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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1301.4

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Establishing the Staff Corps of the Navy

Ref: (a) 10 USC 5155 (NOTAL)  
(b) SECNAVINST 1427.2

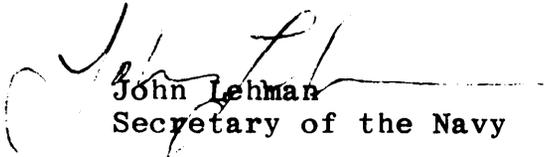
1. Purpose. To establish the Staff Corps of the Navy pursuant to the authority contained in reference (a) and to provide guidelines concerning Staff Corps commissions.
2. Applicability. The provisions of this instruction are applicable to the Department of the Navy, effective 15 September 1981.
3. Background. The organization of the Navy as contained in Title 10, U.S. Code, was amended by the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act (DOPMA) of 1980, effective 15 September 1981. Reference (a) provides that the Secretary of the Navy may establish Staff Corps of the Navy in addition to the Medical Corps, the Dental Corps, the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and the Chaplain Corps. It further provides that the Secretary may designate commissioned officers in, and assign members to, any such Staff Corps, and establish a chief of the corps.
4. Policy. Staff Corps of the Navy will be established to meet the mission objectives of the Department of the Navy by providing for the administration and accomplishment of selected functions best performed by specialists in professions requiring specialized education, training and experience. Initially the Staff Corps previously established in law will be established under the authority of reference (a).
5. Establishment of Navy Staff Corps. Pursuant to the authority contained in reference (a), the following Staff Corps are established for the Navy:
  - a. The Medical Corps
  - b. The Supply Corps
  - c. The Chaplain Corps
  - d. The Civil Engineer Corps

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- e. The Judge Advocate General's Corps
- f. The Dental Corps
- g. The Medical Service Corps
- h. The Nurse Corps

6. Staff Corps Commissions and Appointments. The Secretary of the Navy will designate individuals for appointment in and assignment to each of the Navy's Staff Corps and will appoint a chief of each corps. Officers in a Staff Corps serving on active duty on 15 September 1981 will, unless otherwise provided by law, be retained in the same Staff Corps and with the same grade, date of rank and relative seniority held on 14 September 1981. Staff Corps officers will be placed on the Navy's active-duty list in accordance with procedures contained in reference (b). The Secretary of the Navy will approve the appointment of officers as chiefs of corps based upon the recommendation of the Chief of Naval Operations.

7. Action. The Chief of Naval Operations will take appropriate action to ensure implementation of this instruction on 15 September 1981.

  
John Lehman  
Secretary of the Navy

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