15) and USS San Antonio (LPD 17). His major command was as commander, Amphibious Squadron 4.

Ashore, Skillman served as the lead ship maintenance action

officer for the Maintenance and Modernization Division (N43) and as the Sea Shield and Surface Warfare Program analyst for the Director of Integration and Warfare Assessment (N70) on the staff of the chief of naval operations. He was the military assistant and director of operations for the deputy director, Naval Warfare in Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Portfolio Systems Acquisition and served as the executive assistant and naval aide to the assistant secretary of the Navy (Financial Management & Comptroller).

As a flag officer, his tours include deputy commander and chief of staff, NATO Joint Warfare Centre, Stavanger, Norway, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 2, he established the Enterprise Support pillar as director in MyNavyHR and most recently, Director, Programming Division OPNAV (N80).

Skillman's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various campaign, unit and service awards."