

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “of members of the armed forces to National Oceanic and Atmospheric” for “to Environmental Science Services” in section catchline, and substituted “National Oceanic and Atmospheric” for “Environmental Science Services” in text.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

[§ 720. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, § 502(g)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2103]

Section, added Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 501(9)(A), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2907, related to appointment of Chief of Staff to President.

[§ 721. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title V, § 502(i)(1), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2276]

Section, added Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, § 501(a), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1723; amended Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, § 1041(a)(4), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2645, related to limitation on appointments, assignments, details, and duties outside a general or flag officer’s own service.

[§ 722. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, § 502(h)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2103]

Section, added Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, § 507(a)(1)(A), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2180, related to grade of Attending Physician to the Congress.

§ 723. Support of Federal authorities in response to civil disturbances: requirement for use of members of the Armed Forces and Federal law enforcement personnel

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Whenever a member of the armed forces (including the National Guard) or Federal law enforcement personnel provide support to Federal authorities to respond to a civil disturbance, each individual employed in the capacity of providing such support shall visibly display—

- (1) the individual’s name or other individual identifier that is unique to that individual; and
(2) the name of the armed force, Federal entity, or other organization by which such individual is employed.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The requirement under subsection (a) shall not apply to individuals referred to in such subsection who—

- (1) do not wear a uniform or other distinguishing clothing or equipment in the regular performance of their official duties; or
(2) are engaged in undercover operations in the regular performance of their official duties.

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title X, § 1064(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3860.)

CHAPTER 43—RANK AND COMMAND

- Sec. 741. Rank: commissioned officers of the armed forces.
742. Rank: warrant officers.

- Sec. 743. Rank: Chief of Staff of the Army; Chief of Naval Operations; Chief of Staff of the Air Force; Commandant of the Marine Corps; Chief of Space Operations.

[744, 745. Repealed.]
747. Command: when different commands of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard join.

- 749. Command: commissioned officers in same grade or corresponding grades on duty at same place.
750. Command: retired officers.

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2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 924(b)(2)(C), (20)(C), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3821, 3824, added items 743 and 747 and struck out former items 743 “Rank: Chief of Staff of the Army; Chief of Naval Operations; Chief of Staff of the Air Force; Commandant of the Marine Corps” and 747 “Command: when different commands of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard join”.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, § 502(i)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2103, struck out item 744 “Physician to White House: assignment; grade”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title XI, § 1114(c), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1502, added item 742 and struck out item 745 “Warrant officers: rank”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XIII, § 1314(b)(5)(B), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1175, inserted “; Commandant of the Marine Corps” after “Air Force” in item 743.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 501(10)(A), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2908, as amended Pub. L. 97-22, § 10(a)(1), July 10, 1981, 95 Stat. 136, substituted “armed forces” for “Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps” in item 741.

Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 501(10)(B), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2908, added item 750.

1968—Pub. L. 90-235, § 5(a)(1)(B), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 761, added items 747 and 749.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(19), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1442, struck out item 742 “Rank: officers of regular and reserve components”.

§ 741. Rank: commissioned officers of the armed forces

(a) Among the grades listed below, the grades of general and admiral are equivalent and are senior to other grades and the grades of second lieutenant and ensign are equivalent and are junior to other grades. Intermediate grades rank in the order listed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force; Navy and Coast Guard. Rows list ranks from General to Second lieutenant.

(b) Rank among officers of the same grade or of equivalent grades is determined by comparing dates of rank. An officer whose date of rank is earlier than the date of rank of another officer of the same or equivalent grade is senior to that officer.

(c) Rank among officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force of the