

(b)(1) *The Deputy Chairman exercises such duties as may be delegated by the Chairman with the approval of the Secretary of Defense.*

(2) *When there is a vacancy in the office of Chairman or in the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, unless otherwise directed by the President or Secretary of Defense, acts as Chairman and performs the duties of the Chairman until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases.*

(c) *The Deputy Chairman is the director of the Joint Staff.*

(d) *The Deputy Chairman may attend all meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff but may not vote on a matter before the Joint Chiefs of Staff except when acting as Chairman.*

(e) *The Deputy Chairman, while so serving, holds the rank of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy, admiral and outranks all other officers of the armed forces except the Chairman. The Deputy Chairman may not exercise military command over the Joint Chiefs of Staff or over any of the armed forces.*

§ 143. Joint Staff

(a)(1) There is under the *Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff* a Joint Staff consisting of [not more than 400] officers selected by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Joint Staff shall be selected in approximately equal numbers from—

(A) the Army;

(B) the Navy and the Marine Corps; and

(C) the Air Force.

(2) Selection of officers of an armed force to serve on the Joint Staff shall be made by the Chairman from a list of officers submitted by the armed force. Each officer whose name is submitted 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) 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 consultation with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, shall select the 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.]

(b) The Joint Staff shall perform such duties as the Chairman prescribes.

[(d)] *(c) 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 [Joint Chiefs of Staff in discharging their] Chairman in discharging his assigned responsibilities.*

[(e)] *(d) 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. Such a tour of duty, however, may be extended with the approval of the Secretary of Defense. An officer completing a tour of duty with the Joint Staff may not be assigned or detailed to duty*