

Jason L. Potter



Performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition)



In July 2025, Mr. Jason Potter was assigned to perform the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). In this role, he leads the Department of the Navy's (DON) Research, Development, Acquisition, and Sustainment programs and the DON's contracting community.

Mr. Jason Potter was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Ship Programs in May 2025. He is also performing the duties of the Principal Civilian Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition).

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Potter served as a professional staff member in the United States Senate for 10 years on the Appropriations and Armed Services Committees. His responsibilities included oversight of Navy shipbuilding; Navy and Air Force procurement accounts; various research, development, test, and evaluation accounts; Defense Production Act purchases; National Defense Stockpile transactions; and defense acquisition law.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Potter served in civilian positions on the Navy Staff (OPNAV) including as a special assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations, programming division section head, and force structure analyst. He also served as a naval officer with assignments as Navigator aboard USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71), Communications and Repair Officer aboard USS RUSHMORE (LSD 47), naval liaison to Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines, and analyst on the 2010 Navy Quadrennial Defense Review Integration Group. He is currently serving as a Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Mr. Potter holds an executive M.B.A. from the Naval Postgraduate School, a M.A. in Government from the University of Maryland, and a B.S. in Political Science from the U.S. Naval Academy.