

[(6)] (7) perform such other military duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as are assigned to him by the President, the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of the Air Force.

(e) *The Chief of Staff shall also perform the duties prescribed for him as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under section 151 of this title.*

§ [8035] 8034. Vice Chief of [Staff; Deputy Chiefs of Staff:] Staff: appointment; powers and duties; succession to duties of Chief of Staff [and Vice Chief of Staff]

[(a)] The Vice Chief of Staff and the Deputy Chiefs of Staff shall be general officers detailed to those positions.]

(a) *There is a Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the general officers of the Air Force.*

[(b)] If the Chief of Staff is absent or disabled or if that office is vacant, the officer who is highest on the following list and who is not absent or disabled shall, unless otherwise directed by the President, perform the duties of the Chief of Staff until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases:

[(1)] The Vice Chief of Staff.

[(2)] The Deputy Chiefs of Staff in order of seniority.]

(b) *The Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, while so serving, has the grade of general without vacating his regular or reserve grade.*

[(c)] If the Vice Chief of Staff is absent or disabled or if that office is vacant, the senior Deputy Chief of Staff who is not absent or disabled shall, unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of the Air Force, perform the duties of the Vice Chief of Staff until a successor is designated or the absence or disability ceases.]

[(d)] (c) The Vice Chief of Staff has such authority and duties with respect to the Department of the Air Force as the Chief of Staff, with the approval of the Secretary of the Air Force, may delegate to or prescribe for him. Orders issued by the Vice Chief of Staff in performing such duties have the same effect as those issued by the Chief of Staff.

(d) *When there is a vacancy in the office of Chief of Staff or during the absence or disability of the Chief of Staff—*

(1) *the Vice Chief of Staff shall perform the duties of the Chief of Staff until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases; or*

(2) *if there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice Chief of Staff or the Vice Chief of Staff is absent or disabled, unless the President directs otherwise, the most senior officer of the Air Force in the Air Staff who is not absent or disabled and who is not restricted in performance of duty shall perform the duties of the Chief of Staff until a successor to the Chief of Staff or the Vice Chief of Staff is appointed or until the absence or disability of the Chief of Staff or Vice Chief of Staff ceases, whichever occurs first.*

§ 8035. Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff: detail

The Deputy Chiefs of Staff and the Assistant Chiefs of Staff shall be general officers detailed to those positions.