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3282. General officers: title of office.
3283. Commissioned officers: appointment without specification of branch; transfer between branches.
[3284 to 3309. Repealed.]
3310. Warrant officers: original appointment; qualifications.
[3311 to 3314. Repealed.]

AMENDMENTS

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §502(8), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2909, struck out items 3284 “Commissioned officers: appointment, how made”, 3285 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; qualifications”, 3286 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; age limitations”, 3287 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; service credit”, 3288 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; determination of grade”, 3289 “Commissioned officers; Medical Corps: original appointment; professional examination”, 3290 “Commissioned officers; Medical Service Corps: original appointment; additional qualifications, grade”, 3291 “Commissioned officers: Army Nurse Corps and Army Medical Specialist Corps: original appointment; additional qualifications, grade”, 3292 “Commissioned officers; Judge Advocate General’s Corps: original appointment; additional qualifications, grade”, 3293 “Commissioned officers; Chaplains: original appointment; examination”, 3294 “Commissioned officers; Medical and Dental Corps: original appointment”, 3295 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; determination of place on promotion list”, 3296 “Promotion lists: promotion-list officer defined; determination of place upon transfer or promotion”, 3297 “Selection boards”, 3298 “Commissioned officers: promotion to first lieutenant; effect of failure of promotion”, 3299 “Commissioned officers: promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel”, 3300 “Commissioned officers: promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel; selection board procedure”, 3302 “Commissioned officers: Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Corps: promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel; professional examination”, 3303 “Commissioned officers: effect of failure of promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel”, 3305 “Commissioned officers: promotion to colonel”, 3306 “Commissioned officers: promotion to brigadier general”, 3307 “Commissioned officers: promotion to major general”, 3308 “Commissioned officers: effect of removal from recommended list by President or failure of confirmation by Senate”, 3309 “Commissioned officers: physical examination for promotion”, 3312 “Officers: acceptance of promotion”, 3313 “Suspension of laws for promotion or mandatory retirement or separation during war or emergency”, and 3314 “Commissioned officers: promotion not to be delayed by another appointment”.

1978—Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, §820(d)(5), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1627, struck out item 3311 “Officers: female; limitations on appointment”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-130, §1(10)(C), (E), Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 375, struck out item 3304 “Commissioned officers; Army Nurse Corps and Army Medical Specialist: promotion to lieutenant colonel or colonel”, and struck out “other than officers in Army Nurse Corps and Army Medical Specialist Corps” after “Commissioned officers” in item 3305.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(79)(B), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1468, added item 3314.

1957—Pub. L. 85-155, title I, §101(9), (15), (17), Aug. 21, 1957, 71 Stat. 377, 379, substituted “Army Medical Specialist Corps” for “Women’s Medical Specialist Corps” in item 3291, “Army Medical Specialist” for “Women’s Medical Specialist Corps” and “promotion to lieutenant colonel or colonel” for “promotion to first lieutenant, captain, major, or lieutenant colonel” in item 3304, and “Commissioned officers other than officers in Army Nurse Corps and Army Medical Specialist Corps” for “Commissioned officers” in item 3305.

§ 3281. Commissioned officer grades

The commissioned grades in the Regular Army are:

- (1) Major general.
- (2) Brigadier general.
- (3) Colonel.
- (4) Lieutenant colonel.
- (5) Major.
- (6) Captain.
- (7) First lieutenant.
- (8) Second lieutenant.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 181.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3281	10:506(a) (last 24 words).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, § 502(a) (last 24 words), 61 Stat. 884.

§ 3282. General officers: title of office

An officer holding an appointment as a general officer in the Regular Army may be called a general officer in the Regular Army. In addition, a general officer of the Regular Army in the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Veterinary Corps, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, or the Chaplains, may be called a general officer of that branch.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 181.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3282	10:506(b) (less 2d sentence).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, § 502(b) (less 2d sentence), 61 Stat. 884.

The words “may be called” are substituted for the words “shall be known as” and “may be specifically referred to”. The words “of that branch” are substituted for the enumeration of branches.

§ 3283. Commissioned officers: appointment without specification of branch; transfer between branches

(a) Appointments in commissioned grades in the Regular Army shall be made without specification of branch except in each of the special branches and as professors or director of admissions of the United States Military Academy.

(b) Commissioned officers appointed in the Regular Army without specification of branch shall be assigned, and may be transferred and re-assigned, by the Secretary of the Army to branches other than the special branches, according to their professional qualifications and the needs of the Army.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 181; Pub. L. 85-600, §1(4), Aug. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 522; Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, §820(d)(1), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1627; Pub. L. 95-551, §2, Oct. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 2069.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3283(a)	10:506(b) (2d sentence). 10:506(c) (1st sentence).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, § 502(b) (2d sentence), (c) (less proviso), 61 Stat. 884; June 12, 1948, ch. 449, § 104(d)(1), 62 Stat. 358.
3283(b)	10:506(c) (less 1st sentence and less proviso).	

Subsection (a) is substituted for 10:506(b) (2d sentence) and 506(c) (1st sentence). The words “in each of the special branches” are substituted for the enumeration of branches in 10:506(b) (2d sentence) and for the words “each of the several corps of the Army Medical Service, as chaplains”, in 10:506(c).

In subsection (b), the words “other than the special branches and the Women’s Army Corps” are substituted for 10:506(c) (words between 3d and 4th parentheses). The word “their” is substituted for the words “of the officers concerned”. The words “of the Army” are substituted for the words “of the branches, arms, and services”. The words “from time to time” and “arms, and services” are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-551 substituted “director of admissions” for “registrar”.

