

“(2) are in grade of brigadier general and above; and
“(3) have been recommended by the Secretary of
the Air Force.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-398 amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (c) read as follows: “The Chief of Air Force Reserve holds office for four years, but may be removed for cause at any time. He is eligible to succeed himself. If he holds a lower reserve grade, he shall be appointed in the grade of major general for service in the Air Force Reserve. However, if selected in accordance with section 12505 of this title, he may be appointed in the grade of lieutenant general.”

1999—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-65 inserted at end “However, if selected in accordance with section 12505 of this title, he may be appointed in the grade of lieutenant general.”

1997—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-85 struck out “(1)” before “The Chief of Air Force”.

1996—Subsecs. (d) to (f). Pub. L. 104-201 added subsecs. (d) to (f).

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “10211” for “265”.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-433, § 522(g)(3), struck out the comma after “Chief of Staff”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT; APPLICABILITY TO INCUMBENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-65 effective 60 days after Oct. 5, 1999, with special provision for an officer who is a covered position incumbent who is appointed under that amendment to the grade of lieutenant general or vice admiral, see section 554(g), (h) of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 3038 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-337 effective Dec. 1, 1994, except as otherwise provided, see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103-337, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on first day of first calendar month following date of enactment of Pub. L. 90-168, which was approved Dec. 1, 1967, see section 7 of Pub. L. 90-168, set out as an Effective Date of 1967 Amendment note under section 138 of this title.

§ 8039. Chief of Chaplains: appointment; duties

(a) CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS.—(1) There is a Chief of Chaplains in the Air Force, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from officers of the Air Force designated under section 8067(h) of this title as chaplains who—

(A) are serving in the grade of colonel or above;

(B) are serving on active duty; and

(C) have served on active duty as a chaplain for at least eight years.

(2) An officer appointed as the Chief of Chaplains shall be appointed for a term of three years. However, the President may terminate or extend the appointment at any time.

(3) The Chief of Chaplains shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force and by law.

(b) SELECTION BOARD.—Under regulations approved by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, in selecting an officer for recommendation to the President for appointment as the Chief of Chaplains, shall ensure that the officer selected is recommended by a board of officers that, insofar as practicable, is subject to the procedures applicable to the selec-

tion boards convened under chapter 36 of this title.

(c) GRADE.—An officer appointed as Chief of Chaplains who holds a lower regular grade may be appointed in the regular grade of major general.

(Added Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title V, § 508(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1716.)

CHAPTER 807—THE AIR FORCE

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AMENDMENTS

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title IX, § 912(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1196, added item 8084.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, § 1073(a)(66), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1904, substituted “nurses” for “Nurse Corps” in item 8069.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, § 502(c)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2511, added item 8069.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, § 1674(b)(1), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3016, struck out items 8076 “Air Force Reserve: composition”, 8077 “Air National Guard of United States: composition”, 8078 “Air National Guard: when a component of Air Force”, 8079 “Air National Guard of United States: status when not in Federal service”, and 8080 “Air National Guard of the United States: authority of officers with respect to Federal status”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 522(g)(4), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1063, struck out item 8072 “Judge Advocate General, Deputy Judge Advocate General: appointment; duties”. See section 8037 of this title.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 504(3), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2915, struck out item 8066 “Generals and lieutenant generals”.

Pub. L. 96-343, § 12(b)(2), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1131, substituted “General, Deputy Judge Advocate General:” for “General:” in item 8072.

1978—Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, § 805(c)(2), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1622, added item 8081.

1967—Pub. L. 90-130, § 1(25), Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 382, struck out item 8071 “Temporary grade of colonel in the Air Force: appointment of women.”

1960—Pub. L. 86-603, § 1(3)(B), July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 358, added item 8080.

§ 8061. Regulations

The President may prescribe regulations for the government of the Air Force.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 493.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8061	10:16.	July 15, 1870, ch. 294, § 20, 16 Stat. 319; Mar. 1, 1875, ch. 115, 18 Stat. 337.

The word “prescribe” is substituted for the words “make and publish”. 10:16 (last 35 words) is omitted as surplusage.

§ 8062. Policy; composition; aircraft authorization

(a) It is the intent of Congress to provide an Air Force that is capable, in conjunction with the other armed forces, of—

- (1) preserving the peace and security, and providing for the defense, of the United States, the Commonwealths and possessions, and any areas occupied by the United States;
- (2) supporting the national policies;
- (3) implementing the national objectives; and
- (4) overcoming any nations responsible for aggressive acts that imperil the peace and security of the United States.

