

**§ 700.205 The Chief of Naval Research, The Judge Advocate General, The Deputy Comptroller of the Navy.**

The Chief of Naval Research shall command the Office of Naval Research and assigned shore activities. The Judge Advocate General shall command the Office of the Judge Advocate General and assigned shore activities. The Deputy Comptroller of the Navy shall command the Office of the Comptroller of the Navy and assigned shore activities. Each of them shall be responsible to the Secretary of the Navy or to one of the Civilian Executive Assistants, as assigned, for the utilization of resources by and the operating efficiency of all activities under their respective commands. The duties of the Chief of Naval Research, the Judge Advocate General, and the Comptroller of the Navy will be as provided by law or as assigned by the Secretary.

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**§ 700.206 Authority over organizational matters.**

Subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy or guidance hereafter furnished by him, the Civilian Executive Assistants, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Chief of Naval Research, the Judge Advocate General, the Deputy Comptroller of the Navy, and the Staff Assistants are individually authorized to organize, assign, and reassign responsibilities within their respective commands or offices in the organization of the Department of the Navy, including the establishment and disestablishment of such component organizations as may be necessary, subject to the following:

(a) The authority to disestablish may not be exercised with respect to any organizational component of the Department established by law.

(b) The Secretary retains the authority to approve the establishment of and disestablishment of shore activities, which will be done in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary.

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**Subpart C—The Chief of Naval Operations**

**§ 700.301 Senior Military Officer of the Department of the Navy.**

(a) The Chief of Naval Operations is the senior military officer of the Department of the Navy, and takes precedence above all other officers of the naval service, except an officer of the naval service who is serving as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(b) The Chief of Naval Operations is the principal naval adviser to the President and to the Secretary of the Navy on the conduct of war, and the principal naval adviser and naval executive to the Secretary on the conduct of the activities of the Department of the Navy.

(c) The Chief of Naval Operations is the Navy member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and is responsible, in coordination with the Commandant of the Marine Corps, for keeping the Secretary of the Navy fully informed on matters considered or acted upon by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this capacity, he is responsible, under the President and the Secretary of Defense, for duties external to the Department of the Navy, as prescribed by law.

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**§ 700.302 Succession to duties.**

The Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and then the officers of the Navy, eligible for command at sea, on duty in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in the order of their seniority, shall, unless otherwise directed by the President, perform the duties of the Chief of Naval Operations during his absence, or disability, or in the event of a temporary vacancy in that office.

**§ 700.303 Specific authority and duties of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.**

(a) The Vice Chief of Naval Operations has such authority and duties with respect to the Department of the Navy as the Chief of Naval Operations, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, may delegate to or prescribe for him. Orders issued by the Vice Chief of Naval Operations in performing such duties have the same force

and effect as those issued by the Chief of Naval Operations.

(b) Orders issued by the Vice Chief of Naval Operations in performing other duties have the same force and effect as those issued by the Chief of Naval Operations.

**§ 700.304 Authority and responsibility.**

(a) Internal to the administration of the Department of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, shall command the Operating Forces of the Navy. The Chief of Naval Operations shall also command the Naval Material Command, the Bureau of Naval Personnel, and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. In addition, he shall command such shore activities as may be assigned to him by the Secretary. He shall be responsible to the Secretary for the utilization of resources by, and the operating efficiency of, all commands and activities under his command.

(b) In addition, the Chief of Naval Operations has the following specific responsibilities:

(1) To organize, train, equip, prepare, and maintain the readiness of Navy forces, including those for assignment to unified or specified commands for the performance of military missions as directed by the President, the Secretary of Defense, or the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Naval forces, when assigned to a unified or specified command, are under the full operational command of the commander to whom they are assigned.

(2) To determine and direct the efforts necessary to fulfill current and future requirements of the Navy (less Fleet Marine Forces and other assigned Marine Corps forces) for manpower, material, weapons, facilities, and services, including the determination of quantities, military performance requirements, and times, places, and priorities of need.

(3) To exercise leadership in maintaining a high degree of competence among Navy officer and enlisted and civilian personnel in necessary fields of specialization, through education, training, and equal opportunities for personal advancement, and maintaining the morale and motivation of Navy

personnel and the prestige of a Navy career.

(4) To plan and provide health care for personnel of the naval service and their dependents.

(5) To direct the organization, administration, training, and support of the Naval Reserve.

(6) To inspect and investigate components of the Department of the Navy to determine and maintain efficiency, discipline, readiness, effectiveness, and economy, except in those areas where such responsibility rests with the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(7) To determine the needs of naval forces and activities for research, development, test, and evaluation; to plan and provide for the conduct of development, test, and evaluation which are adequate and responsive to long-range objectives, immediate requirements, and fiscal limitations; and to provide assistance to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research and Development) in the direction, review, and appraisal of the overall Navy RDT&E Program to insure fulfillment of stated requirements.

(8) To formulate Navy strategic plans and policies and participate in the formulation of joint and combined strategic plans and policies and related command relationships.

(9) To budget for commands, bureaus, and offices assigned to the command of the Chief of Naval Operations, and other activities and programs as assigned, except as may be otherwise directed by the Secretary of the Navy.

(c) The Chief of Naval Operations, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, shall (except for those areas wherein such responsibility rests with the Commandant of the Marine Corps) exercise overall authority throughout the Department of the Navy in matters related to the effectiveness of the support of the Operating Forces of the Navy, the coordination and direction of assigned Navy-wide programs and functions including those assigned by higher authority, the coordination of activities of the Department of the Navy in matters concerning effectiveness, efficiency, and economy, and matters essential to naval military administration, such as security, intelligence, discipline, communications, and matters