In line with accepted concept of civilian supremacy over the military, and as provided for in the National Defense Act, the president of the Philippines is the Commander In Chief of the Armed forces. Under the President it is the Secretary of National Defense who exercises supervision and control over the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He supervises the National Defense program of the country and the maintenance of peace and order.

**The Chief of Staff, AFP** – he is the highest military officer in the AFP or the Commanding General of the AFP. He executes the Presidents command function in relations to military strategy tactics and operations and acts as the immediate advisor to the Ministry of National Defense, he is responsible for the planning developments and execution of National Defense.

**The three (3) Major Service**

1. **The Philippine Army** – is responsible for the preparation of land forces necessary for the effective prosecution of war except as otherwise assigned and in accordance with integration mobilizing plans for the expansion of the peace time components of the army to meet the needs of war.

2. **The Philippine Air Force** – is responsible for the preparation of Air Forces necessary for the effective prosecution of war except as otherwise assigned and in accordance with integrated mobilization plans for the expansion of the peace time components of the Air Force to meet the needs of war.

3. **The Philippine Navy** – is responsible for the preparation of Naval Forces necessary for the effective prosecution of war except as otherwise assigned and in accordance with integrated mobilization plans, for the expansion of the peace time components of the Navy to meet the needs of war.

4. The AFP Wide Support and Separate Units (AFPWSSUs) – the AFP wide support and separate units and the unified commands are directly under the control of the Chief of Staff, AFP and are necessary under the operational control of GHQ and not under any of the major service because they perform specific functions and services for the whole armed forces.

**NAVY ORGANIZATION**

1. **HPN ORGANIZATION**

   A. **The Flag Officer In Command, PN (FOIC, PN)** – he is the highest Naval Officer in the Navy or the Commanding General of the Navy. He executes the command functions in relation to naval strategy, tactics and operations and act as the immediate advisor to the Chief of Staff, AFP. He is responsible for the planning development and execution of Naval Defense in the country.
B. **The Vice Commander (VICE COM)** – he is the Deputy Commander of the Navy. He assist the FOIC and perform his functions in his absence.

C. **Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)** – he exercise general supervision over the central staff and special and technical staff and perform other duties that the FOIC, PN may assign.

D. **Personal Staff** – they assist in personal or in specific functional areas, Personal staff officers whom the FOIC selects to serve as his aides and those individual staff offices whose activities he desires to coordinate and administer directly.

1. NMO – Naval Modernization Office
2. NPIO – Naval Public Information Office
3. CMCPO – Command Master Chief Petty Officer
4. F/Sec – Flag Secretary
5. NIG – Naval Inspector General
6. OESPA – Office of the Ethical Standard & Public Accountability
7. TNIA – The Naval Internal Auditor
8. SJA – Staff Judge Advocate

E. **Central Staff**

1. N-1 – for personnel and administrative
2. N-2 – for intelligence
3. N-3 – for operations
4. N-4 – for logistics
5. N-5 – for plans & program
6. N-6 – for comptrollership
7. N-7 – for civil military operation or home defense
8. N-8 – for training and education
9. N-9 – for yards and repair
10. N1-0 – for retirees and reservist affairs
11. N-11 – for weapons, communication, electronics information system (WCEIS)

F. **Special and Technical Staff**

1. NA – Naval Adjutant
2. NPM – Naval Provost Marshal
3. NHS – Naval Health Service
4. NJA – Naval Judge Advocate
5. NCH – Naval Chaplain
6. NCE – Naval Civil Engineer