

function of the Air Staff is to assist the Secretary of the Air Force in carrying out his responsibilities.

(b) The Air Staff is composed of the following:

- (1) The Chief of Staff.
- (2) The Vice Chief of Staff.
- (3) The Deputy Chiefs of Staff.
- (4) The Assistant Chiefs of Staff.
- (5) The Surgeon General of the Air Force.
- (6) The Judge Advocate General of the Air Force.
- (7) The Chief of the Air Force Reserve.
- (8) Other members of the Air Force or the Space Force assigned or detailed to the Air Staff.
- (9) Civilian employees in the Department of the Air Force assigned or detailed to the Air Staff.

(c) Except as otherwise specifically prescribed by law, the Air Staff shall be organized in such manner, and its members shall perform such duties and have such titles, as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 490, §8031; Pub. L. 89-718, §45, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1121; Pub. L. 93-608, §1(5), Jan. 2, 1975, 88 Stat. 1968; Pub. L. 98-525, title V, §515, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2522; Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §522(a), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1060; renumbered §9031, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §923(b)(5), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3809.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 8031(a) | 10:1811(a). | Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, §201, 65 Stat. 327. |
| 8031(b) | 10:1811(b). | |
| 8031(c) | 10:1811(c). | |
| 8031(d) | 10:1811(d). | |

In subsection (a), the words “an Air Staff consisting of—” are substituted for the words “a staff, which shall be known as the Air Staff, and which shall consist of—”. The words “under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force” are omitted, since the Secretary has inherent authority to issue regulations appropriate to exercising his statutory functions.

In subsection (b), 10:1811(b) (proviso) is omitted as superseded by section 264(c) of this title.

In subsection (c), the third sentence is substituted for 10:1811(c) (1st 13 words and 1st proviso). The words “officers and employees * * * or under the jurisdiction of” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsections (c) and (d), the word “hereafter” is omitted, since all wars and emergencies declared by Congress before September 19, 1951, have been terminated.

In subsection (d), the words “now or hereafter” are omitted as surplusage and as executed. The second sentence is substituted for 10:1811(d) (last 31 words of 1st sentence). The third sentence is substituted for 10:1811(d) (2d sentence). 10:1811(d) (1st 13 words of last sentence) is omitted as executed. The words “This subsection does not apply” are substituted for the words “and shall be inapplicable”.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (b)(8). Pub. L. 116-283 inserted “or the Space Force” after “of the Air Force”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8031 of this title as this section.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433 amended section generally, substituting “The Air Staff: function; composition” for “Composition: assignment and detail of members of Air Force and civilians” in section catchline and substituting in text provisions relating to establishment and composition of the Air Staff and authorizing the Secretary to prescribe the organization, duties, and titles of the Air Staff for provisions relating to establishment and composition of the Air Staff, authorizing the Secretary to prescribe the organization, duties, and titles of the Air Staff, and limiting the number of officers who may be assigned or detailed to permanent duty in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force.

1984—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 98-525 struck out subsec. (d) which had provided that no commissioned officer who was assigned or detailed to duty in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force could serve for a tour of duty of more than four years, but that the Secretary could extend such a tour of duty if he made a special finding that the extension was necessary in the public interest, that no officer could be assigned or detailed to duty in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force within two years after relief from that duty, except upon a special finding by the Secretary that the assignment or detail was necessary in the public interest, and that the subsection did not apply in time of war, or of national emergency declared by Congress.

1975—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-608 struck out requirement of annual report to Congress on the number of officers in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force and the justification therefor.

1966—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89-718 changed the reporting requirement from quarterly to annually.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-525, title V, §515, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2522, provided in part that the repeal of subsec. (d) of this section is effective Oct. 1, 1984.

