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(b) The Navy Department refers to the central executive offices of the Department of the Navy located at the seat of Government. The Navy Department is organizationally comprised of the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Headquarters, Marine Corps. In addition, the Headquarters, Coast Guard, is included when the Coast Guard is operating as a service in the Navy.

(c) The operating forces of the Navy and the Marine Corps comprise the several fleets, seagoing forces, Fleet Marine Forces, other assigned Marine Corps Forces, the Military Sealift Command and other forces and activities that may be assigned thereto by the President or the Secretary of the Navy.

(d) The shore establishment is comprised of shore activities with defined missions approved for establishment by the Secretary of the Navy.

Subpart C—The Secretary of the Navy

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

§ 700.301 Responsibilities of the Secretary of the Navy.

The Secretary of the Navy is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for:

(a) The functioning and efficiency of the Department of the Navy;

(b) The formulation of policies and programs by the Department of the Navy that are fully consistent with national security objectives and policies established by the President or the Secretary of Defense;

(c) The effective and timely implementation of policy, program and budget decisions and instructions of the President or the Secretary of Defense relating to the functions of the Department of the Navy;

(d) Carrying out the functions of the Department of the Navy so as to fulfill (to the maximum extent practicable) the current and future operational requirement of the unified and specified combatant commands;

(e) Effective cooperation and coordination between the Department of the Navy and the other military departments and agencies of the Department

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of Defense to provide for more effective, efficient and economical administration and eliminate duplication;

(f) The presentation and justification of the position of the Department of the Navy on the plans, programs and policies of the Department of Defense;

(g) The effective supervision and control of the intelligence activities of the Department of the Navy; and

(h) Such other activities as may be prescribed by law or by the president or Secretary of Defense.

§ 700.302 Responsibilities within the Department of the Navy.

The Secretary is the head of the Department of the Navy. The Secretary is responsible for, and has the authority necessary to conduct, all affairs of the Department of the Navy, including the following functions:

- (a) Recruiting;
- (b) Organizing;
- (c) Supplying;
- (d) Equipping (including research and development);
- (e) Training;
- (f) Servicing;
- (g) Mobilizing;
- (h) Demobilizing;
- (i) Administering (including the morale and welfare of personnel);
- (j) Maintaining;
- (k) The construction, outfitting and repair of military equipment; and
- (l) The construction, maintenance and repair of buildings, and interests in real property necessary to carry out the responsibilities specified in this article.

§ 700.303 Succession.

If the Secretary of the Navy dies, resigns, is removed from office, is absent or is disabled, the person who is highest on the following list, and who is not absent or disabled, shall perform the duties of the Secretary until the President directs another person to perform those duties or until the absence or disability ceases:

- (a) The Under Secretary of the Navy;
- (b) The Assistant Secretaries of the Navy, in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy and approved by the Secretary of Defense;
- (c) The Chief of Naval Operations;

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(d) The Commandant of the Marine Corps.

§ 700.304 Recommendations to Congress.

After first informing the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy may make such recommendations to Congress relating to the Department of Defense as he or she considers appropriate.

§ 700.305 Assignment of functions.

The Secretary of the Navy may assign such functions, powers, and duties as he or she considers appropriate to the Under Secretary of the Navy and to the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy. Officers of the Navy and the Marine Corps shall, as directed by the Secretary, report on any matter to the Secretary, the Under Secretary or any Assistant Secretary.

§ 700.306 Assignment of duty and titles.

The Secretary of the Navy may:

(a) Assign, detail and prescribe the duties of members of the Navy and Marine Corps and civilian personnel of the Department of the Navy; and

(b) Change the title of any officer or activity of the Department of the Navy not prescribed by law.

§ 700.307 Powers with respect to the Coast Guard.

Whenever the Coast Guard operates as a service in the Navy under Section 3 of Title 14, United States Code, the Secretary of the Navy has the same powers and duties with respect to the Coast Guard as the Secretary of Transportation has when the Coast Guard is not so operating.

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE
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§ 700.310 Composition.

The function of the Office of the Secretary of the Navy is to assist the Secretary in carrying out his or her responsibilities. The Office of the Secretary of the Navy is composed of the following:

(a) The Civilian Executive Assistants:

(1) The Under Secretary of the Navy;

(2) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management);

(3) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs);

(4) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition);

(5) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); and

(6) The General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

(b) The Staff Assistants:

(1) The Judge Advocate General of the Navy;

(2) The Naval Inspector General;

(3) The Chief of Naval Research;

(4) The Chief of Information;

(5) The Chief of Legislative Affairs;

(6) The Auditor General of the Navy;

(7) The Director, Office of Program Appraisal; and

(8) Such other officers and officials as may be established by law or as the Secretary of the Navy may establish or designate.

§ 700.311 Sole responsibilities.

(a) The Office of the Secretary of the Navy shall have sole responsibility within the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Headquarters, Marine Corps, for the following functions:

(1) Acquisition;

(2) Auditing;

(3) Comptroller (including financial management);

(4) Information management;

(5) Inspector general;

(6) Legislative affairs;

(7) Public affairs;

(8) Research and development, except for military requirements and operational test and evaluation, which are the responsibilities of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Headquarters Marine Corps.

(b) The following offices within the Office of the Secretary of the Navy are designated to conduct the functions specified in paragraph (a) of this section. No office or other entity may be established or designated within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations or the Headquarters, Marine Corps, to conduct any of the functions specified in paragraph (a) of this section, except