

(5) information and guidelines to be furnished by the Secretary of a military department under section 615 of this title for officer selection boards; and

(6) such other matters as the Secretary considers appropriate.

§ 662. Selection for senior military positions

(a) **POLICY FOR SELECTION FOR SENIOR POSITIONS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall establish policies to ensure that, whenever practicable, the criteria set forth in subsection (b) are applied to the selection of an officer for recommendation to the President for—

(1) appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or as a Chief of Service; or

(2) assignment as the commander of a unified or specified combatant command.

(b) **CRITERIA.**—The criteria referred to in subsection (a) are as follows:

(1) **JCS CHAIRMAN.**—The criteria for selection of an officer for recommendation for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are that the officer have served as a Chief of Service or as the commander of a unified or specified combatant command.

(2) **CHIEF OF SERVICE.**—The criteria for selection of an officer for recommendation for appointment as a Chief of Service are that the officer have had significant experience in joint duty assignments and that such experience include at least one joint duty assignment as a general or flag officer.

(3) **CINC.**—The criteria for selection of an officer for recommendation for assignment as the commander of a unified or specified combatant command are that the officer—

(A) have the joint specialty; and

(B) have had at least one joint duty assignment as a general or flag officer.

(c) **CHIEF OF SERVICE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “Chief of Service” means the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

§ 663. Training and education

(a) **CAPSTONE COURSE FOR NEW GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS.**—

(1) **REQUIREMENT.**—Each officer selected for promotion to the grade of brigadier general or, in the case of the Navy, rear admiral (lower half) shall be required, after such selection, to attend a military education course designed specifically to prepare new flag and general officers to work with the other armed forces.

(2) **WAIVER AUTHORITY.**—Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of Defense may waive paragraph (1)—

(A) in the case of an officer whose immediately previous assignment was in a critical joint duty assignment and who is thoroughly familiar with joint warfare matters;

(B) when necessary for the good of the service;

(C) in the case of an officer whose proposed selection for promotion is based primarily upon scientific and technical qualifications for which joint requirements do not exist (as