

[§ 8577. Repealed. Pub. L. 93-525, Dec. 18, 1974, 88 Stat. 1695]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 530, provided for the command of flying units by commissioned officers of Air Force who had received aeronautical ratings as pilots of service types of aircraft.

[§ 8578. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-235, § 5(a)(2), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 761]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 530, provided for command when two or more commissioned officers of Air Force in same grade were on duty at same place. See section 749 of this title.

§ 8579. 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 8067 of this title, or over persons placed under his charge.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 531; 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.)

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rank” and “by competent authority” are omitted as surplusage. 10:166(e) (last 22 words of last sentence) is omitted as superseded by section 8012(e) of this title.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.

AMENDMENTS

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.

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.

[§ 8580. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-130, § 1(30), Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 382]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 531, provided that Secretary of Air Force should prescribe military authority that female members of Air Force, except those designated under section 8067 of this title to perform professional functions, might exercise.

§ 8581. Command: chaplains

An officer designated as a chaplain has rank without command.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 531.)

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.

[§ 8582. Repealed. Pub. L. 96-513, title II, § 211, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2885]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 531, provided that a retired officer has no right to command except when on active duty. See section 750 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as an Effective Date of 1980 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

§ 8583. Requirement of exemplary conduct

All commanding officers and others in authority in the Air 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, all persons who are guilty of them; and
- (4) to take all necessary and proper measures, under the laws, regulations, and customs of the Air Force, to promote and safeguard the morale, the physical well-being, and the general welfare of the officers and enlisted persons under their command or charge.

(Added Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, § 507(b)(1), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1727.)