

1 in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. However,  
2 such limitation does not apply in time of war or during a  
3 national emergency declared by Congress, or whenever the  
4 President finds that it is in the national interest to increase  
5 the number of officers in the Office of the Chief of Naval  
6 Operations.

7 **“§ 5032. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations: general**  
8 **duties**

9 “(a) The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations shall  
10 furnish professional assistance to the Secretary, the Under  
11 Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy, and the  
12 Chief of Naval Operations.

13 “(b) Under the authority, direction, and control of the  
14 Secretary of the Navy, the Office of the Chief of Naval Oper-  
15 ations shall—

16 “(1) prepare for such employment of the Navy,  
17 and for such recruiting, organizing, supplying, equip-  
18 ping (including research and development), training,  
19 servicing, mobilizing, demobilizing, administering, and  
20 maintaining of the Navy, as will assist in the execution  
21 of any power, duty, or function of the Secretary or the  
22 Chief of Naval Operations;

23 “(2) investigate and report upon the efficiency of  
24 the Navy and its preparation to support military oper-  
25 ations by combatant commands;