

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8917	10:947 (less proviso). 10:947a (less last 11 words).	Mar. 2, 1907, ch. 2515, § 1 (1st 35 words), 34 Stat. 1217. Feb. 14, 1885, ch. 67 (less 43d through 53d words); restated Sept. 30, 1890, ch. 1125 (less 43d through 53d words), 26 Stat. 504.

The word “regular” is inserted to conform to an opinion of the Judge Advocate General of the Army (JAGA 1953/2301, 23 Mar. 1953). The words “upon his request” are substituted for the words “upon making application to the President”, in 10:947, and “by application to the President”, in 10:947a. The words “either as a private or non-commissioned officer, or both”, in 10:947a, are omitted as surplusage. The words “shall be retired” are substituted for the words “be placed upon the retired list”, in 10:947, and “be placed on the retired list heretofore created”, in 10:947a. The words “computed under section 8925 of this title” are inserted for clarity. The 21 words before the proviso and the proviso of the Act of February 14, 1885, as restated, are not contained in 10:947a. They are also omitted from the revised section, since the proviso is executed and the 21 words before the proviso are omitted as covered by formula E of section 8991 of this title.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9317 was renumbered section 9417 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

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

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8917 of this title as this section and substituted “section 9325” for “section 8925”.

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.

§ 9318. Thirty years or more: regular commissioned officers

A regular commissioned officer of the Air Force or the Space Force who has at least 30 years of service computed under section 9326 of this title may be retired upon his request, in the discretion of the President.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 550, § 8918; renumbered § 9318 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§ 806(b)(13), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, 1840; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 923(c)(16), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3812.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8918	10:943.	R.S. 1243; Dec. 16, 1930, ch. 14, § 1 (as applicable to R.S. 1243), 46 Stat. 1028.

The word “commissioned” is inserted, since the retirement of warrant officers for length of service is cov-

ered by section 1293 of this title. The word “regular” is inserted, since 10:943 is applicable historically only to officers of a regular component. The words “and placed on the retired list” are omitted as surplusage. The words “computed under section 8926 of this title” are inserted for clarity.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9319 was renumbered section 9419 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

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

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8918 of this title as this section and substituted “section 9326” for “section 8926”.

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.

Executive Documents

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under this section to approve request of a regular commissioned officer of Air Force to retire after at least 30 years of service delegated to Secretary of Defense to perform, without approval, ratification, or other action by President, and with authority for Secretary to redelegate, see Ex. Ord. No. 12396, §§ 1(f), 3, Dec. 9, 1982, 47 F.R. 55897, 55898, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

§ 9320. More than thirty years: permanent professors and the Director of Admissions of the United States Air Force Academy

(a) The Secretary of the Air Force may retire an officer specified in subsection (b) who has more than 30 years of service as a commissioned officer.

(b) Subsection (a) applies in the case of the following officers:

(1) Any permanent professor of the United States Air Force Academy.

(2) The Director of Admissions of the United States Air Force Academy.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 551, § 8920; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, § 509(b)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 298; renumbered § 9320, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(13), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8920	10:1079a(c) (proviso).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, § 520(c) (proviso), 61 Stat. 912.

The word “retire” is substituted for the words “direct the retirement of”. The words “as a commissioned officer” are substituted for the word “commissioned”.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9320 was renumbered section 9420 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8920 of this title as this section.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “permanent professors and the Director of Admissions” for “professors” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of the Air Force may retire any permanent professor of the United States Air Force Academy who has more than 30 years of service as a commissioned officer.”

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.

§ 9321. Mandatory retirement: Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy; waiver authority

(a) MANDATORY RETIREMENT.—Upon the termination of the detail of an officer to the position of Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy, the Secretary of the Air Force shall retire the officer under any provision of this chapter under which the officer is eligible to retire.

(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the requirement in subsection (a) for good cause. In each case in which such a waiver is granted for an officer, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a written notification of the waiver, with a statement of the reasons supporting the decision that the officer not retire, and a written notification of the intent of the President to nominate the officer for reassignment. In the event a waiver under this subsection is granted, the subsequent nomination and appointment of such officer having served as Superintendent of the Academy to a further assignment in lieu of retirement shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

(Added Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, § 532(a)(3)(A), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 603, § 8921; amended Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, § 541(a)(3), (c)(3)(A), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1902, 1904; renumbered § 9321, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(13), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title V, § 509(c), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2560.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-263 inserted at end “In the event a waiver under this subsection is granted, the subsequent nomination and appointment of such officer having served as Superintendent of the Academy to a further assignment in lieu of retirement shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.”

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8921 of this title as this section.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375 inserted “; waiver authority” after “Academy” in section catchline, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

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.

APPLICATION OF SECTION TO SUPERINTENDENTS SERVING ON OCTOBER 5, 1999

Section not applicable to an officer serving on Oct. 5, 1999, in the position of Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy, or Air Force Academy for so long as that officer continues on and after that date to serve in that position without a break in service, see section 532(a)(5) of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 3921 of this title.

§ 9324. Forty years or more: Air Force officers and Space Force officers

(a) Except as provided in section 1186 of this title, a commissioned officer of the Air Force or the Space Force who has at least 40 years of service computed under section 9326 of this title shall be retired upon his request.

(b) Any warrant officer of the Air Force or the Space Force who has at least 40 years of service computed under section 9326(a) of this title shall be retired upon his request.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 552, § 8924; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 504(18), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2917; renumbered § 9324 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§ 806(b)(13), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, 1840; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 923(c)(17)(A), (B), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3812.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8924(a)	10:942 (as applicable to commissioned officers).	June 30, 1882, ch. 254 (last 21 words of 3d proviso under “Pay Department”), 22 Stat. 118.
8924(b)	10:942 (less applicability to commissioned officers).	

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided in section 8786 of this title” are inserted, since, under that revised section, when board proceedings are pending against a commissioned officer, his right to retire under this revised section, which is otherwise absolute, is discretionary with the Secretary under that revised section.

In subsections (a) and (b), the words “or volunteer service, or both” are omitted as obsolete in accordance with an opinion of the Attorney General, 22 Ops. Atty. Gen. 199, Aug. 30, 1898, holding that such words refer to volunteer service in the Civil War. The words “upon his request” are substituted for the words “if he make application therefor to the President”.

In subsection (b), the applicability of 10:942 to warrant officers is based on an opinion of the Judge Advocate General of the Army (JAGA 1950/6951, 4 Jan. 1951), which holds that 10:942 (less provisos) makes 10:942 applicable to warrant officers.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “Forty years or more: Air Force officers and Space Force officers” for “Forty years or more: Air Force officers” in section catchline and inserted “or the Space Force” after “Air Force” in subsecs. (a) and (b).