

with such repeal not applicable in the case of an Air Force nurse or medical specialist described in section 8963 of this title, as such section was in effect on the day before Nov. 8, 1985.

**§ 8964. Higher grade after 30 years of service: warrant officers and enlisted members**

(a) Each retired member of the Air Force covered by subsection (b) who is retired with less than 30 years of active service is entitled, when his active service plus his service on the retired list totals 30 years, to be advanced on the retired list to the highest grade in which he served on active duty satisfactorily (or, in the case of a member of the National Guard, in which he served on full-time duty satisfactorily), as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(b) This section applies to—

- (1) warrant officers of the Air Force;
- (2) enlisted members of the Regular Air Force; and
- (3) reserve enlisted members of the Air Force who, at the time of retirement, are serving on active duty (or, in the case of members of the National Guard, on full-time duty).

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 555; Pub. L. 85-861, §1(198A), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1541; Pub. L. 98-525, title V, §533(c), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2528; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title V, §512(c), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1090.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES  
1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8964 .....	10:594 (1st proviso, less last 39 words; and last proviso). 10:1004 (less 30 words before proviso).	Aug. 21, 1941, ch. 384, § 5 (1st proviso, less last 39 words; and last proviso); restated June 29, 1948, ch. 708, §203 (c) (1st proviso, less last 39 words; and last proviso). 62 Stat. 1085; May 29, 1954, ch. 249, §19(f), 68 Stat. 167; June 29, 1948, ch. 708, §203(e) (less 30 words before proviso), 62 Stat. 1086.

The words “when his active service plus his service on the retired list totals 30 years” are substituted for the words “upon the completion of thirty years [years of] service, to include the sum of his active service and his service on the retired list”, in 10:594 and 1004. The words “under any provision of law”, in 10:594 and 1004; “officer, flight officer, or warrant officer”, in 10:594; and “commissioned, warrant, or enlisted”, in 10:1004; are omitted as surplusage. 10:594 (last proviso) and 1004 (proviso) are omitted as superseded by section 1372 of this title.

1958 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8964 .....	10 App.:1004.	May 31, 1956, ch. 348, §1, 70 Stat. 222.

AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-180 substituted “warrant officers and enlisted members” for “Air Force warrant officers; regular enlisted members” in section catchline, and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Each warrant officer of the Air Force, and each enlisted member of the Regular Air Force, who is retired before or after this title is enacted is entitled, when his active service plus his service on the retired

list totals 30 years, to be advanced on the retired list to the grade that is equal to the highest grade in which he served on active duty satisfactorily, as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.”

1984—Pub. L. 98-525 substituted “highest grade” for “highest temporary grade”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861 struck out “after September 8, 1940 and before July 1, 1946” after “Secretary of the Air Force”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-180 applicable to any reserve enlisted member who completes 30 years of service in Armed Forces before, on, or after Dec. 4, 1987, and no person to be paid retired pay at higher rate by reason of enactment of Pub. L. 100-180 for any period before Dec. 4, 1987, see section 512(f) of Pub. L. 100-180, set out as a note under section 3964 of this title.

**§ 8965. Restoration to former grade: retired warrant officers and enlisted members**

Each retired warrant officer or enlisted member of the Air Force who has been advanced on the retired list to a higher commissioned grade under section 8964 of this title, and who applies to the Secretary of the Air Force within three months after his advancement, shall, if the Secretary approves, be restored on the retired list to his former warrant-officer or enlisted status, as the case may be.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 555; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title V, §512(d)(3), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1090; Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title XII, §1233(i)(2)(A), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 2058.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8965 .....	10:1006.	June 29, 1948, ch. 708, §204, 62 Stat. 1086.

The words “hereafter”, “rank or”, and “shall thereafter be deemed to be enlisted or warrant officer personnel, as appropriate, for all purposes” are omitted as surplusage. The words “three months from June 29, 1948” and “whichever is later” are omitted as executed.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-456 substituted “retired” for “Regular Air Force” in section catchline.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180 struck out “Regular” before “Air Force who”.

**§ 8966. Retired lists**

(a) The Secretary of the Air Force shall maintain a retired list containing the name of each retired commissioned officer of the Regular Air Force.

(b) The Secretary shall maintain a retired list containing the name of—

(1) each person entitled to retired pay under any law providing retired pay for commissioned officers of the Air Force, other than of the Regular Air Force; and

(2) each retired warrant officer or enlisted member of the Air Force who is advanced to a commissioned grade.

(c) The Secretary shall maintain a retired list containing the name of each retired warrant officer of the Air Force.

(d) The Secretary shall maintain a retired list containing the name of each retired enlisted member of the Regular Air Force.