Pub. L. 95-485 struck out “, in the Women’s Army Corps,” after “special branches”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-485 struck out “and the Women’s Army Corps” after “special branches”.

1958—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 85-600 inserted reference to registrar of the Military Academy.

[§§ 3284 to 3300. Repealed. Pub. L. 96-513, title II, § 204, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2880]

Section 3284, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 181, provided that appointments in commissioned grades in Regular Army be made by President, by and with the advice and consent of Senate. See section 531 of this title.

Section 3285, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 181; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(72), 72 Stat. 1466, prescribed eligibility requirements for original appointment in a commissioned grade in Regular Army, except in Medical Corps or Dental Corps and except a graduating cadet. See section 532 of this title.

Section 3286, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 181; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(73), 72 Stat. 1466, prescribed age limitations for original appointment in a commissioned grade in Regular Army, except in Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Army Nurse Corps, or Army Medical Specialist Corps. See section 532 of this title.

Section 3287, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 182; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(74), 72 Stat. 1466, provided service credit, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, for a person originally appointed in a commissioned grade in the Regular Army, except the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Army Nurse Corps, or Army Medical Specialist Corps, for the purpose of determining grade, position on a promotion list, seniority in his grade in the Regular Army, and eligibility for promotion, with appointment and service credit restrictions on persons who were cadets at the United States Military, Naval, or Air Force Academies but were not graduated, and a disallowance of service credits under this section for persons who graduated from one of these Academies. See section 533 of this title.

Section 3288, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 183; Aug. 21, 1957, Pub. L. 85-155, title I, § 101(7), 71 Stat. 376; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(75), 72 Stat. 1466, provided for determination of grade of a person originally appointed as a commissioned officer in Regular Army, except in Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Army Nurse Corps, or Army Medical Specialist Corps. See section 533 of this title.

Section 3289, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 183, provided that no person be originally appointed as a

first lieutenant in Regular Army in Medical Corps until he passes an examination of his professional fitness before an examining board composed of at least three officers of Medical Corps designated by Secretary of the Army. See section 532 of this title.

Section 3290, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 183, provided that an original appointment in Regular Army in Medical Service Corps be made only in grade of second lieutenant and from members of Regular Army, reserves not in an inactive status, or graduates of an accredited school of pharmacy or optometry, or of a school or college who hold a degree in a science allied to medicine or any other degree approved by Surgeon General. See section 532 of this title.

Section 3291, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 183; Aug. 21, 1957, Pub. L. 85-155, title I, § 101(8), 71 Stat. 376; Sept. 30, 1966, Pub. L. 89-609, § 1(4), 80 Stat. 852, prescribed eligibility requirements for an original appointment in Regular Army in Army Nurse Corps or Army Medical Specialist Corps in grade of second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain and provided for determination of years of service creditable for promotion. See section 532 of this title.

Section 3292, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 184, provided that original appointments in commissioned grades in Regular Army in Judge Advocate General’s Corps be made from officers of Regular Army in other branches, reserve commissioned officers assigned to Judge Advocate General’s Corps, or qualified civilian graduates of accredited law schools. See section 532 of this title.

Section 3293, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 184, provided that no person in civil life be originally appointed as a chaplain in Regular Army unless he has passed an examination prescribed by President as to his morale, mental, and physical qualifications. See section 532 of this title.

Section 3294, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 184; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(77), 72 Stat. 1467, provided that original appointments in Regular Army be made in grades of first lieutenant through colonel in Medical Corps or Dental Corps as the Army requires, from qualified doctors of medicine, osteopathy, or dentistry who are citizens of the United States and have such other qualifications as the Secretary of the Army prescribes, with specific additional eligibility requirements for a doctor of osteopathy, and that officers so appointed receive service credit for determining grade, position on a promotion list, seniority in grade in Regular Army, and eligibility for promotion. See section 532 of this title.

Section 3295, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 184; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(78), 72 Stat. 1467, provided for determination of the place on a promotion list of name of each person who is originally appointed in a commissioned grade in Regular Army and whose name is to be carried on a promotion list, other than persons appointed in Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Army Nurse Corps, or Army Medical Specialist Corps. See section 624 of this title.

Section 3296, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 184; Aug. 21, 1957, Pub. L. 85-155, title I, § 101(10), 71 Stat. 377; Aug. 6, 1958, Pub. L. 85-600, § 1(5), 72 Stat. 522; June 4, 1968, Pub. L. 90-329, 82 Stat. 170; Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, § 820(d)(2), 92 Stat. 1627; Oct. 30, 1978, Pub. L. 95-551, § 2, 92 Stat. 2069, provided for promotion lists in Regular Army for all commissioned officers in grades below brigadier general on active list, with exceptions, which officers are known as “promotion-list officers”, a separate list for Chaplains and each of the several branches of Army Medical Department, and determination of place on list upon transfer or promotion. See section 624 of this title.

Section 3297, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 185; Aug. 21, 1957, Pub. L. 85-155, title I, § 101(11), 71 Stat. 377; July 12, 1960, Pub. L. 86-616, § 1(1), 74 Stat. 386; Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, § 820(d)(3), 92 Stat. 1627, provided for selection boards to recommend promotion-list officers and brigadier generals of Regular Army for promotion in Regular Army. See section 611 et seq. of this title.