

statement of the facts upon which his belief is based. If the Secretary determines from the report that the Superintendent's belief is well founded, the Secretary shall serve a copy of the report on the midshipman. Within such time as the Secretary considers reasonable, the midshipman shall show cause in writing why he should not be dismissed from the Academy. The Secretary, after consideration of any cause so shown, and with the written approval of the President, may dismiss the midshipman from the Academy and from the naval service.

(b) The truth of any issue of fact raised under subsection (a), except as to the record of demerits, shall be determined by a court of inquiry convened by the Secretary.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 432, § 6961; renumbered § 8461, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
6961 .....	34 U.S.C. 1062.	Apr. 9, 1906, ch. 1370, § 1, 34 Stat. 104.

The words “court of inquiry” are substituted for the words “board of inquiry” to conform to the terminology of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The words “under the rules and regulations for the government of the Navy” are omitted as unnecessary.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 6961 of this title as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

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## DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation to Secretary of Defense of authority vested in President by section 1062 of former Title 34, see Ex. Ord. No. 10621, July 1, 1955, 20 F.R. 4759, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

**§ 8462. Midshipmen: discharge for unsatisfactory conduct or inaptitude**

(a) The Superintendent of the Naval Academy shall submit to the Secretary of the Navy in writing a full report of the facts—

(1) whenever the Superintendent determines that the conduct of a midshipman is unsatisfactory; or

(2) whenever the Academic Board unanimously determines that midshipman possesses insufficient aptitude to become a commissioned officer in the naval service.

(b) A midshipman upon whom a report is made under subsection (a) shall be given an opportunity to examine the report and submit a written statement thereon. If the Secretary believes, on the basis of the report and statement, that

the determination of the Superintendent or of the Academic Board is reasonable and well founded, he may discharge the midshipman from the Naval Academy and from the naval service.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 432, § 6962; renumbered § 8462, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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**§ 8463. Midshipmen: discharge for deficiency**

Midshipmen found deficient at any examination shall, unless the Academic Board recommends otherwise, be discharged from the Naval Academy and from the naval service.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 433, § 6963; renumbered § 8463, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
6963 .....	34 U.S.C. 1053.	R.S. 1519; restored Oct. 22, 1921, ch. 113, § 2, 42 Stat. 207.

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**§ 8464. Hazing: definition; prohibition**

(a) In this chapter, the term “hazing” means any unauthorized assumption of authority by a midshipman whereby another midshipman suffers or is exposed to any cruelty, indignity, humiliation, hardship, or oppression, or the deprivation or abridgement of any right.

(b) The Superintendent of the Naval Academy shall prescribe regulations, to be approved by the Secretary of the Navy, to prevent hazing.

(c) Hazing is an offense that may be dealt with as an offense against good order and discipline