

Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

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Gregory J. Slavonic

Gregory J. Slavonic was sworn in as the 19th Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs on June 11, 2018. He is responsible for the overall supervision and oversight of manpower and reserve component affairs of the Department of the Navy, including the development of programs and policy related to military personnel (active, reserve, retired), their family members, and the civilian workforce; the tracking of the contractor workforce; and, the oversight of Human Resources systems within the Department.

Mr. Slavonic most recently served as Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator James Lankford (R-OK) and was his last chief when he was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Prior to his service on the Hill, he was a senior leader at the Computer Sciences Corporation where he planned and executed several nationwide U.S. Navy community outreach engagements. For the past 35 years, Mr. Slavonic has held various civilian senior level positions in the communications industry and held positions with broadcasting and print organizations. He was also president of Flagbridge Strategic Communications, a consulting company focused on strategic communications and leadership development programs. He has written two books on leadership development and co-authored a book on American Olympian Jim Thorpe.



Mr. Slavonic also served as the Executive Director of the Jim Thorpe Association and Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame. In this role he oversaw the annual presentation of the Jim Thorpe Award which is given annually to the “outstanding defensive back” in NCAA (Division I) football. His interest in sports lead him to become a minority partner with the Oklahoma City CAVALRY, a professional basketball team in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) league, which won the CBA championship in 1997.

Mr. Slavonic retired from the U.S Navy/Navy Reserve after a 34-year career. He began by enlisting as a Seaman Recruit and concluded a distinguished career attaining the rank of Rear Admiral. During his Navy career 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 Chief of Information (CHINFO) and Director of Public Affairs Program (Reserve). He 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 December 7, 1941.

Mr. Slavonic earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University and Master of Education from the University of Central Oklahoma, where he was recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

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