(b) There is a United States Air Force within the Department of the Air Force.

(c) In general, the Air Force includes aviation forces both combat and service not otherwise assigned. It shall be organized, trained, and equipped primarily for prompt and sustained offensive and defensive air operations. It is responsible for the preparation of the air forces necessary for the effective prosecution of war except as otherwise assigned and, in accordance with integrated joint mobilization plans, for the expansion of the peacetime components of the Air Force to meet the needs of war.

(d) The Air Force consists of—

(1) the Regular Air Force, the Air National Guard of the United States, the Air National Guard while in the service of the United States, and the Air Force Reserve;

(2) all persons appointed or enlisted in, or conscripted into, the Air Force without component; and

(3) all Air Force units and other Air Force organizations, with their installations and supporting and auxiliary combat, training, administrative, and logistic elements; and all members of the Air 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.

(e) Subject to subsection (f) of this section, chapter 831 of this title, and the strength authorized by law pursuant to section 115 of this title, the authorized strength of the Air Force is 70 Regular Air Force groups and such separate Regular Air Force squadrons, reserve groups, and supporting and auxiliary regular and reserve units as required.

(f) There are authorized for the Air Force 24,000 serviceable aircraft or 225,000 airframe tons of serviceable aircraft, whichever the Secretary of the Air Force considers appropriate to carry out this section. This subsection does not apply to guided missiles.

(g)(1) Effective October 1, 2011, the Secretary of the Air Force shall maintain a total aircraft inventory of strategic airlift aircraft of not less than 301 aircraft. Effective on the date that is 45 days after the date on which the report under section 141(c)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 is submitted to the congressional defense committees, the Secretary shall maintain a total aircraft inventory of strategic airlift aircraft of not less than 275 aircraft.

(2) In this subsection:

(A) The term “strategic airlift aircraft” means an aircraft—

- (i) that has a cargo capacity of at least 150,000 pounds; and
- (ii) that is capable of transporting outsized cargo an unrefueled range of at least 2,400 nautical miles.

(B) The term “outsized cargo” means any single item of equipment that exceeds 1,090 inches in length, 117 inches in width, or 105 inches in height.

(h)(1) Beginning October 1, 2011, the Secretary of the Air Force may not retire more than six B-1 aircraft.

(2) The Secretary shall maintain in a common capability configuration not less than 36 B-1 aircraft as combat-coded aircraft.

(3) In this subsection, the term “combat-coded aircraft” means aircraft assigned to meet the primary aircraft authorization to a unit for the performance of its wartime mission.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 493; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §504(4), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2916; Pub. L. 99-433, title I, §110(g)(10), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1004; Pub. L. 100-26, §7(g)(3), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 282; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XIII, §1314(b)(9), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1176; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title X, §1057(a)(6), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3441; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title I, §132, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2112; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title I, §139, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2223; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title I, §131, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1320; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title I, §§141(a), 142(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1659, 1662.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8062(a)	10:20.	July 26, 1947, ch. 343, §208(a), (f), 61 Stat. 503; Aug. 10, 1949, ch. 412, §12(d), 63 Stat. 591.
8062(b)	5:626c(a).	
8062(c)	5:626c(f).	
8062(d)	10:20r(a).	
	10:1831.	
	50:1091.	July 10, 1950, ch. 454, §§2, 201, 203, 64 Stat. 321, 323, 324.
8062(e)	10:20r(b).	Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, §301, 65 Stat. 329.
8062(f)	10:20t.	July 9, 1952, ch. 608, §601, 66 Stat. 501.

In subsection (a), 10:20 (1st 19 words) is omitted as surplusage. The words “any areas occupied by the United States” are substituted for the words “occupied areas wherever located”.

Subsection (b) is substituted for 5:626c(a) (1st sentence). 5:626c(a) (last sentence) is omitted as executed.

In subsection (d), the words “consists of” are substituted for the word “includes”.

In subsection (d)(1), 10:20r(a) is omitted as superseded by 10:1831. The words “all persons serving in the Air Force under call or * * * under any provision of law, including members of the Air National Guard of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia when in the service of the United States pursuant to call as provided by law” are omitted as covered by the words “the Air National Guard while in the service of the United States”. 50:1091 (last sentence) is omitted, since the components listed include their members.

In subsection (d)(2), the words “or inducted” are omitted as covered by the word “conscripted”.

In subsection (e), the words “Effective on July 10, 1950” are omitted as executed. The words “the limitations imposed by” are omitted as surplusage. The words “not to exceed” are omitted as surplusage, since