

## Department of the Navy, DoD

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(4) Receives allegations of inefficiency, misconduct, impropriety, mismanagement or violations of law, and investigates or refers such matters for investigation, as is appropriate; and

(5) Serves as principal advisor to the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps on all inspection and investigation matters.

(b) In addition, the Naval Inspector General has various functions, including (but not limited to):

(1) Providing of an alternative to the normal chain of command channel for receipt of complaints of personnel;

(2) Serving as the official to whom employees may complain without fear of reprisal;

(3) Cooperating with the Inspector General, Department of Defense;

(4) Providing oversight of intelligence and special activities;

(5) Serving as the Department of the Navy coordinator for fraud, waste and efficiency matters;

(6) Serving as Navy Program Manager and focal point for the Department of the Navy and Navy Hotline programs; and

(7) Designation as the centralized organization within the Department of Defense to monitor and ensure the coordination of criminal, civil, administrative and contractual remedies for all significant cases, including investigation of fraud or corruption related to procurement activities affecting the Department of the Navy.

### § 700.333 The Chief of Naval Research.

(a) The Chief of Naval Research shall command the Office of the Chief of Naval Research, the Office of Naval Research, the Office of Naval Technology and assigned shore activities.

(b) The Office of Naval Research shall perform such duties as the Secretary of the Navy prescribes relating to:

(1) The encouragement, promotion, planning, initiation and coordination of naval research;

(2) The conduct of naval research in augmentation of and in conjunction with the research and development conducted by other agencies and offices of the Department of the Navy; and

(3) The supervision, administration and control of activities within or for

the Department of the Navy relating to patents, inventions, trademarks, copyrights and royalty payments, and matters connected therewith.

### § 700.334 The Chief of Information.

(a) The Chief of Information is the direct representative of the Secretary of the Navy in all public affairs and internal relations matters. The Chief of Information is authorized to implement Navy public affairs and internal relations policies and to coordinate those Navy and Marine Corps activities of mutual interest.

(b) The Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps are delegated responsibilities for:

(1) Conduct of their respective services' internal information programs;

(2) Conduct of their respective services' community relations programs; and

(3) Implementing the Secretary of the Navy's public affairs policy and directives.

(c) The Chief of Information will report to the Chief of Naval Operations for support of the responsibilities outlined in paragraph (b) of this section, and will provide such staff support as the Chief of Naval Operations considers necessary to perform those duties and responsibilities.

(d) The Deputy Chief of Information for Marine Corps Matters may report directly to the Secretary regarding public information matters related solely to the Marine Corps. The Deputy Chief will promptly inform the Chief of Information regarding the substance of all independent contacts with the Secretary pertaining to Marine Corps matters. The Deputy Chief of Information for Marine Corps Matters will report to the Commandant of the Marine Corps for support of the responsibilities outlined in paragraph (b) of this section, and will provide such staff support as the Commandant considers necessary to perform those duties and responsibilities.

### § 700.335 The Chief of Legislative Affairs.

The mission of the Chief of Legislative Affairs is to:

(a) Plan, develop and coordinate relationships between representatives of

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the Department of the Navy and members of committees of the United States Congress and their staffs which are necessary in the transaction of official Government business (except appropriations matters) affecting the Department of the Navy; and

(b) Furnish staff support, advice and assistance to the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and all other principal civilian and military officials of the Department of the Navy concerning congressional aspects of the Department of the Navy policies, plans and programs (except appropriations matters).

**§ 700.336 The Director, Office of Program Appraisal.**

(a) The Director, Office of Program Appraisal, directs, under the immediate supervision of the Secretary of the Navy, the Office of Program Appraisal.

(b) The Office of Program Appraisal will assist the Secretary in assuring that existing and proposed Navy and Marine Corps programs provide the optimum means of achieving the objectives of the Department of the Navy.

**§ 700.337 The Auditor General.**

(a) The Auditor General of the Navy is responsible for:

(1) Serving as Director of the Naval Audit Service; and

(2) Developing and implementing Navy internal audit policies, programs and procedures within the framework of Government auditing standards.

(b) The Auditor General can provide information and may provide assistance and support to the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities.

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

**§ 700.401 Precedence.**

The Chief of Naval Operations, while so serving, has the grade of admiral. In the performance of duties within the Department of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations takes precedence above all other officers of the naval

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service, except an officer of the naval service who is serving as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**§ 700.402 Succession.**

When there is a vacancy in the position of Chief of Naval Operations, or during the absence or disability of the Chief of Naval Operations:

(a) The Vice Chief of Naval Operations shall perform the duties of the Chief of Naval Operations until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases.

(b) If there is a vacancy in the position of Vice Chief of Naval Operations or the Vice Chief of Naval Operations is absent or disabled, unless the President directs otherwise, the most senior officer of the Navy in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations who is not absent or disabled and who is not restricted in the performance of duty shall perform the duties of the Chief of Naval Operations until a successor to the Chief of Naval Operations or the Vice Chief of Naval Operations is appointed or until the absence or disability of the Chief of Naval Operations or Vice Chief of Naval Operations ceases, whichever occurs first.

**§ 700.403 Statutory authority and responsibility of the Chief of Naval Operations.**

(a) Except as otherwise prescribed by law, and subject to the statutory authority of the Secretary of the Navy to assign functions, powers and duties, the Chief of Naval Operations performs duties under the authority, direction and control of the Secretary of the Navy and is directly responsible to the Secretary.

(b) Subject to the authority, direction and control of the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations shall:

(1) Preside over the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations;

(2) Transmit the plans and recommendations of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations to the Secretary and advise the Secretary with regard to such plans and recommendations;

(3) After approval of the plans or recommendations of the Office of the