

MARY "MOLLY" SLAVONIC

Mary "Molly" Slavonic was named Ship's Sponsor for the *Virginia*-class submarine *Oklahoma* (SSN 802) by Secretary of the Navy Kenneth Braithwaite in June 2020.

A native Oklahoman, Ms. Slavonic has a long history of civic support to both Oklahoma and the U.S. Navy. She and her husband, former acting Under Secretary of the Navy Greg Slavonic, helped build the USS *Oklahoma* (BB 37) Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to honor the 429 sailors and Marines who perished aboard the battleship on Dec. 7, 1941.

Ms. Slavonic has strong ties to the state of Oklahoma, beginning with her great-grandfather's participation in the land run to open the territory in 1889. She attended the University of Central Oklahoma as well as Oklahoma State University and lives in Oklahoma City. She enjoys sharing stories of the state's rich history with her three children and seven grandchildren.