§ 9032. The Air Staff: general duties

(a) The Air Staff shall furnish professional assistance to the Secretary, the Under Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force, and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

(b) Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Air Staff shall—

(1) subject to subsections (c) and (d) of section 9014 of this title, prepare for such employment of the Air Force, and for such recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping (including those aspects of research and development assigned by the Secretary of the Air Force), training, servicing, mobilizing, demobilizing, administering, and maintaining of the Air Force, as will assist in the execution of any power, duty, or function of the Secretary or the Chief of Staff;

(2) investigate and report upon the efficiency of the Air Force and its preparation to support military operations by combatant commands;

(3) prepare detailed instructions for the execution of approved plans and supervise the execution of those plans and instructions;

(4) as directed by the Secretary or the Chief of Staff, coordinate the action of organizations of the Air Force; and

(5) perform such other duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 490, §8032; Pub. L. 85-599, §4(h), Aug. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 517; Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §522(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1060; renumbered §9032 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§806(c), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, 1840.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Revised section</i> | <i>Source (U.S. Code)</i> | <i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8032(a) | 10:1815(a). | Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, |
| 8032(b) | 10:1815(b). | §205, 65 Stat. 329. |

In subsection (a), the word “furnish” is substituted for the word “render”.

In subsection (b)(1), the words “power, duty, or function of” are substituted for the words “power vested in, duty imposed upon, or function assigned to”.

In subsection (b)(2), the words “all questions affecting” and “state of” are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, §806(c), renumbered section 8032 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115-232, §809(a), substituted “section 9014” for “section 8014”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, §522(b)(3), substituted “The Air Staff: general duties” for “General duties” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-433, §522(b)(1), inserted “of the Air Force” after “Chief of Staff”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-433, §522(b)(2), substituted “Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Air Staff” for “The Air Staff” before par. (1), inserted “subject to subsections (c) and (d) of section 8014 of this title,” and substituted “(including those aspects of research and development assigned by the Secretary of the Air Force), training, servicing, mobilizing, demobilizing, administering, and maintaining” for “, training, serving, mobilizing, and demobilizing” in par. (1), substituted “to support military operations by combatant commands” for “for military operations” in par. (2), and amended par. (4) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (4) read as follows: “act as agent of the Secretary and the Chief of Staff in coordinating the action of all organizations of the Department of the Air Force; and”.

1958—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 85-599 substituted “prepare for such employment of the Air Force” for “prepare such plans for the national security, for employment of the Air Force for that purpose, both separately and in conjunction with the land and naval forces”.

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.

§ 9033. Chief of Staff

(a)(1) There is a Chief of Staff of the Air Force, appointed for a period of four years by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the general officers of the Air

Force. He serves at the pleasure of the President. In time of war or during a national emergency declared by Congress, he may be reappointed for a term of not more than four years.

(2) The President may appoint an officer as Chief of Staff only if—

(A) the officer has had significant experience in joint duty assignments; and

(B) such experience includes at least one full tour of duty in a joint duty assignment (as defined in section 664(f)¹ of this title) as a general officer.

(3) The President may waive paragraph (2) in the case of an officer if the President determines such action is necessary in the national interest.

(b) The Chief of Staff, while so serving, has the grade of general without vacating his permanent grade.

(c) Except as otherwise prescribed by law and subject to section 9013(f) of this title, the Chief of Staff performs his duties under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force and is directly responsible to the Secretary.

(d) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff shall—

(1) preside over the Air Staff;

(2) transmit the plans and recommendations of the Air Staff to the Secretary and advise the Secretary with regard to such plans and recommendations;

(3) after approval of the plans or recommendations of the Air Staff by the Secretary, act as the agent of the Secretary in carrying them into effect;

(4) exercise supervision, consistent with the authority assigned to commanders of unified or specified combatant commands under chapter 6 of this title, over such of the members and organizations of the Air Force as the Secretary determines;

(5) perform the duties prescribed for him by sections 171 and 3104 of this title and other provisions of law, including pursuant to section 9040 of this title; and

(6) perform such other military duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as are assigned to him by the President, the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of the Air Force.

(e)(1) The Chief of Staff shall also perform the duties prescribed for him as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under section 151 of this title.

(2) To the extent that such action does not impair the independence of the Chief of Staff in the performance of his duties as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of Staff shall inform the Secretary regarding military advice rendered by members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters affecting the Department of the Air Force.

(3) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Chief of Staff shall keep the Secretary of the Air Force fully informed of significant military operations affecting the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary.

¹ See References in Text note below.