

(3) assign tasks to, and direct coordination among, his subordinate commanders so as to ensure unity of effort in the accomplishment of the missions assigned to his command.

(d) Forces assigned to combatant commands are under the full operational command of the commander of the combatant command to which they are assigned. Full operational command includes—

(1) all aspects of military operations and joint training; and

(2) authority as assigned by the Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments and the combatant commander, for coordination and approval of those aspects of administration and support, including planning for wartime logistics, necessary for the accomplishment of the missions assigned to the command.

(e)(1) Commanders of commands and forces assigned to a combatant command are under the authority, direction, and control of, and are responsible to, the commander of the combatant command on all matters for which the combatant commander has been assigned full operational command under subsection (d).

(2) The commander of a command or force referred to in paragraph (1) shall communicate with other elements of the Department of Defense on any matter for which the combatant commander has been assigned full operational command under subsection (d) in accordance with procedures, if any, established by the commander of the combatant command.

(3) If directed by the combatant commander, the commander of a command or force referred to in paragraph (1) shall advise the combatant commander of all communications with other elements of the Department of Defense on any matter for which the combatant commander has not been assigned full operational command under subsection (d).

(f)(1) Selection of an officer of an armed force to serve as commander of a command directly subordinated to the commander of a combatant command may be made only with the concurrence of the commander of the combatant command and only in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Defense.

(2) The commander of a combatant command shall evaluate the duty performance of each commander of a command directly subordinated to the commander of such combatant command and submit the evaluation to the Secretary of the military department of which the commander being evaluated is a member.

(g)(1) Each unified combatant command shall have a joint staff with officers in key positions of responsibility from each military department having forces assigned to the combatant command.

(2) Selection of officers of an armed force to serve on the joint staff of a unified combatant command in any grade above lieutenant colonel or, in the case of an officer of the Navy, any grade above commander shall be made only with the concurrence of the commander of such command and only in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Defense.

(h) In accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Defense, the commander of a combatant command may suspend from duty and recommend the reassignment of any officer assigned to such combatant command.