

Subpart B—The Secretary of the Navy

§ 700.201 Responsibilities of the Secretary of the Navy.

The Secretary of the Navy is the head of the Department of the Navy. Under the direction, authority, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy is responsible for the policies and control of the Department of the Navy, including its organization, administration, operation, and efficiency.

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§ 700.202 Succession to duties.

(a) When there is a vacancy in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, or during the absence or disability of the Secretary, the Under Secretary of the Navy, and, in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy succeed to the duties of the Secretary. If the Secretary does not prescribe an order for succession to the duties of that office, the Assistant Secretaries shall succeed to those duties after the Under Secretary in the order in which they took office as Assistant Secretaries.

(b) During the temporary absence of the above officials, the Chief of Naval Operations or, in his absence, the Vice Chief of Naval Operations succeeds to the duties of the Secretary.

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§ 700.203 The Civilian Executive Assistants.

(a) The Civilian Executive Assistants to the Secretary of the Navy are the Under Secretary of the Navy, the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy, the General Counsel of the Navy and the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy. It is the policy of the Secretary to assign Department-wide responsibilities essential to the efficient administration of the Department of the Navy to and among his Civilian Executive Assistants.

(b) The Civilian Executive Assistants, within their respective areas of responsibility, are the principal advisers and assistants to the Secretary on

the administration of the affairs of the Department of the Navy. In carrying out these duties, they shall do so in harmony with the statutory position of the Chief of Naval Operations as “the principal naval adviser and naval executive to the Secretary on the conduct of activities of the Department of the Navy” and the responsibilities of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps as set forth in these regulations. The Civilian Executive Assistants are authorized and directed to act for the Secretary within their assigned areas of responsibility.

(c) The Under Secretary of the Navy is designated as the deputy and principal assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, and acts with full authority of the Secretary in the general management of the Department of the Navy, and supervision of offices and organizations as assigned by the Secretary.

(d) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management) is the Comptroller of the Navy, and is responsible for all matters related to the financial management of the Department of the Navy, including budgeting, accounting, disbursing, financing, progress and statistical reporting, auditing, management information systems, automatic data processing systems and equipment (less than integral to a weapons system), and supervision of offices and organizations as assigned by the Secretary. Under the Comptroller, the Deputy Comptroller of the Navy shall, in addition to performing other duties assigned, serve as an adviser and assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps with respect to financial and budgetary matters.

(e) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics) is responsible for the overall supervision of manpower and reserve component affairs of the Department of the Navy, including policy and administration of affairs related to military (active and inactive) and civilian personnel; all stages of the acquisition of naval ships funded by the appropriation “Ships Construction, Navy”; all Department of the Navy acquisition

programs following full scale production decision (Milestone III); the business, contractual, manpower, and logistic support aspects of the Department of the Navy Acquisition programs, including policy and administration of affairs related thereto; the maintenance, alteration, supply, distribution, and disposal of material; all transportation matters; the acquisition, construction, utilization, improvement alteration, maintenance, and disposal of real estate and facilities, including capital equipment utilities, housing, and public quarters; printing and publications; labor relations with respect to contractors with the Department of the Navy; industrial security; the Mutual Defense Assistance Program, as related to the supplying of material, including Foreign Military Sales; and supervision of offices and organizations as assigned by the Secretary.

(f) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems) is responsible for all technical aspects of all stages of Department of the Navy acquisition programs through the full-scale production decision (Milestone III), including policy and administration of affairs related thereto, with the exception of the acquisition of naval ships funded by the appropriation 'Ships Construction, Navy'; the technical aspects of the maintenance or alteration of material; all matters related to research, development, engineering, test, and evaluation efforts within the Department of the Navy, including management of the appropriation, 'Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy'; oceanography; ocean engineering and closely related matters; and supervision of offices and organizations as assigned by the Secretary.

(g) The General Counsel of the Navy is responsible for providing legal advice, counsel, and guidance to the Secretary and the other Civilian Executive Assistants on any matter that they may direct or that the General Counsel determines should be brought to their attention. The General Counsel is also responsible for providing all necessary legal advice, counsel, and guidance to the staffs of the Secretary and the other Civilian Executive Assistants; the supervision of the Office of the

General Counsel; and such other duties as the Secretary may assign. The responsibilities of the General Counsel are not intended to infringe upon, or interfere with, the responsibilities of the Judge Advocate General for the administration of military justice and such other matters as may be assigned to that officer by statute or by the Secretary.

(h) The Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy is responsible to the Secretary or Under Secretary for acting as a focal point and coordinator for the resolution of problems which require high-level special attention. In addition, the Deputy Under Secretary is the major claimant for funds and manpower supporting the Department of the Navy Secretariat, Staff Offices, and the Department of the Navy General Gift Fund. The Deputy Under Secretary is responsible for general oversight, policy and procedure formulation and coordination regarding environmental matters affecting the Department of the Navy, with the exception of occupational health and safety and employee working conditions.

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§ 700.204 The staff assistants.

The Staff Assistants to the Secretary of the Navy are the Chief of Information; the Chief of Legislative Affairs; the Director, Office of Program Appraisal; and the heads of such other offices and boards as may be established by law or by the Secretary for the purpose of assisting the Secretary or one or more of the Civilian Executive Assistants in the administration of the Department of the Navy. The foregoing shall supervise all functions and activities internal to their offices and assigned shore activities, if any, and shall be responsible to the Secretary or to one of the Civilian Executive Assistants for the utilization of resources by and the operating efficiency of all activities under their supervision. The duties of the individual Staff Assistants and their respective offices will be as provided by law or as assigned by the Secretary.

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