

1 **“§ 161. Definitions**

2 “In this chapter:

3 “(1) ‘Unified combatant command’ means a com-  
4 mand which has broad, continuing missions and which  
5 is composed of combatant forces from two or more  
6 military departments.

7 “(2) ‘Specified combatant command’ means a  
8 command which has broad, continuing missions and  
9 which is composed of combatant forces from a single  
10 military department.

11 “(3) ‘Combatant command’ means a unified com-  
12 batant command or a specified combatant command.

13 “(4) ‘Combatant forces’ means those forces of the  
14 armed forces whose primary mission is to engage in  
15 combat.

16 **“§ 162. Combatant commands: establishment; composi-  
17 tion; functions**

18 “(a) With the advice and assistance of the Chairman of  
19 the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the President, through the Secre-  
20 tary of Defense, shall—

21 “(1) establish unified combatant commands and  
22 specified combatant commands to perform military mis-  
23 sions;

24 “(2) prescribe the force structure of those com-  
25 mands;