§ 700.1020 Exercise of authority.

(a) All persons in the naval service on active service, and those on the retired list with pay, and transferred members of the Fleet Reserve and the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, are at all times subject to naval authority. While on active service they may, if not on leave of absence except as noted below, on the sick list, taken into custody, under arrest, suspended from duty, in confinement or otherwise incapable of discharging their duties, exercise authority over all persons who are subordinated to them.

(b) A person in the naval service, although on leave, may exercise authority:

(1) When in a naval ship or aircraft and placed on duty by the commanding officer or aircraft commander.

(2) When in a ship or aircraft of the armed services of the United States, other than a naval ship or aircraft, as the commanding officer of naval personnel embarked, or when placed on duty by such officer.

(3) When senior officer at the scene of a riot or other emergency, or when placed on duty by such officer.

§ 700.1026 Authority of an officer who succeeds to command.

(a) An officer who succeeds to command due to incapacity, death, departure on leave, detachment without relief or absence due to orders from competent authority of the officer detailed to command, has the same authority and responsibility as the officer whom he or she succeeds.

(b) An officer who succeeds to command during the temporary absence of the commanding officer shall make no changes in the existing organization, and shall endeavor to have the routine and other affairs of the command carried on in the usual manner.

(c) When an officer temporarily succeeding to command signs official correspondence, the word “Acting” shall appear below his or her signature.

§ 700.1038 Authority of a sentry.

A sentry, within the limits stated in his or her orders, has authority over all persons on his or her post.
§ 700.1053 Commander of a task force.

(a) A geographic fleet commander, and any other naval commander, may detail in command of a task force, or other task command, any eligible officer within his or her command whom he or she desires. All other officers ordered to the task force or the task command shall be considered subordinate to the designated commander.

(b) All orders issued under the authority of this article shall continue in effect after the death or disability of the officer issuing them until they are revoked by his or her successor in command or higher authority.

(c) The powers delegated to a commander by this article are not conferred on any other officer by virtue of the fact that he or she is the senior officer present.


§ 700.1054 Command of a naval base.

The officer detailed to command a naval base shall be an officer of the line in the Navy, eligible for command at sea.

§ 700.1055 Command of a naval shipyard.

The officer detailed to command a naval shipyard shall be trained in the technical aspects of building and repair of ships and shall have had substantial previous experience in the technical and management phases of such work. Such officer may have been designated for engineering duty.

§ 700.1056 Command of a ship.

(a) The officer detailed to command a commissioned ship shall be an officer of the line in the Navy eligible for command at sea.

(b) The officer detailed to command an aircraft carrier, an aircraft tender, or a ship with a primary task of operating or supporting aircraft shall be an officer of the line in the navy, eligible for command at sea, designated as a naval aviator or naval flight officer.

§ 700.1057 Command of an air activity.

(a) The officer detailed to command a naval aviation school, a naval air station, or a naval air unit organized for flight tactical purposes shall be an officer of the line in the navy, designated as a naval aviator or naval flight officer, eligible for command at sea.

(b) For the purposes of Title 10 U.S.C. §5942, a naval air training squadron is not considered to be a naval aviation school or a naval air unit organized for flight tactical purposes. The officer detailed to command a naval air training squadron or an air unit organized for administrative purposes shall be a line officer of the naval service, designated as a naval aviator or naval flight officer, eligible for command. If a naval air training squadron has been designated a multi-service training squadron, the officer detailed to command that squadron may be a line officer from any armed service designated as the equivalent of a naval aviator naval flight officer and otherwise eligible to command an aviation squadron or unit under that officer’s pertinent service regulations.

(c) The officer detailed to command a naval air activity of a technical nature on shore may be an officer of the line in the navy not eligible for command at sea, but designated as a naval aviator or a naval flight officer or designated for aeronautical engineering duty.

(d) The officer detailed to command a Marine Corps air unit organized for flight tactical purpose shall be an officer of the Marine Corps, designated as a naval aviator or naval flight officer.

(e) Other than an air training squadron, an officer of the Navy shall not normally be detailed to command an aviation unit of the Marine Corps nor shall an officer of the Marine Corps normally be detailed to command an aviation unit of the Navy. Aircraft units of the Marine Corps may, however, be assigned to ships or to naval air activities in the same manner as aircraft units of the navy and, conversely, aircraft units of the navy may be so assigned to Marine Corps air activities. A group composed of aircraft units of the Navy and aircraft units of the Marine Corps may be commanded.