

Editorial Notes

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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§ 8466. Course of study

(a) The course at the Naval Academy is four years.

(b) The Secretary of the Navy shall arrange the course so that classes will not be held on Sunday.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 434, § 6966; renumbered § 8466, 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>
6966(a)	34 U.S.C. 1054.	Mar. 7, 1912, ch. 53 (1st 11 words), 37 Stat. 73.
6966(b)	34 U.S.C. 1056.	R.S. 1526.

In subsection (b) the words “of studies and the order of recitations” are omitted as surplusage. The words “classes will not be held on Sunday” are substituted for the words “students in said institution shall not be required to pursue their studies on Sunday”.

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§ 8467. Degree on graduation

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, the Superintendent of the Naval Academy may confer the degree of bachelor of science upon graduates of the Academy.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 434, § 6967; renumbered § 8467, 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>
6967	34 U.S.C. 1057a (less last sentence).	May 25, 1933, ch. 37, 48 Stat. 73 (less last sentence); Aug. 9, 1946, ch. 932, 60 Stat. 968; Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, § 13, 63 Stat. 559; Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 476, 63 Stat. 614.

The word “regulations” is substituted for the words “such rules and regulations”. Since the Naval Academy

is now accredited, the words “from and after the date of accrediting of said Academy” are omitted as executed.

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DEGREES FOR PERSONS WHO GRADUATED BEFORE ACCREDITING OF NAVAL ACADEMY

Act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, § 35, 70A Stat. 634, provided in part that, under conditions prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, the Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy “may confer the degree of bachelor of science upon living graduates of [the] Academy who were graduated before the date of accrediting of [the] Academy and who have met the requirements of [the] Academy for that degree.”

§ 8468. Board of Visitors

(a) A Board of Visitors to the Academy is constituted annually of—

(1) the chair of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or the designee of such chair;

(2) the ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or the designee of the ranking member;

(3) two other members of the Senate designated by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(4) two other members of the Senate designated by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(5) the chair of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or the designee of such chair;

(6) the ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or the designee of the ranking member;

(7) two other members of the House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(8) one other member of the House of Representatives designated by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

(9) six persons designated by the President.

(b) The persons designated by the President serve for three years each except that any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed by the President. The President shall designate two persons each year to succeed the members whose terms expire that year.

(c) If a member of the Board dies or resigns, a successor shall be designated for the unexpired portion of the term by the official who designated the member.

(d) The Board shall visit the Academy annually. With the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, the Board or its members may make other visits to the Academy in connection with the duties of the Board or to consult with the Superintendent of the Academy.

(e) The Board shall inquire into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy that the Board decides to consider.

(f) Within 60 days after its annual visit, the Board shall submit a written report to the President and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives of its action and of its views and recommendations pertaining to the Academy. Any report of a visit, other than the annual visit, shall, if approved by a majority of the members of the Board, be submitted to the President and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives within 60 days after the approval.

(g) Upon approval by the Secretary, the Board may call in advisers for consultation.

(h) While performing his duties, each member of the Board and each adviser shall be reimbursed under Government travel regulations for his travel expenses.

(i)(1) A majority of the members of the Board may call an official meeting of the Board once per year.

(2) A member may attend such meeting—

(A) in person, at the Academy; or

(B) remotely, at the election of such member.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 434, §6968; Pub. L. 96-579, §13(b), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3369; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1061(e)(2), title XV, §1502(a)(12), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 443, 503; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, §1067(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 774; renumbered §8468, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836; Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title V, §§554(b), 555(b), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1738, 1739; Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, §558(b), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1898.)

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Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6968(a), (b).	34 U.S.C. 1083. 34 U.S.C. 1084.	June 29, 1948, ch. 714, §1, 62 Stat. 1094. June 29, 1948, ch. 714, §2, 62 Stat. 1094.
6968(c)	34 U.S.C. 1085.	June 29, 1948, ch. 714, §3, 62 Stat. 1094.
6968(d)	34 U.S.C. 1086.	June 29, 1948, ch. 714, §4, 62 Stat. 1094; June 30, 1954, ch. 432, §732, 68 Stat. 356.
6968(e), (f), (g).	34 U.S.C. 1087.	June 29, 1948, ch. 714, §5, 62 Stat. 1094.
6968(h)	34 U.S.C. 1088.	June 29, 1948, ch. 714, §6, 62 Stat. 1094.

In subsection (a) the words “A Board of Visitors to the Naval Academy is constituted annually” are substituted for the words “There shall be appointed * * * every year a Board of Visitors”, since appointments, in the strict sense, are not involved.

In subsection (b) the language establishing staggered terms is eliminated as executed, and the existence of such terms is recognized by the use of the words “two persons shall be designated by him each year to succeed the members whose terms expire that year”. No effect

is given to the language “the nine Presidential appointees”. The hearings indicate that one of the bills considered provided for nine such “appointees”, and it appears that the number nine was inadvertently retained. The provision specifically authorizes only six Presidential designees.

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2024—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-159, §558(b)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which related to membership of Board of Visitors.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 118-159, §558(b)(2), inserted “and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives” after “the President” in two places.

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-81, §554(b), substituted “is appointed by the President” for “is appointed”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 117-81, §555(b), added subsec. (i).

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1999—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “Committee on Armed Services” for “Committee on National Security”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 104-106, §1502(a)(12), substituted “National Security” for “Armed Services”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 104-106, §1061(e)(2), struck out “is entitled to not more than \$5 a day and” after “each adviser”.

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-579 required member whose term of office had expired to continue service until appointment of a successor.

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§ 8469. Band: composition

(a) The Naval Academy Band shall be composed of one leader, one second leader, and such enlisted members of the Navy as may be assigned.

(b) In determining years of service for the purpose of retirement, and in determining eligibility for reenlistment bonus, the members who are assigned as leader and second leader shall be treated as if they had not been so assigned.

(c) The enlisted members assigned to the Naval Academy Band shall be distributed in grade substantially the same as in the United States Navy Band.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 435, §6969; Pub. L. 87-649, §14c(52), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 501; renumbered §8469, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

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Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6969	34 U.S.C. 1091a.	Feb. 14, 1931, ch. 184, 46 Stat. 1111; July 17, 1953, ch. 226, §2, 67 Stat. 181.

In subsection (a) the words “of the Navy” are supplied since the requirement that the distribution in ratings be similar to that in the United States Navy Band indicates that the Naval Academy Band should not include members of the Marine Corps, and it is so interpreted.