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1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §§1(177)(B), 33(a)(38), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1520, 1566, substituted “officers” for “Officers” in item 8309, and added item 8314.

1957—Pub. L. 85-155, title III, §301(15), Aug. 21, 1957, 71 Stat. 388, struck out items 8291 “Commissioned officers; Air Force nurses and women medical specialists: original appointment; additional qualifications, grade” and 8304 “Commissioned officers; Air Force nurses and women medical specialists: promotion to first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant colonel, or colonel”.

§ 9151. Commissioned officer grades

The commissioned grades in the Regular Air Force and in the Space Force are:

- (1) Major general.
- (2) Brigadier general.
- (3) Colonel.
- (4) Lieutenant colonel.
- (5) Major.
- (6) Captain.
- (7) First lieutenant.
- (8) Second lieutenant.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 507, §8281; renumbered §9151, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(b)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832; Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVII, §1741(a)(1), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 679.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8281	10:506(a) (last 24 words).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, §502(a) (last 24 words), 61 Stat. 884.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2023—Pub. L. 118-31 inserted “and in the Space Force” after “in the Regular Air Force” in introductory provisions.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8281 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.

[§ 9160. Repealed. Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, § 509D(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1874]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 518, §8310; renumbered §9160, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(b)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §923(c)(3)(A), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3810; Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVII, §1721(a)(3), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 665, provided that original appointments as warrant officers in the Regular Air Force or the Space Force would be made from persons who had served on active duty at least one year in the Air Force or the Space Force.

CHAPTER 919—TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

Sec.
9176. Retention on active duty.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(d)(3)(A), (e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 839 of this title as this chapter and item 8446 as 9176.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §504(12), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2917, struck out items 8441 “General rule”, 8442 “Commissioned officers; regular and reserve components: appointment in higher grade”, 8444 “Commissioned officers: during war or emergency”, 8445 “Officers: additional appointments during war or emergency”, 8447 “Appointments in commissioned grade: how made; how terminated”, 8448 “Warrant officers: grades; appointment”, 8449 “Warrant officers: promotion”, 8451 “Officers: acceptance of appointment in higher grade”, and 8452 “Medical and dental officers: temporary promotion to captain”.

1968—Pub. L. 90-235, §3(b)(6), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 758, struck out item 8450 “Warrant officers: suspension of laws for promotion or mandatory retirement or separation during war or emergency”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(180)(F), (G), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1532, struck out item 8443 “Commissioned officers; Reserves; appointment in higher or lower grade”, and added item 8452.

§ 9176. Retention on active duty

The President may retain on active duty a disabled officer until—

- (1) the physical condition of the officer is such that the officer will not be further benefited by retention in a military hospital or a medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- (2) the officer is processed for physical disability benefits provided by law.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 522, §8446; Pub. L. 85-861, §1(180)(C), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1532; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1621(a)(10), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1603; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §701(j)(6), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 116; renumbered §9176, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(b)(4), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832.)