

“(b) The Vice Chief of Naval Operations, while so serving, has the grade of admiral without vacating his permanent grade.

“(c) The Vice Chief of Naval Operations has such authority and duties with respect to the Department of the Navy as the Chief of Naval Operations, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, may delegate to or prescribe for him. Orders issued by the Vice Chief of Naval Operations in performing such duties have the same effect as those issued by the Chief of Naval Operations.

“(d) When there is a vacancy in the office of Chief of Naval Operations or during the absence or disability of the Chief of Naval Operations—

“(1) the Vice Chief of Naval Operations shall perform the duties of the Chief of Naval Operations 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 Naval Operations or the Vice Chief of Naval Operations is absent or disabled, unless the President directs otherwise, the most senior officer of the Navy in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations who is not absent or disabled and who is not restricted in performance of duty shall perform the duties of the Chief of Naval Operations until a successor to the Chief of Naval Operations or the Vice Chief of Naval Operations is appointed or until the absence or disability of the Chief of Naval Operations or Vice Chief of Naval Operations ceases, whichever occurs first.

“§ 5036. Deputy Chiefs of Naval Operations

“(a) There are in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations not more than five Deputy Chiefs of Naval Operations, detailed by the Secretary of the Navy from officers on the active-duty list in the line of the Navy serving in grades above captain.

“(b) The Deputy Chiefs of Naval Operations are charged, under the direction of the Chief of Naval Operations, with the execution of the functions of their respective divisions. Orders issued by the Deputy Chiefs of Naval Operations in performing the duties assigned them are considered as coming from the Chief of Naval Operations.

“§ 5037. Assistant Chiefs of Naval Operations

“(a) There are in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations not more than three Assistant Chiefs of Naval Operations, detailed by the Secretary of the Navy from officers on the active-duty list in the line of the Navy and officers on the active-duty list of the Marine Corps.

“(b) The Assistant Chiefs of Naval Operations shall perform such duties as the Secretary of the Navy prescribes.”

SEC. 513. HEADQUARTERS, MARINE CORPS

(a) **REPEAL OF FORMER CHAPTER ON HEADQUARTERS, MARINE CORPS.**—Chapter 515 is repealed.

(b) **NEW CHAPTER.**—Part I of subtitle C is amended by inserting after chapter 505 (as added by section 512 of this Act) the following new chapter:

“CHAPTER 506—HEADQUARTERS, MARINE CORPS

“Sec.

“5041. Headquarters, Marine Corps: function; composition.

10 USC 5201 *et seq.*
Ante, p. 1042.