

**§ 9218. Duties: warrant officers; limitations**

Under regulations prescribed by the President, a warrant officer may be assigned to perform duties that necessarily include those normally performed by a commissioned officer.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 528, § 8548; renumbered § 9218, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(6), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8548 .....	10:593 (1st sentence).	Aug. 21, 1941, ch. 384, § 4 (1st sentence), 55 Stat. 653.

10:593 (1st sentence, less provisos) is omitted as superseded by section 8012(e) of this title. 10:593 (last proviso) is omitted as covered by section 936(a)(4) of this title (article 136(a)(4) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice). The words “may be assigned” are substituted for the words “shall be vested with power to”.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8548 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.

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## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(d)(3)(A), (e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 845 of this title as this chapter and items 8572, 8575, 8579, 8581, and 8583 as 9222, 9225, 9229, 9231, and 9233, respectively.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, § 507(b)(2), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1727, added item 8583.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 504(15), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2917, struck out items 8571 “Rank: commissioned officers on active duty”, 8573 “Rank: commissioned officers in regular grades of brigadier general and major general; seniority list”, 8574 “Rank: commissioned officers in regular grades below brigadier general”, and 8582 “Command: retired officers”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-525, Dec. 18, 1974, 88 Stat. 1695, struck out item 8577 “Command: flying units”.

1968—Pub. L. 90-235, § 5(a)(5), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 761, struck out items 8576 “Command: when different commands of Air Force and Marine Corps join”, and 8578 “Command, commissioned officers of Air Force in same grade on duty at same place”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-130, § 1(30), Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 382, struck out item 8580 “Command: female members of Air Force”.

**§ 9222. Rank: commissioned officers serving under temporary appointments**

The President may, in accordance with the needs of the Air Force or the Space Force, adjust dates of rank of commissioned officers of the Air Force or the Space Force serving in temporary grades.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 529, § 8572; renumbered § 9222, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(7), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 923(c)(6), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3811.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8572 .....	10:506d(c) (last sentence).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, § 515(c) (last sentence), 61 Stat. 907.

The word “commissioned” is inserted for clarity, since the source statute related only to commissioned officers. The words “in his discretion, from time to time” are omitted as surplusage.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 inserted “or the Space Force” after “the Air Force” in two places.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8572 of this title as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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**§ 9225. Rank: warrant officers**

Warrant officers rank next below second lieutenants and rank among themselves within each warrant officer grade under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 530, § 8575; renumbered § 9225, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(7), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8575 .....	10:593 (less 1st sentence).	Aug. 21, 1941, ch. 384, § 4 (less 1st sentence), 55 Stat. 653; May 29, 1954, ch. 249, § 19(e), 68 Stat. 167.

10:593 (2d sentence) is omitted as executed. The words “within each warrant officer grade” are inserted for clarity, since section 745 of this title covers rank between warrant officers in different warrant officer grades. The words “they shall take precedence” are omitted as surplusage.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8575 of this title as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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**§ 9229. Command: commissioned officers in certain designated categories**

An officer designated as a medical, dental, veterinary, medical service, or biomedical sciences officer or as a nurse is not entitled to exercise command because of rank, except within the categories prescribed in subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (i) of section 9067 of this title, or over persons placed under his charge.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 531, §8579; Pub. L. 85-861, §1(156), (185), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1513, 1533; Pub. L. 96-513, title II, §212(b), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2885; renumbered §9229 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§806(b)(7), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832, 1840.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES  
1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8579(a) .....	10:82.	R.S. 1169.
8579(b) .....	10:166e (less 1st sentence).	Apr. 16, 1947, ch. 38, §106 (less 1st sentence), 61 Stat. 44.

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided in section 94 of this title”, not contained in section 1169 of the Revised Statutes, but contained in the United States Code, are omitted as surplusage, since 10:94 deals exclusively with assignments. The words “except within the categories prescribed in section 8067(a)–(d) of this title” are substituted for the words “in the line or in other staff corps”. Air Force nurses and women medical specialists are not covered by subsection (a), since their command authority is specifically stated in subsection (b).

In subsection (b), the words “may exercise command only” are substituted for the words “shall not be entitled \* \* \* to command except”. The words “by virtue of their rank” and “by competent authority” are omitted as surplusage. 10:166(e) (last 22 words of last sentence) is omitted as superseded by section 8012(e) of this title.

1958 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8579(b) .....	10 App.:166b-3.	Aug. 9, 1955, ch. 654, §1, 69 Stat. 579.

This amendment reflects the authority contained in section 8067(e) and (f) of this title to appoint male reserve officers with a view to designation as Air Force nurses or medical specialists.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8579 of this title as this section and substituted “section 9067” for “section 8067”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 substituted provision prohibiting an officer designated as a medical, dental, veterinary, medical service, or biomedical sciences officer or as a nurse from exercising command because of rank, except within the categories prescribed in section 8067(a) to (f) or (i) of this title, or over persons placed under his

charge for provision prohibiting an officer designated as a medical, dental, veterinary, or medical service officer from exercising command because of rank, except within categories prescribed in section 8067(a) to (d) of this title, and authorizing an Air Force nurse or medical specialist to exercise command only within his category, or over persons placed under his charge.

1958—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 85-861 struck out “woman” before “medical specialist”, and substituted “his” for “her” in two places.

**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, but the authority to prescribe regulations under the amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective on Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

**§ 9231. Command: chaplains**

An officer designated as a chaplain has rank without command.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 531, §8581; renumbered §9231, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(b)(7), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8581 .....	10:235.	R.S. 1122.

The words “and shall be on the same footing with other officers of the Army, as to tenure of office, retirement, and pensions” are omitted as obsolete, since there is no distinction between the status of a chaplain as an officer and the status of other officers of the Air Force.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8581 of this title as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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**§ 9233. Requirement of exemplary conduct**

All commanding officers and others in authority in the Air Force and in the Space Force are required—

- (1) to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, patriotism, and subordination;
- (2) to be vigilant in inspecting the conduct of all persons who are placed under their command;
- (3) to guard against and suppress all dissolute and immoral practices, and to correct, according to the laws and regulations of the Air Force or the Space Force, respectively, all persons who are guilty of them; and