

of the Department of the Navy, respectively, by Pub. L. 109-163 which also provided that references to the former were deemed to refer to the latter. See section 904(a) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 144 of this title.

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AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, § 502(d)(2), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 293, struck out item 5034 “Chief of Naval Operations: retirement”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title IX, § 935(b)(2), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2478, added item 5038.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 512(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1048, inserted heading for new chapter 505 relating to the Office of The Chief of Naval Operations, and items 5031 to 5037. The heading for former chapter 505 relating to Secretary, Under Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries of the Navy, and former items 5031 to 5036 were struck out as part of the repeal of former chapter 505 by Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 511(e), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1048.

§ 5031. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations: function; composition

(a) There is in the executive part of the Department of the Navy an Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. The function of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations is to assist the Secretary of the Navy in carrying out his responsibilities.

(b) The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations is composed of the following:

- (1) The Chief of Naval Operations.
- (2) The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
- (3) The Deputy Chiefs of Naval Operations.
- (4) The Assistant Chiefs of Naval Operations.
- (5) The Surgeon General of the Navy.
- (6) The Chief of Naval Personnel.
- (7) The Chief of Chaplains of the Navy.
- (8) Other members of the Navy and Marine Corps assigned or detailed to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

(9) Civilian employees in the Department of the Navy assigned or detailed to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

(c) Except as otherwise specifically prescribed by law, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations shall be organized in such manner, and its members shall perform such duties and have such titles, as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 512(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1048.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5031, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 278; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(107), 72 Stat. 1490; Sept. 7, 1962, Pub. L. 87-651, title II, § 211, 76 Stat. 524; Aug. 14, 1964, Pub. L. 88-426, title III, §§ 305(4), 306(j)(3), 78 Stat. 422, 431; Oct. 14, 1981, Pub. L. 97-60,

title II, § 204(a)(1), 95 Stat. 1007, related to Secretary of the Navy and responsibilities of Secretary, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-433, § 511(e). See section 5013 of this title.

§ 5032. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations: general duties

(a) The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations shall furnish professional assistance to the Secretary, the Under Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy and to the Chief of Naval Operations.

(b) Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Navy, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations shall—

(1) subject to subsections (c) and (d) of section 5014 of this title, prepare for such employment of the Navy, and for such recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping (including those aspects of research and development assigned by the Secretary of the Navy), training, servicing, mobilizing, demobilizing, administering, and maintaining of the Navy, as will assist in the execution of any power, duty, or function of the Secretary or the Chief of Naval Operations;

(2) investigate and report upon the efficiency of the Navy and its preparation to support military operations by combatant commands;

(3) prepare detailed instructions for the execution of approved plans and supervise the execution of those plans and instructions;

(4) as directed by the Secretary or the Chief of Naval Operations, coordinate the action of organizations of the Navy; and

(5) perform such other duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 512(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1049.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5032 was renumbered section 5013a of this title.

§ 5033. Chief of Naval Operations

(a)(1) There is a Chief of Naval Operations, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Chief of Naval Operations shall be appointed for a term of four years, from the flag officers of the Navy. He serves at the pleasure of the President. In time of war or during a national emergency declared by Congress, he may be reappointed for a term of not more than four years.

(2) The President may appoint an officer as the Chief of Naval Operations only if—

(A) the officer has had significant experience in joint duty assignments; and

(B) such experience includes at least one full tour of duty in a joint duty assignment (as defined in section 664(f) of this title) as a flag officer.

(3) The President may waive paragraph (2) in the case of an officer if the President determines such action is necessary in the national interest.

(b) The Chief of Naval Operations, while so serving, has the grade of admiral without vacating his permanent grade. In the performance of his duties within the Department of the Navy,