

1 essential for naval operations, all air weapons and air tech-
2 niques involved in the operations and activities of the Navy,
3 and the entire remainder of the aeronautical organization of
4 the Navy, together with the personnel necessary therefor.

5 “(c) The Navy shall develop aircraft, weapons, tactics,
6 technique, organization, and equipment of naval combat and
7 service elements. Matters of joint concern as to these func-
8 tions shall be coordinated between the Army, the Air Force,
9 and the Navy.

10 “(d) The Navy is responsible, in accordance with inte-
11 grated joint mobilization plans, for the expansion of the
12 peacetime components of the Navy to meet the needs of war.

13 **“§ 5243. United States Marine Corps: composition;**
14 **functions**

15 “(a) The Marine Corps, within the Department of the
16 Navy, shall be so organized as to include not less than three
17 combat divisions and three air wings, and such other land
18 combat, aviation, and other services as may be organic there-
19 in. The Marine Corps shall be organized, trained, and
20 equipped to provide fleet marine forces of combined arms,
21 together with supporting air components, for service with the
22 fleet in the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and for
23 the conduct of such land operations as may be essential to the
24 prosecution of a naval campaign. In addition, the Marine
25 Corps shall provide detachments and organizations for serv-