

2016—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 114-328, §502(mm)(1), redesignated subpars. (B) and (C) as (A) and (B), respectively, and struck out former subpar. (A) which read as follows: “are serving in the grade of colonel or above;”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114-328, §502(mm)(2), struck out subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “An officer appointed as Chief of Chaplains who holds a lower regular grade may be appointed in the regular grade of major general.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by sections 806(c) and 809(a) of 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.

SERVICE OF INCUMBENTS IN CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHOUT REAPPOINTMENT

For continued service of Chief of Chaplains for the Air Force and the Space Force under this section after Jan. 1, 2021, without further appointment, notwithstanding amendment by section 923(b)(8) of Pub. L. 116-283, see section 923(f) of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note under section 9020 of this title.

§ 9040. Oversight of nuclear deterrence mission

(a) OVERSIGHT OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE MISSION.—Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force shall be responsible for overseeing the safety, security, reliability, effectiveness, and credibility of the nuclear deterrence mission of the Air Force.

(b) DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.—Not later than March 1, 2016, the Chief of Staff shall designate a Deputy Chief of Staff to carry out the following duties:

(1) Provide direction, guidance, integration, and advocacy regarding the nuclear deterrence mission of the Air Force.

(2) Conduct monitoring and oversight activities regarding the safety, security, reliability, effectiveness, and credibility of the nuclear deterrence mission of the Air Force.

(3) Conduct periodic comprehensive assessments of all aspects of the nuclear deterrence mission of the Air Force and provide such assessments to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

(Added Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title XVI, §1652(a)(1), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1121, §8040; renumbered §9040, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8040 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.

CHAPTER 907—THE AIR FORCE

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Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 907, consisting of sections 9411 to 9417, related to schools and camps, prior to renumbering as chapter 957 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title I, §142, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1809, added item 9062a. Amendment was made pursuant to operation of section 102 of this title.

2019—Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, §952(g), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1563, added items 9063 to 9067 and struck out former item 9067 “Designation: officers to perform certain professional functions” and items 9069 “Air Force nurses: Chief; appointment”, 9074 “Commands: territorial organization”, 9075 “Regular Air Force: composition”, 9081 “Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services”, and 9084 “Officer career field for space”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(d)(4), (e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 807 of this title as this chapter and items 8061, 8062, 8067, 8069, 8074, 8075, 8081, and 8084 as 9061, 9062, 9067, 9069, 9074, 9075, 9081, and 9084, respectively.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, §502(nn)(3), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2106, substituted “Air Force nurses: Chief; appointment” for “Air Force nurses: Chief and assistant chief; appointment; grade” in item 8069.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title IX, §912(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1196, added item 8084.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(66), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1904, substituted “nurses” for “Nurse Corps” in item 8069.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, §502(c)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2511, added item 8069.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1674(b)(1), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3016, struck out items 8076 “Air Force Reserve: composition”, 8077 “Air National Guard of United States: composition”, 8078 “Air National Guard: when a component of Air Force”, 8079 “Air National Guard of United States: status when not in Federal service”, and 8080 “Air National Guard of the United States: authority of officers with respect to Federal status”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §522(g)(4), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1063, struck out item 8072 “Judge Advocate General, Deputy Judge Advocate General: appointment; duties”. See section 8037 of this title.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §504(3), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2915, struck out item 8066 “Generals and lieutenant generals”.

Pub. L. 96-343, §12(b)(2), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1131, substituted “General, Deputy Judge Advocate General:” for “General:” in item 8072.

1978—Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, §805(c)(2), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1622, added item 8081.

1967—Pub. L. 90-130, §1(25), Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 382, struck out item 8071 “Temporary grade of colonel in the Air Force: appointment of women.”

1960—Pub. L. 86-603, §1(3)(B), July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 358, added item 8080.

§ 9061. Regulations

The President may prescribe regulations for the government of the Air Force.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 493, § 8061; renumbered § 9061, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
8061	10:16.	July 15, 1870, ch. 294, § 20, 16 Stat. 319; Mar. 1, 1875, ch. 115, 18 Stat. 337.

The word “prescribe” is substituted for the words “make and publish”. 10:16 (last 35 words) is omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9061 was renumbered section 9381 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8061 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.

§ 9062. Policy; composition; aircraft authorization

(a) It is the intent of Congress to provide an Air Force that is capable, in conjunction with the other armed forces, of—

(1) preserving the peace and security, and providing for the defense, of the United States, the Commonwealths and possessions, and any areas occupied by the United States;

(2) supporting the national policies;

(3) implementing the national objectives; and

(4) overcoming any nations responsible for aggressive acts that imperil the peace and security of the United States.

(b) There is a United States Air Force within the Department of the Air Force.

(c) In general, the Air Force includes aviation forces both combat and service not otherwise assigned. It shall be organized, trained, and equipped primarily for prompt and sustained offensive and defensive air operations. It is responsible for the preparation of the air forces necessary for the effective prosecution of war except as otherwise assigned and, in accordance with integrated joint mobilization plans, for the expansion of the peacetime components of the Air Force to meet the needs of war.

(d) The Air Force consists of—

(1) the Regular Air Force, the Air National Guard of the United States, the Air National Guard while in the service of the United States, and the Air Force Reserve;

(2) all persons appointed or enlisted in, or conscripted into, the Air Force without component; and

(3) all Air Force units and other Air Force organizations, with their installations and

supporting and auxiliary combat, training, administrative, and logistic elements; and all members of the Air Force, including those not assigned to units; necessary to form the basis for a complete and immediate mobilization for the national defense in the event of a national emergency.

(e) Subject to subsection (f) of this section, chapter 911 of this title, and the strength authorized by law pursuant to section 115 of this title, the authorized strength of the Air Force is 70 Regular Air Force groups and such separate Regular Air Force squadrons, reserve groups, and supporting and auxiliary regular and reserve units as required.

(f) There are authorized for the Air Force 24,000 serviceable aircraft or 225,000 airframe tons of serviceable aircraft, whichever the Secretary of the Air Force considers appropriate to carry out this section. This subsection does not apply to guided missiles.

(g)(1) Effective October 1, 2011, the Secretary of the Air Force shall maintain a total aircraft inventory of strategic airlift aircraft of not less than 301 aircraft. Effective on the date that is 45 days after the date on which the report under section 141(c)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 is submitted to the congressional defense committees, the Secretary shall maintain a total aircraft inventory of strategic airlift aircraft of not less than 275 aircraft.

(2) In this subsection:

(A) The term “strategic airlift aircraft” means an aircraft—

(i) that has a cargo capacity of at least 150,000 pounds; and

(ii) that is capable of transporting outsized cargo an unrefueled range of at least 2,400 nautical miles.

(B) The term “outsized cargo” means any single item of equipment that exceeds 1,090 inches in length, 117 inches in width, or 105 inches in height.

[(h) Repealed. Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title I, § 132(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3430.]

(i)(1) During the period beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on October 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force shall maintain a total aircraft inventory of fighter aircraft of not less than 1,800 aircraft, and a total primary mission aircraft inventory (combat-coded) of not less than 1,145 fighter aircraft.

(2) In this subsection:

(A) The term “fighter aircraft” means an aircraft that—

(i) is designated by a mission design series prefix of F- or A-;

(ii) is manned by one or two crewmembers; and

(iii) executes single-role or multi-role missions, including air-to-air combat, air-to-ground attack, air interdiction, suppression or destruction of enemy air defenses, close air support, strike control and reconnaissance, combat search and rescue support, or airborne forward air control.

(B) The term “primary mission aircraft inventory” means aircraft assigned to meet the