

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
9804	10:1863.	Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 524, § 3, 65 Stat. 573.

The words “under this section” are substituted for the words “for salvage services rendered”. The words “consider, ascertain, adjust, determine” are omitted as covered by the word “settle”, as defined in section 9801 of this title. The words “and receive payment of” are inserted for clarity and to conform to section 9803 of this title. The words “as miscellaneous receipts” are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92-417 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), and in subsec. (a) as so designated, eliminated the requirement that the Secretary of the Air Force discharge his functions under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, and added subsec. (b).

[§ 9805. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-533, § 1(7)(A), June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 246]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 592, related to reports to Congress with respect to claims under sections 9802, 9803, and 9804 of this title.

§ 9806. Settlement or compromise: final and conclusive

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon acceptance of payment the settlement or compromise of a claim under section 9802 or 9803 of this title is final and conclusive.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 593.)

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9806	10:861 (35 words before 1st proviso). 10:862 (last 32 words of 2d sentence).	Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 524, § 1 (35 words before 1st proviso); 2 (last 32 words of 2d sentence), 65 Stat. 572, 573.

The words “for all purposes” and “to the contrary”, in 10:1861 and 1862; “by the claimant and not until then”, in 10:1861; and “but not until then”, in 10:1862; are omitted as surplusage.

CHAPTER 983—ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Sec.	
9831.	Custody of departmental records and property.
[9832, 9833, 9835, 9836. Repealed.]	
9837.	Settlement of accounts: remission or cancellation of indebtedness of members.
9838.	Settlement of accounts: affidavit of squadron commander.
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9842.	Settlement of accounts of line officers.

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2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(d)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 953 of this title as this chapter.

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, § 375(c)(2)(B), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 84, struck out items 9832 “Prop-

erty accountability: regulations” and 9836 “Individual equipment: unauthorized disposition”.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, § 683(c)(2), (3), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3324, struck out “enlisted” before “members” in item 9837.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, § 1006(c)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2633, struck out item 9835 “Reports of survey”.

1982—Pub. L. 97-258, § 2(b)(14)(A), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1058, added items 9841 and 9842.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 514(22)(C), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2937, substituted “remission or cancellation of indebtedness of enlisted members” for “deductions from pay” in item 9837.

1962—Pub. L. 87-480, § 1(5), June 8, 1962, 76 Stat. 94, struck out item 9833 “Accountability for public money; disbursing officers; agent officers”.

§ 9831. Custody of departmental records and property

The Secretary of the Air Force has custody and charge of all books, records, papers, furniture, fixtures, and other property under the lawful control of the executive part of the Department of the Air Force.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 593.)

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9831	5:191.	R.S. 217.

The words “under the lawful control of the executive part of the Department of the Air Force” are substituted for the words “appertaining to the Department”.

[§ 9832. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, § 375(c)(1)(C), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 84]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 593, authorized Secretary of the Air Force to prescribe regulations for property accountability.

[§ 9833. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-480, § 1(4), June 8, 1962, 76 Stat. 94]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 593, related to accountability of Air Force officers for public money. See section 2773 of this title.

[§ 9835. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, § 1006(c)(1), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2633]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 593, related to action upon reports of surveys and vouchers pertaining to the loss, spoilage, unserviceability, unsuitability, or destruction of or damage to property of the United States under the control of the Department of the Air Force.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable with respect to loss, spoilage, unserviceability, unsuitability, or destruction of, or damage to, property of United States under control of Department of Defense occurring on or after effective date of regulations prescribed pursuant to section 2787 of this title, see section 1006(d) of Pub. L. 107-314, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2787 of this title.

[§ 9836. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, § 375(c)(1)(D), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 84]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 594, prohibited unauthorized disposition of individual equipment by enlisted members of the Air Force.

§ 9837. Settlement of accounts: remission or cancellation of indebtedness of members

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force may have remitted or cancelled any part of the indebtedness of a person to the United States or any instrumentality of the United States incurred while the person was serving as a member of the Air Force or the Space Force, whether as a regular or a reserve in active status, but only if the Secretary considers such action to be in the best interest of the United States.

(b) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN DEBTS.—The authority in subsection (a) may be exercised with respect to any debt covered by that subsection that is incurred on or after October 7, 2001.

(c) REGULATIONS.—This section shall be administered under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 594; Pub. L. 85–861, §33(a)(45), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1567; Pub. L. 87–649, §14c(58), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 502; Pub. L. 96–513, title V, §514(22)(A), (B), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2936; Pub. L. 109–163, div. A, title VI, §683(c)(1), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3323; Pub. L. 109–364, div. A, title VI, §673(c)(1), (2), (e)(3), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2271, 2272; Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title X, §1063(c)(7)(C), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 323; Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title VI, §671(b)(3), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2173; Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title IX, §923(e)(22), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3819.)

