

retary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Director of the Air National Guard and the Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, shall—

(1) develop a 10-year tactical fighter aircraft force structure, recapitalization, training, and sustainment plan for the active and reserve components of the Air Force; and

(2) submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the plan.

(b) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by subsection (a) shall address each of the following:

(1) The appropriate mix of tactical fighter aircraft, and associated operational risk analyses, required for the Secretary of the Air Force to meet expected steady-state, global force management allocation plans and geographic combatant commander contingency operational plans tasked to the Air Force, using active and reserve component tactical fighter aircraft units.

(2) The procurement, divestment, and unit activation, deactivation, or re-missioning plans or actions the Secretary plans to implement, fiscal year-by-fiscal year, unit-by-unit, for the 10-year period beginning on the date on which the report is submitted, for each active and reserve component tactical fighter aircraft unit existing as of such date of submittal, including the rationale and justification for any such plans or actions.

(3) The actions the Secretary will take to ensure that required operational readiness rates are maintained during any planned recapitalization, modernization, or change of mission affecting tactical fighter aircraft units.

(4) Any plans of the Secretary to augment or supplant existing piloted tactical fighter aircraft capability or capacity with collaborative combat aircraft increment 1 or increment 2 capability or capacity.

(5) Any plans of the Secretary to augment or supplant existing piloted tactical fighter aircraft training events through the acquisition and fielding of common, joint, all-domain, high-fidelity synthetic simulation environments.

(c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form with accompanying graphs, tables, and charts, but may contain a classified annex.

(d) FIGHTER AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section, the term “fighter aircraft” has the meaning given that term in section 9062(i)(2) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title I, §142, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1809.)

§ 9063. Designation: officers to perform certain professional functions

(a) Medical functions in the Air Force and the Space Force shall be performed by commissioned officers of the Air Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force and who are designated as medical officers.

(b) Dental functions in the Air Force and the Space Force shall be performed by commis-

sioned officers of the Air Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary and who are designated as dental officers.

(c) Veterinary functions in the Air Force and the Space Force shall be performed by commissioned officers of the Air Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, and who are designated as veterinary officers.

(d) Medical service functions in the Air Force and the Space Force shall be performed by commissioned officers of the Air Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, and who are designated as medical service officers.

(e) Nursing functions in the Air Force and the Space Force shall be performed by commissioned officers of the Air Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary and who are designated as Air Force nurses.

(f) Biomedical science functions, including physician assistant functions and chiropractic functions, in the Air Force and the Space Force shall be performed by commissioned officers of the Air Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, and who are designated as biomedical science officers.

(g) Judge advocate functions in the Air Force and the Space Force shall be performed by commissioned officers of the Air Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, and who are designated as judge advocates.

(h) Chaplain functions in the Air Force and the Space Force shall be performed by commissioned officers of the Air Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary and who are designated as chaplains.

(i) Other functions in the Air Force and the Space Force requiring special training or experience shall be performed by members of the Air Force or the Space Force who are qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, and who are designated as being in named categories.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 494, §8067; Pub. L. 85–861, §1(156), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1513; Pub. L. 96–513, title V, §504(5), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2916; Pub. L. 97–86, title IV, §403, Dec. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 1105; Pub. L. 102–484, div. A, title V, §505(c), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2404; renumbered §9067, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; renumbered §9063, Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title IX, §952(b)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561; Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title IX, §923(b)(9), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3809.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES
1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8067(a)	10:1837(a) (as applicable to medical officers).	Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, §307 (less (d)), 65 Stat. 330.
8067(b)	10:1837(a) (as applicable to dental officers).	June 24, 1952, ch. 457 (less 1st and last provisos), 66 Stat. 156.
8067(c)	10:1837(a) (as applicable to veterinary officers).	
8067(d)	10:1837(a) (as applicable to medical service officers).	
8067(e)	10:1837(a) (as applicable to nurses).	
8067(f)	10:1837(a) (as applicable to women medical specialists).	
8067(g)	10:1837(a) (as applicable to judge advocates).	

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—CONTINUED
1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8067(h)	10:1837(a) (as applicable to chaplains).	
8067(i)	10:1837(a) (less categories covered by subsections (a)–(h)). 10:1837(b), (c). 10:81–2 (less 1st and last provisos).	

The references in clauses (4), (6), and (7) of 10:1837(a) are omitted, since the laws to which reference is made deal with qualifications for appointment as commissioned officers and do not specify professional qualifications prerequisite to designation to duties requiring special training or experience. The reference in clause (8) is omitted as executed.

10:1837(b) and (c) are omitted, since, except in the case of a reference to a law not presently in effect, their substance is covered by including the laws referred to in various revised sections of this title (see the distribution tables). 10:81–2 (less 1st and last provisos) is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsections (a)–(d), (g), and (h), the words “commissioned officers” are substituted for the word “members”, in 10:1837(a), since, under the laws to which reference is made, only commissioned officers may be designated to perform these functions.

In subsections (e) and (f), the words “female commissioned officers” are substituted for the word “members”, in 10:1837(a), since, under the laws to which reference is made, only female commissioned officers may be designated to perform these functions.

1958 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8067(e), (f)	10 App.:166b–3. 10 App.:1837.	Aug. 9, 1955, ch. 654, §§ 1, 3(b), 69 Stat. 579.

The section is amended to reflect the authority contained in the source statute to appoint male reserve officers with a view to designation as Air Force nurses or medical specialists.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsecs. (a) to (h). Pub. L. 116–283, §923(b)(9)(A), substituted “in the Air Force and the Space Force” for “in the Air Force”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 116–283 substituted “in the Air Force and the Space Force” for “in the Air Force” and inserted “or the Space Force” after “members of the Air Force”.

2019—Pub. L. 116–92 renumbered section 9067 of this title as this section.

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 8067 of this title as section 9067 of this title.

1992—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 102–484 inserted “and chiropractic functions” after “physician assistant functions”.

1981—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 97–86 inserted reference to physician assistant functions.

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96–513, §504(5)(A), struck out “in conformity with section 8289 or 8294 of this title,” after “Secretary of the Air Force”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96–513, §504(5)(B), struck out “in conformity with section 8294 of this title,” after “prescribed by the Secretary”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 96–513, §504(5)(C), struck out “in conformity with section 8291 of this title,” after “prescribed by the Secretary”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 96–513, §504(5)(D), substituted “Biomedical science functions” for “Medical specialist functions” and “biomedical science officers” for “medical specialists”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 96–513, §504(5)(E), struck out “in conformity with section 8293 of this title,” after “prescribed by the Secretary”.

1958—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 85–861 struck out “female” before “commissioned officers”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 85–861 struck out “female” before “commissioned officers”, and “women” before “medical specialists”.

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 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96–513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

§ 9064. Air Force nurses: Chief; appointment

(a) POSITION OF CHIEF.—There is a Chief of the Air Force Nurse Corps.

(b) CHIEF.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall appoint the Chief from the officers of the Regular Air Force designated as Air Force nurses whose regular grade is above lieutenant colonel and who are recommended by the Surgeon General. The Chief serves during the pleasure of the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 104–201, div. A, title V, §502(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2511, §8069; amended Pub. L. 105–261, div. A, title V, §505, Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2004; Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title V, §504(a)(3), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2531; Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title V, §502(nn)(1), (2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2106; renumbered §9069, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; renumbered §9064 and amended Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title IX, §952(b)(1), title XVII, §1731(a)(61), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561, 1815.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116–92, §952(b)(1), renumbered section 9069 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–92, §1731(a)(61), substituted “is” for “are”. Amendment was directed to section 9069 of this title and was executed before amendment by section 952(b)(1) of Pub. L. 116–92, see above, pursuant to section 1731(f) of Pub. L. 116–92, set out as a Coordination of Certain Sections of an Act With Other Provisions of That Act note under section 101 of this title.

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 8069 of this title as section 9069 of this title.

2016—Pub. L. 114–328, §502(nn)(2), amended section catchline generally, substituting “Air Force nurses: Chief; appointment” for “Air Force nurses: Chief and assistant chief; appointment; grade”.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114–328, §502(nn)(1)(A), substituted “Position of Chief” for “Positions of Chief and Assistant Chief” in heading and struck out “and assistant chief” after “There are a Chief” in text.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114–328, §502(nn)(1)(B), struck out second sentence which read as follows: “An appointee who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of major general.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114–328, §502(nn)(1)(C), struck out subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “The Surgeon General shall appoint the assistant chief from the officers of the