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VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
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The Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) has such authority and duties with respect to the Department of the Navy as the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, may delegate or prescribe. Orders issued by VCNO in performing such duties have the same effect as those issued by CNO.

CNO has delegated to VCNO complete authority to act in CNO's stead in all matters not specifically reserved by law to CNO. The principal duties of VCNO shall be those of Executive to CNO.

When there is a vacancy in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, or during the absence or disability of CNO:

a. VCNO shall perform the duties of CNO until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases; or

b. If there is also a vacancy in the office of VCNO, or VCNO is absent or disabled, unless the President directs otherwise, the most senior officer of the Navy in OPNAV who is not absent or disabled and who is not restricted in the performance of duty shall perform the duties of CNO until a successor to CNO is appointed, or until the absence or disability of CNO or VCNO ceases, whichever occurs first.

In the event of absence, disability, or unavailability of both CNO and VCNO at the same time, the principles of lineal succession to command described in United States Navy Regulations shall pertain in determining that OPNAV officer of the unrestricted line who shall make policy decisions.

In the absence of VCNO, the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments) (N8) shall discharge the routine Navy administrative business normally conducted by VCNO or VCNO's office, except for normal administrative JCS matters, which are the responsibility of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations) (N3/N5) and will continue to be handled by N3/N5.

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