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Biography 

Rear Admiral Kenneth D. Slaght

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Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

Rear Admiral Ken Slaght is Commander of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. He is responsible for providing information technology and space systems for today's naval and joint services. Additionally, he is the chief engineer for developing, delivering and maintaining effective, capable and integrated command, control, communications, computer, and intelligence systems (C4I). He is also responsible for engineering and assessing FORCENet, the foundation of the *Seapower 21* vision.



Previously, Rear Adm. Slaght served as the Vice Commander for SPAWAR, Chief Engineer, and Program Manager for the Joint Maritime Communications System Program Office. Other shore duty assignments have included: Project Officer for the Communications Support System; Deputy Director for the Information Transfer Systems Directorate at SPAWAR; Deputy Director for Material Professional Policy at the Naval Military Personnel Command, Division Director for Automated Plans and Programs in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Division Director for Automation at the Navy Recruiting Command.

Rear Adm. Slaght has commanded the ammunition ship *USS Flint* (AE-32). Other sea duty included tours as Executive Officer aboard the guided missile cruiser *USS Gridley* (CG-21), Engineer Officer aboard the amphibious ship *USS Tulare* (LKA-112), Operations Officer aboard the frigate *USS Edward McDonnell* (FF-1043), and Combat Information Center Officer aboard the frigate *USS Garcia* (FF-1040).

Rear Adm. Slaght is authorized to wear the following medals and awards: Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Navy Commendation Medal with gold star, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency "E" Ribbon with three "E"s, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze stars.

Rear Adm. Slaght received his commission in 1970 upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy. Rear Adm. Slaght attended the Defense Systems Management College, and the Naval Post Graduate School, where he received a Masters Degree in Computer Systems Management, and the Naval Destroyer School.

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