

ted shall be among those officers considered to be the most outstanding officers of that armed force. The Chairman may specify the number of officers to be included on any such list.

[(3)] (4) The tenure of the members of the Joint Staff is subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(b) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff [in], after consultation with the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff [,] and with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, [shall] may select [the] a Director of the Joint Staff.

[(c) The Joint Staff shall perform such duties as the Joint Chiefs of Staff or the Chairman prescribes. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manages the Joint Staff and its Director, on behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.]

(c) *The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff manages the Joint Staff and the Director of the Joint Staff. The Joint Staff shall perform such duties as the Chairman shall prescribe and shall perform such duties under such procedures as the Chairman shall prescribe.*

(d) The Joint Staff shall not operate or be organized as an overall Armed Forces General Staff and shall have no executive authority. The Joint Staff may be organized and may operate along conventional staff lines to support the Chairman and the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in discharging their assigned responsibilities.

(e)(1) An officer who is assigned or detailed to duty on the Joint Staff may not serve for a tour of duty of more than four years. *However, such tour of duty may be extended with the approval of the Secretary of Defense.*

(2) An officer completing a tour of duty with the Joint Staff may not be assigned or detailed to duty on the Joint Staff within two years after relief from that duty except with the approval of the Secretary.

(3) This subsection does not apply in time of war declared by Congress or in time of national emergency declared by the President.

(f)(1) *The total number of civilian and military personnel assigned or detailed to permanent duty on the Joint Staff may not exceed 1,617. Such limitation does not apply in time of war or during a national emergency declared by Congress.*

(2)(A) *For purposes of this section, the Joint Staff includes all civilian and military personnel assigned or detailed to permanent duty to assist the Chairman and Vice Chairman in carrying out their responsibilities and to assist the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out their responsibilities specified in section 151 of this title.*

(B) *The Joint Staff does not include civilian or military personnel assigned or detailed to permanent duty in a military department.*

CHAPTER 6—COMBATANT COMMANDS

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