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1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9837(a)	10:875.	R.S. 1300.
9837(b)	10:875b.	R.S. 1301.
9837(b)	10:875a (less 3d and last provisos).	May 22, 1928, ch. 676, 45 Stat. 698; June 26, 1934, ch. 751, 48 Stat. 1222.
9837(c)	10:875a (last proviso).	
9837(d)	10:875a (3d proviso).	
9837(e)	10:871.	R.S. 1303.
9837(f)	10:872.	R.S. 1304.
9837(g)	10:875c.	R.S. 1299.

In subsection (a), the words “sold to the member on credit under section 9621(a)(1) of this title” are substituted for the words “articles designated by the inspectors general of the Army, and sold to him on credit by officers of the Quartermaster Corps”, in 10:875. The words “at cost prices” are omitted to reflect section 9623 of this title.

In subsection (b), the last sentence is substituted for 10:875a (1st and 2d provisos). The words “on current payrolls” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c), the words “Subject to subsection (b)” are substituted for the words “in the proportions hereinbefore indicated”.

In subsection (d), the words “If he considers it in the best interests of the United States” are substituted for the words “when in his opinion the interests of the Government are best served by such action”. The words “before, or at the time of” are substituted for the words “either on * * * or prior thereto”.

In subsection (e), the words “member” and “his” are substituted for the words “officer or soldier”. The words “or implement” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (f), the words “or if an article of military supply with whose issue a commissioned officer is charged is damaged” are substituted for 10:872 (last sentence). The words “that he was not at fault” are substituted for the words “that said deficiency [such damage] was not occasioned by any fault on his part”.

In subsection (g), the words “bought on credit under section 9621(a)(1) of this title” are substituted for the words “designated by the officers of the Inspector-General’s Department of the Army and purchased on credit from commissaries of subsistence”.

1958 ACT

The change [in subsec. (b)] reflects the opinion of the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force (June 10, 1957) that the term “rate of pay”, as used in the source law for section 9837(b) (Act of May 22, 1928, ch. 676 (45 Stat. 698), as amended), included special pay and incentive pay.

The change [in subsec. (f)] reflects the opinion of the Assistant General Counsel (Fiscal Matters), Department of Defense (July 19, 1957), that section 1304, Revised Statutes (formerly 10 U.S.C. 872), the source law for this section, applied to warrant officers as well as to commissioned officers.

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2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–283 inserted “or the Space Force” after “member of the Air Force”.

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114–328 substituted “as a member of the Air Force, whether as a regular or a reserve in active status” for “on active duty as a member of the Air Force”.

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–181 made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 109–364, §673(c)(1). See 2006 Amendment note below.

2006—Pub. L. 109–163 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “If he considers it in the best interest of the United States, the Secretary may have remitted or cancelled any part of an enlisted member’s indebtedness to the United States or any of its instrumentalities remaining unpaid before, or at the time of, that member’s honorable discharge.”

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109–364, §673(e)(3), substituted “The Secretary of the Air Force” for “If the Secretary considers it to be in the best interest of the United States, the Secretary” and inserted before period at end “, but only if the Secretary considers such action to be in the best interest of the United States”.

Pub. L. 109–364, §673(c)(1), as amended by Pub. L. 110–181, substituted “of a person to the United States or any instrumentality of the United States incurred while the person was serving on active duty as a member of the Air Force” for “of a member of the Air Force on active duty, or a member of a reserve component of the Air Force in an active status, to the United States or any instrumentality of the United States incurred while the member was serving on active duty”.

Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 109–364, §673(c)(2), redesignated subsecs. (c) and (d) as (b) and (c), respectively, and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (b). Text read as follows: “The Secretary may exercise the authority in subsection (a) with respect to a member—

“(1) while the member is on active duty or in active status, as the case may be;

“(2) if discharged from the armed forces under honorable conditions, during the one-year period beginning on the date of such discharge; or

“(3) if released from active status in a reserve component, during the one-year period beginning on the date of such release.”

1980—Pub. L. 96–513 substituted “remission or cancellation of indebtedness of enlisted members” for “deductions from pay” in section catchline, and struck out designation “(d)” before “If he”.

1962—Pub. L. 87–649 repealed subsecs. (a) to (c) and (e) to (g) which related to deductions from pay. See subsecs. (b) to (g) of section 1007 of Title 37, Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services.

1958—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 85–861, §33(a)(45)(A), substituted “his pay for that month” for “his basic pay for that month”.