

1 shall, as a group, be promoted at a rate not less than
 2 the rate for officers of the same armed force in the
 3 same grade and competitive category who are serving
 4 or have served on the headquarters staff of their armed
 5 force.

6 “(3) *OTHER JOINT ASSIGNMENT OFFICERS.*—
 7 Officers who are serving in, or have served in, joint as-
 8 signments (other than officers covered by paragraphs
 9 (1) and (2)) shall, as a group, be promoted at a rate
 10 determined by the Secretary of Defense between—

11 “(A) the rate for all officers of that armed
 12 force in the same grade and competitive category;
 13 and

14 “(B) the rate for officers of the same armed
 15 force in the same grade and competitive category
 16 who are serving or have served on the headquar-
 17 ters staffs of the military departments.”

18 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of sec-
 19 tions at the beginning of subchapter II of such chapter
 20 is amended by adding at the end the following new
 21 item:

“626a. Promotion policy for joint service officers.”

22 **SEC. 303. JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENT AS PREREQUISITE FOR PRO-**
 23 **MOTION TO GENERAL OR FLAG OFFICER RANK.**

24 Section 619 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
 25 by adding at the end the following new subsection: