

Regular Air Force designated as Air Force nurses whose regular grade is above lieutenant colonel.”

2002—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “major general” for “brigadier general” in second sentence.

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-261 struck out “, but not for more than three years, and may not be reappointed to the same position” after “pleasure of the Secretary”.

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.

§ 9065. Commands: territorial organization

(a) Except as otherwise prescribed by law or by the Secretary of Defense, the Air Force shall be divided into such organizations as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

(b) For Air Force purposes, the United States, its possessions, and other places in which the Air Force is stationed or is operating, may be divided into such areas as directed by the Secretary. Officers of the Air Force may be assigned to command Air Force activities, installations, and personnel in those areas. In the discharge of the Air Force’s functions or other functions authorized by law, officers so assigned have the duties and powers prescribed by the Secretary.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 495, §8074; Pub. L. 85-599, §4(f), Aug. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 517; Pub. L. 89-37, title III, §306(a), June 11, 1965, 79 Stat. 129; Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §523, Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1063; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title IX, §931(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1200; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title X, §1057(a)(2), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3440; renumbered §9074, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; renumbered §9065, Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, §952(b)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8074(a)	10:1838(a)(1).	Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, § 308, 309, 65 Stat. 332.
8074(b)	10:1838(a)(2).	
8074(c)	10:1838(b).	
8074(d)	10:1839.	

In subsection (b), the words “from time to time” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (d), the words “have the duties and powers” are substituted for the words “shall perform such duties and exercise such powers”. The words “of America”, “elements of”, “other provisions of”, and “so assigned” are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-92 renumbered section 9074 of this title as this section.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8074 of this title as section 9074 of this title.

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-163 struck out “its Territories,” after “the United States.”.

2001—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-107 struck out subsec. (c) which read as follows: “The Military Air Transport Service is redesignated as the Military Airlift Command.”

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-433 substituted “Except as otherwise prescribed by law or by the Secretary of Defense, the” for “The”.

1965—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89-37 added subsec. (c).

1958—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 85-599, §4(f)(1), substituted provisions permitting the Air Force to be divided into such organizations as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe for provisions which established an air-defense, a strategic, and a tactical command in the Air Force.

Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 85-599, §4(f)(2), redesignated subsec. (d) as (b), and repealed former subsecs. (b) and (c) which permitted the Secretary of the Air Force to establish additional commands and organizations in the interest of efficiency and economy of operation, and, for the duration of any war or national emergency, to establish new major commands or to discontinue or consolidate major commands.

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 1965 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 89-37, title III, §306(b), June 11, 1965, 79 Stat. 129, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section] shall become effective January 1, 1966.”

§ 9066. Regular Air Force: composition

(a) The Regular Air Force is the component of the Air Force that consists of persons whose continuous service on active duty in both peace and war is contemplated by law, and of retired members of the Regular Air Force.

(b) The Regular Air Force includes—

(1) the officers and enlisted members of the Regular Air Force;

(2) the professors, registrar, and cadets at the United States Air Force Academy; and

(3) the retired officers and enlisted members of the Regular Air Force.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 496, §8075; Pub. L. 85-600, §1(13), Aug. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 523; renumbered §9075, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; renumbered §9066, Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, §952(b)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8075(a)	10:1832(a).	Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, § 302, 65 Stat. 329; Apr. 1, 1954, ch. 127, §7, 68 Stat. 48.
8075(b)	10:1832 (less (a)).	

In subsection (b), the words “holding appointments or enlisted in the Regular Air Force as now or hereafter provided by law”, “and such other persons as are now or may hereafter be specified by law”, and “commissioned * * * warrant officers” are omitted as surplusage, since the revised section lists all persons in the Regular Air Force. 10:1832(b) (last sentence) is omitted as executed.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-92 renumbered section 9075 of this title as this section.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8075 of this title as section 9075 of this title.

1958—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 85-600 included the registrar of the Air Force Academy.

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.

§ 9067. Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services

There is an Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services in the Air Force who is appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force upon the recommendation of the Surgeon General from officers of the Air Force above the grade of lieutenant colonel who are designated as dental officers under section 9067(b) of this title. The Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, § 805(c)(1), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1622, § 8081; amended Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title V, § 506, Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2004; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, § 504(a), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2179; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, § 502(oo), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2106; renumbered § 9081 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§ 806(c), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, 1840; renumbered § 9067, Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, § 952(b)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9067 was renumbered section 9063 of this title.

A prior section 9068 of this title resulted from the redesignation of section 9084 of this title as section 9068 of this title by section 952(b)(1) of Pub. L. 116-92. Such section 9068 was renumbered section 9083 of this title by section 952(e) of Pub. L. 116-92 and subsequently repealed by Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 921(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3804.

A prior section 9069 was renumbered section 9064 of this title.

A prior section 9074 was renumbered section 9065 of this title.

A prior section 9075 was renumbered section 9066 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-92 renumbered section 9081 of this title as this section.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8081 of this title as section 9081 of this title and substituted “section 9067(b)” for “section 8067(b)”.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 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.”

2006—Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “major general” for “brigadier general”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-261 substituted “lieutenant colonel” for “major” and “An appointee who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of brigadier general. The Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.” for “The term of office of the Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services is four years but may be increased or decreased by the Secretary of the Air Force.”

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 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, § 504(b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2179, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the occurrence of the next vacancy in the position of Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services in the Air Force that occurs after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 2006] or, if earlier, on the date of the appointment to the grade of major general of the officer who is the incumbent in that position on the date of the enactment of the Act.”

CHAPTER 908—THE SPACE FORCE

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2024—Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, § 509C(c), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1874, added item 9083 and renumbered former items 9083 to 9086 as 9084 to 9087, respectively.

2021—Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title X, § 1081(a)(33), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1921, redesignated item 9084 “Space Development Agency” as 9086 and transferred it to appear after item 9085.

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §§ 921(b), 922(e), title XVI, § 1601(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3805, 3807, 4042, added items 9083, 9084 “Space Development Agency”, 9084 “Office of the Chief of Space Operations: general duties”, and 9085 and struck out former item 9083 “Officer career field for space”.

§ 9081. The United States Space Force

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a United States Space Force as an armed force within the Department of the Air Force.

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Space Force consists of—

- (1) the Regular Space Force;
- (2) all persons appointed or enlisted in, or conscripted into, the Space 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; and
- (3) all Space Force units and other Space Force organizations, including installations and supporting and auxiliary combat, training, administrative, and logistic elements.

(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Space Force shall be organized, trained, and equipped to—

- (1) provide freedom of operation for the United States in, from, and to space;
- (2) conduct space operations; and
- (3) protect the interests of the United States in space.