

leadership and its relationship to the overall efficiency and readiness of naval forces. A commander shall exercise positive leadership and actively develop the highest qualities of leadership in persons with positions of authority and responsibility throughout his command.

(c) Subject to orders of higher authority, a commander shall issue such regulations and instructions as may be necessary for the proper administration and operation of his command.

(d) A commander shall hold the same relationship to his flagship, or to a shore activity of his command in which his headquarters may be located, in regard to its internal administration and discipline, as to any other ship or shore activity of his command.

§ 700.603 To announce assumption of command.

Upon assuming command, a commander shall so advise appropriate superiors, and the units of his command. When appropriate to his command he shall also advise the senior commanders of other United States armed services and officials of other Federal agencies and foreign governments located within the area encompassed by his command, concerning his assumption of command.

§ 700.604 Readiness.

A commander shall take all practicable steps to maintain his command in a state of readiness to perform its mission. In conformity with the orders and policies of higher authority, he shall:

(a) Organize the forces and resources under his command and assign duties to his principal subordinate commanders.

(b) Prepare plans for the employment of his forces to meet existing and foreseeable situations.

(c) Collaborate with the commanders of other United States armed services and with appropriate officials of other Federal agencies and foreign governments located within the area encompassed by his command.

(d) Maintain effective intelligence and keep himself informed of the political and military aspects of the national and international situation.

(e) Make, or cause to be made, such inspections as necessary to ensure the readiness, effectiveness, and efficiency of the components of his command.

§ 700.605 Observance of international law.

At all times a commander shall observe, and require his command to observe, the principles of international law. Where necessary to fulfillment of this responsibility, a departure from other provisions of Navy Regulations is authorized.

Subpart G—The Commanding Officer

§ 700.701 Applicability.

In addition to commanding officers, the provisions of this chapter shall apply, where pertinent, to aircraft commanders, officers in charge (including warrant officers and petty officers when so detailed) and those persons standing the command duty.

§ 700.702 Responsibility.

(a) The responsibility of the commanding officer for his command is absolute, except when, and to the extent, relieved therefrom by competent authority, or as provided otherwise in these regulations. The authority of the commanding officer is commensurate with his responsibility. While he may, at his discretion, and when not contrary to law or regulations, delegate authority to his subordinates for the execution of details, such delegation of authority shall in no way relieve the commanding officer of his continued responsibility for the safety, well-being, and efficiency of his entire command.

(b) A commanding officer who departs from his orders or instructions, or takes official action which is not in accordance with such orders or instructions, does so upon his own responsibility and shall report immediately the circumstances to the officer from whom the prior orders or instructions were received.

(c) The commanding officer shall be responsible for economy within his command. To this end he shall require from his subordinates a rigid compliance with the regulations governing

the receipt, accounting, and expenditure of public money and materials, and the implementation of improved management techniques and procedures.

(d) The commanding officer and his subordinates shall exercise leadership through personal example, moral responsibility, and judicious attention to the welfare of persons under their control or supervision. Such leadership shall be exercised in order to achieve a positive, dominant influence on the performance of persons in the Department of the Navy.

§ 700.703 [Reserved]

§ 700.704 Organization of commands.

All commands and other activities of the Department of the Navy shall be organized and administered in accordance with law, the Navy Regulations, and the orders of competent authority, and all orders and instructions of the commanding officer shall be in accordance therewith.

§§ 700.705-700.708 [Reserved]

§ 700.709 Unauthorized persons on board.

The commanding officer shall satisfy himself that there is no unauthorized person on board before proceeding to sea or commencing a flight.

§ 700.710 Control of passengers.

(a) Control of passage in and protracted visits to aircraft and ships of the Navy by all persons, within or without the Department of the Navy, shall be exercised by the Chief of Naval Operations.

(b) Nothing in this article shall be interpreted as prohibiting the senior officer present from authorizing the passage in ships and aircraft of the Navy by such persons as he judges necessary in the public interest or in the interest of humanity. The senior officer present shall report the circumstances to the Chief of Naval Operations when he gives such authorization.

§ 700.711 Authority over passengers.

Except as otherwise provided in these regulations or in orders from competent authority, all passengers in a

ship or aircraft of the naval service are subject to the authority of the commanding officer and shall conform to the internal regulations and routine of the ship or aircraft. The commanding officer of such ship or aircraft shall take no disciplinary action against a passenger not in the naval service, other than that authorized by law; but he may, when he deems such action to be necessary for the safety of the ship or aircraft or of any persons embarked, subject a passenger not in the naval service to such restraint as the circumstances require until such time as delivery to the proper authorities is possible. A report of the matter shall be made to an appropriate superior of the passenger.

§ 700.712 [Reserved]

§ 700.713 Person found under incriminating circumstances.

(a) The commanding officer shall keep under restraint or surveillance, as necessary, any person not in the armed services of the United States who is found under incriminating or irregular circumstances within the command, and shall immediately initiate an investigation.

(b) Should an investigation indicate that such person is not a fugitive from justice or has not committed or attempted to commit an offense, he shall be released at the earliest opportunity, except:

(1) If not a citizen of the United States, and the place of release is under the jurisdiction of the United States, the nearest federal immigration authorities shall be notified as to the time and place of release sufficiently in advance to permit them to take such steps as they deem appropriate.

(2) Such persons shall not be released in territory not under the jurisdiction of the United States without first obtaining the consent of the proper foreign authorities, except where the investigation shows that he entered the command from territory of the foreign state, or that he is a citizen or subject of that state.