

[(5) civilians in the Department of the Air Force assigned or detailed to the Air Staff.]

(a) *There is in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force an Air Staff to assist the Secretary of the Air Force in carrying out his responsibilities.*

(b) *The Air Staff shall consist of the following:*

(1) *The Chief of Staff.*

(2) *The Vice Chief of Staff.*

(3) *Not more than four Deputy Chiefs of Staff, as prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.*

(4) *Not more than three Assistant Chiefs of Staff, as prescribed by the Secretary.*

(5) *The Surgeon General of the Air Force.*

(6) *The Judge Advocate General of the Air Force.*

(7) *The Chief of the Air Force Reserve.*

(8) *Other members of the Air Force assigned or detailed to the Air Staff.*

(9) *Civilians in the Department of the Air Force assigned or detailed to the Air Staff.*

[(b)] (c) [The] *Except as otherwise specifically prescribed by law, the Air Staff shall be organized in such manner, and its members shall perform such duties and have such titles, as the Secretary may prescribe.*

[(c)] (d)(1) *The total number of military and civilian personnel assigned or detailed to permanent duty to the Air Staff may not exceed 2,354. Such limitation does not apply in time of war or during a national emergency declared by Congress.*

(2) *Not more than [2,800] 1,575 officers of the Air Force may be assigned or detailed to permanent duty in the [executive part of the Department of the Air Force] Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Staff. However, [this] such limitation does not apply in time of war [, or of] or during a national emergency declared by Congress, or whenever the President finds that it is in the national interest to increase the number of officers in the [executive part of the Department] Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Staff.*

§ 8032. *The Air Staff: [General] general duties*

(a) *The Air Staff shall furnish professional assistance to the Secretary, the Under Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force, and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force.*

(b) [The] *Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Air Staff shall—*

(1) *prepare for such employment of the Air Force, and for such recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping (including research and development), training, [serving,] servicing, mobilizing, [and] demobilizing, administering, and maintaining of the Air Force, as will assist in the execution of any power, duty, or function of the Secretary or the Chief of Staff;*

(2) *investigate and report upon the efficiency of the Air Force and its preparation [for] to support military operations by combatant commands;*