

Staff performs his duties under the direction of the Secretary of the Army, and is directly responsible to the Secretary for the efficiency of the Army, its preparedness for military operations, and plans therefor.

“(d) The Chief of Staff shall—

“(1) preside over the Army Staff;
“(2) send the plans and recommendations of the Army Staff to the Secretary, and advise him with regard thereto;

“(3) after approval of the plans or recommendations of the Army Staff by the Secretary, act as the agent of the Secretary in carrying them into effect;

“(4) exercise supervision over such of the members and organizations of the Army as the Secretary of the Army determines. Such supervision shall be exercised in a manner consistent with the full operational command vested in unified or specified combatant commanders under section 124 of this title;

“(5) perform the duties described for him by sections 141 and 171 of this title and other provisions of law; and

“(6) perform such other military duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as are assigned to him by the President.”

1981—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-22 struck out a comma after “regular or reserve grade”.

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-513 struck out provision under which the Chief of Staff is counted as one of the officers authorized to serve in a grade above lieutenant general under section 3066 of this title.

1967—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-22 changed requirement that Chief of Staff be reappointed only with advice and consent of Senate by providing for his reappointment for a term of not more than four years by President without such advice and consent in a time of war or national emergency as declared by Congress.

1962—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 87-651 substituted “under section 124 of this title” for “pursuant to section 202(j) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended”.

1958—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 85-599 required Chief of Staff to exercise supervision only as Secretary of the Army determines and in a manner consistent with full operational command vested in unified or specified combatant commanders.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Section 10(b) of Pub. L. 97-22 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Sept. 15, 1981.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Section 405 of title IV of Pub. L. 90-22 provided that: “The amendments made by this title [amending sections 3034 [now 3033], 5081, 5201, and 8034 [now 8033] of this title] shall take effect as of January 1, 1969.”

WAIVER OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS SERVICE CHIEF

Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §532(c), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1063, as amended by Pub. L. 100-26, §11(b), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 289; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XIII, §1314(a)(3), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1175, provided that the President may waive, on a case-by-case basis, requirements for appointment as Service Chief provided for in sections 3033(a)(2), 5033(a)(2), 5043(a)(2), and 8033(a)(2) of this title, for a period of four years after Oct. 1, 1986.

§ 3034. Vice Chief of Staff

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

(b) The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, while so serving, has the grade of general without vacating his permanent grade.

(c) The Vice Chief of Staff has such authority and duties with respect to the Department of the Army as the Chief of Staff, with the approval of the Secretary of the Army, 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 Army in the Army 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.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 162, §3035; Pub. L. 85-599, §6(a), Aug. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 519; renumbered §3034 and amended Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §502(d), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1041.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3035(a)	10:21c (1st sentence).	June 28, 1950, ch. 383, § 203, 64 Stat. 266.
3035(b)	10:21c (less 1st sentence).	

In subsection (a), the words “of the Army” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the words “If the Chief of Staff is absent or disabled or if that office is vacant” are substituted for 10:21c (1st 18 words of last sentence). The words “the officer who is highest on the following list and” are inserted for clarity. The words “until his successor is appointed” are omitted as surplusage.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3034 was renumbered section 3033 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, §502(d), renumbered section 3035 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 99-433, §502(d)(3), substituted “Vice Chief of Staff” for “Vice Chief of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, and Assistant Chiefs of Staff: succession to duties of Chief of Staff” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 99-433, §502(d)(1), amended subsecs. (a) and (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsecs. (a) and (b) read as follows:

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

“(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.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-433, §502(d)(2), added subsec. (d).

1958—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 85-599 added subsec. (c).

§ 3035. Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff

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

(b) The Secretary of the Army shall prescribe the number of Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff, for a total of not more than eight positions.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §502(e), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1042; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title IX, §902(a), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 272.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3035 was renumbered section 3034 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-181, amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: “The number of Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff shall be prescribed by the Secretary, except that—

“(1) there may not be more than five Deputy Chiefs of Staff; and

“(2) there may not be more than three Assistant Chiefs of Staff.”

§ 3036. Chiefs of branches: appointment; duties

(a) There are in the Army the following officers:

- (1) Chief of Engineers.
- (2) Surgeon General.
- (3) Judge Advocate General.
- (4) Chief of Chaplains.

(b) Each officer named in subsection (a), except the Judge Advocate General, shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from officers above the grade of major who—

(1) have shown by extensive duty in the branch concerned, or by similar duty, that they are qualified for the appointment; and

(2) have been recommended by a board under subsection (e).

Each officer covered by the preceding sentence, except the Surgeon General, shall be appointed in the regular grade of major general. The Surgeon General may be appointed from officers in any corps of the Army Medical Department and, while so serving, has the grade of lieutenant general. The Judge Advocate General shall be appointed as prescribed in section 3037 of this title.

(c) An officer appointed under subsection (b) normally holds office for four years. However, the President may terminate or extend the appointment at any time.

(d)(1) Each officer named in subsection (a) shall perform duties prescribed by the Secretary of the Army and by law.

(2) Under the supervision of the Secretary, the Chief of Engineers may accept orders to provide services to another department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or to a State or political subdivision of a State. The Chief of Engineers may provide any part of those services by contract. Services may be provided to a

State, or to a political subdivision of a State, only if—

(A) the work to be undertaken on behalf of non-Federal interests involves Federal assistance and the head of the department or agency providing Federal assistance for the work does not object to the provision of services by the Chief of Engineers; and

(B) the services are provided on a reimbursable basis.

(3) In this subsection, the term “State” includes the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, territories and possessions of the United States, and Indian tribes.

(e) For each office to be filled under subsection (b), the Secretary shall select a board of five general officers, including the incumbent, if any, of the office, and at least two officers, if available, in a grade above major general who have had extensive service in the branch concerned. The Secretary shall give the board a list of the officers to be considered and shall specify the number of officers, not less than three, to be recommended. The list shall include—

(1) the name of each officer of the Regular Army who is appointed in, or assigned to, that branch, and whose regular grade is colonel;

(2) the name of each officer whose regular grade is above colonel, who has shown by extensive duty in that branch, or by similar duty, that he is qualified for the appointment;

(3) to the extent that the Secretary determines advisable, the name of each officer of the Regular Army who is appointed in, or assigned to, that branch, and whose regular grade is lieutenant colonel, in the order in which their names appear on the applicable promotion lists; and

(4) to the extent that the Secretary considers advisable, the name of each regular or reserve officer on active duty in a grade above lieutenant colonel who has shown by extensive duty in that branch, or by similar duty, that he is qualified for the appointment.

From these officers, the board shall recommend by name the number prescribed by the Secretary, and the President may appoint any officer so recommended. If the President declines to appoint any of the recommended officers, or if the officer nominated cannot be appointed because of advice by the Senate, the Secretary shall convene a board to recommend additional officers. An officer who is recommended but not appointed shall be considered not to have been recommended. This does not affect his eligibility for selection and recommendation for the grade of brigadier general or major general under section 3306 or 3307 of this title.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 163; Pub. L. 89-288, §1, Oct. 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 1050; Pub. L. 89-718, §24, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1119; Pub. L. 97-295, §1(38), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1296; Pub. L. 99-662, title IX, §922, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4194; Pub. L. 100-26, §7(a)(10), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 278; Pub. L. 102-580, title II, §211, Oct. 31, 1992, 106 Stat. 4831; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, §506(a), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 296; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title X, §1074(a)(18), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2660.)