

1       “(e) The Deputy Chairman, while so serving, holds the  
2 rank of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy,  
3 admiral and outranks all other officers of the armed forces  
4 except the Chairman. The Deputy Chairman may not exer-  
5 cise military command over the Joint Chiefs of Staff or over  
6 any of the armed forces.”.

7       (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chap-  
8 ter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
9 142 the following new item:

“142a. Deputy Chairman.”.

10       (b) EXEMPTION FROM GRADE LIMITATIONS.—Section  
11 525(b)(3) of such title is amended by inserting “or Deputy  
12 Chairman” after “Chairman”.

13       (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b) of sec-  
14 tion 143 of such title is repealed.

15 **SEC. 8. JOINT STAFF.**

16       (a) JOINT STAFF TO BE UNDER THE CHAIRMAN.—  
17 Subsection (a) of section 143 of title 10, United States Code,  
18 is amended by inserting “Chairman of the” after “There is  
19 under the”.

20       (b) ELIMINATION OF MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS  
21 ON JOINT STAFF.—Subsection (a) of such section is further  
22 amended by striking out “not more than 400”.

23       (c) MANAGEMENT OF JOINT STAFF.—(1) Subsection (c)  
24 of such section is redesignated as subsection (b) and is  
25 amended to read as follows: