

2016—Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 114-328 redesignated subsecs. (c) and (d) as (b) and (c), respectively, and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “An officer assigned to the position of Director for Expeditionary Warfare, while so serving, has the grade of major general.”

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations with responsibility for warfare requirements and programs” for “Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments”.

1993—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 103-160 struck out subsec. (e) which read as follows: “This section shall cease to apply on November 1, 1997.”

Pub. L. 103-35 substituted “section” for “subsection”.

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CHAPTER 806—HEADQUARTERS, MARINE CORPS

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2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(e)(1), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837, 1838, redesignated chapter 506 of this title as this chapter and items 5041 to 5047 as 8041 to 8047, respectively.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title V, §504(d)(3)(B), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2532, added item 5047.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IX, §902(b)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-224, substituted “Deputy Commandants” for “Chief of Staff; Deputy and Assistant Chiefs of Staff” in item 5045.

1986—Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title V, §509(a)(2), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3868, added item 5046.

§ 8041. Headquarters, Marine Corps: function; composition

(a) There is in the executive part of the Department of the Navy a Headquarters, Marine Corps. The function of the Headquarters, Marine Corps, is to assist the Secretary of the Navy in carrying out his responsibilities.

(b) The Headquarters, Marine Corps, is composed of the following:

(1) The Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(2) The Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(3) The Deputy Commandants.

(4) The Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(5) Other members of the Navy and Marine Corps assigned or detailed to the Headquarters, Marine Corps.

(6) Civilian employees in the Department of the Navy assigned or detailed to the Headquarters, Marine Corps.

(c) Except as otherwise specifically prescribed by law, the Headquarters, Marine Corps, 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, §513(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1052, §5041; amended Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IX, §902(a)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-224; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title V, §531(c), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1726; renumbered §8041, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(a)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1834.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 5041 of this title as this section.

2013—Subsec. (b)(4) to (6). Pub. L. 112-239 added par. (4) and redesignated former pars. (4) and (5) as (5) and (6), respectively.

2000—Subsec. (b)(3) to (7). Pub. L. 106-398 added par. (3), redesignated pars. (6) and (7) as (4) and (5), respectively, and struck out former pars. (3) to (5) which read as follows:

“(3) The Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps.

“(4) The Deputy Chiefs of Staff.

“(5) The Assistant Chiefs of Staff.”

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§ 8042. Headquarters, Marine Corps: general duties

(a) The Headquarters, Marine Corps, shall furnish professional assistance to the Secretary, the Under Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy and to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(b) Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Navy, the Headquarters, Marine Corps, shall—

(1) subject to subsections (c) and (d) of section 8014 of this title, prepare for such employment of the Marine Corps, and for such recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping (including research and development), training, servicing, mobilizing, demobilizing, administering, and maintaining of the Marine Corps, as will assist in the execution of any power, duty, or function of the Secretary or the Commandant;

(2) investigate and report upon the efficiency of the Marine Corps and its preparation to support military operations by combatant commanders;

(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 Commandant, coordinate the action of organizations of the Marine Corps; 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, §513(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1052, §5042; renumbered §8042 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§807(a)(1), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1834, 1840.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, §807(a)(1), renumbered section 5042 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115-232, § 809(a), substituted “section 8014” for “section 5014”.

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§ 8043. Commandant of the Marine Corps

(a)(1) There is a Commandant of the Marine Corps, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Commandant shall be appointed for a term of four years from the general officers of the Marine Corps. 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 Commandant of the Marine Corps 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)¹ of this title) as a general 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 Commandant of the Marine Corps, while so serving, has the grade of general without vacating his permanent grade.

[(c) Repealed. Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, § 502(c), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 293.]

(d) Except as otherwise prescribed by law and subject to section 8013(f) of this title, the Commandant performs his duties under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Navy and is directly responsible to the Secretary.

(e) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant shall—

(1) preside over the Headquarters, Marine Corps;

(2) transmit the plans and recommendations of the Headquarters, Marine Corps, to the Secretary and advise the Secretary with regard to such plans and recommendations;

(3) after approval of the plans or recommendations of the Headquarters, Marine Corps, by the Secretary, act as the agent of the Secretary in carrying them into effect;

(4) exercise supervision, consistent with the authority assigned to commanders of unified or specified combatant commands under chapter 6 of this title, over such of the members and organizations of the Marine Corps and the Navy as the Secretary determines;

(5) perform the duties prescribed for him by sections 171 and 2547 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, the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of the Navy.

(f)(1) The Commandant shall also perform the duties prescribed for him as a member of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff under section 151 of this title.

(2) To the extent that such action does not impair the independence of the Commandant in the performance of his duties as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Commandant shall inform the Secretary regarding military advice rendered by members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters affecting the Department of the Navy.

(3) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Commandant shall keep the Secretary of the Navy fully informed of significant military operations affecting the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 513(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1052, § 5043; amended Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title V, § 519(a)(3), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1972; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title V, § 505(b), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1358; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, § 502(c), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 293; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title V, § 501(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1456; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VIII, § 802(d)(4)(C), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 880; renumbered § 8043 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§ 807(a)(1), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1834, 1840.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 664(f) of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(B), was redesignated as section 664(d) of this title by Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, § 510(g)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2111.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 5201 of this title prior to enactment of Pub. L. 99-433.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, § 807(a)(1), renumbered section 5043 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-232, § 809(a), substituted “section 8013(f)” for “section 5013(f)”.

2015—Subsec. (e)(5). Pub. L. 114-92 substituted “sections 171 and 2547” for “section 171”.

2003—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 108-136 substituted “from the general officers of the Marine Corps” for “from officers on the active-duty list of the Marine Corps not below the grade of colonel”.

1996—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-106 struck out subsec. (c) which read as follows: “An officer who is retired while serving as Commandant of the Marine Corps, or who, after serving at least two and one-half years as Commandant, is retired after completion of that service while serving in a lower grade than general, may, in the discretion of the President and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be retired with the grade of general.”

1991—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-190 inserted “and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” after “President”.

1988—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 100-456 substituted “full tour of duty in a joint duty assignment (as defined in section 664(f) of this title)” for “joint duty assignment”.

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¹ See References in Text note below.