suspension of the ordinary academic studies, without deduction of pay or allowances, to a professor, assistant professor, instructor, or other officer of the Academy.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 563.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9341	10:1144.	R.S. 1330.

The words "under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army" are omitted, since the Secretary has inherent authority to issue regulations appropriate to exercising his statutory functions.

§ 9341a. Cadets: appointment by the President

Cadets at the Academy shall be appointed by the President alone. An appointment is conditional until the cadet is admitted.

(Added Pub. L. 97–60, title II, 203(c)(2)(A), Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 1006.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective with respect to nominations for appointment to the first class admitted to each Academy after Oct. 14, 1981, see section 203(d) of Pub. L. 97–60, set out as a note under section 4341a of this title.

§ 9342. Cadets: appointment; numbers, territorial distribution

- (a) The authorized strength of Air Force Cadets of the Academy (determined for any year as of the day before the last day of the academic year) is 4,400 or such lower number as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force under subsection (j). Subject to that limitation, Air Force Cadets are selected as follows:
 - (1) 65 cadets selected in order of merit as established by competitive examination from the children of members of the armed forces who were killed in action or died of, or have a service-connected disability rated at not less than 100 per centum resulting from wounds or injuries received or diseases contracted in, or preexisting injury or disease aggravated by, active service, children of members who are in a "missing status" as defined in section 551(2) of title 37, and children of civilian employees who are in "missing status" as defined in section 5561(5) of title 5. The determination of the Department of Veterans Affairs as to service connection of the cause of death or disability, and the percentage at which the disability is rated, is binding upon the Secretary of the Air
 - (2) Five cadets nominated at large by the Vice President or, if there is no Vice President, by the President pro tempore of the Senate.
 - (3) Ten cadets from each State, five of whom are nominated by each Senator from that State.
 - (4) Five cadets from each congressional district, nominated by the Representative from the district.
 - (5) Five cadets from the District of Columbia, nominated by the Delegate to the House of Representatives from the District of Columbia

- (6) Four cadets from the Virgin Islands, nominated by the Delegate in Congress from the Virgin Islands.
- (7) Six cadets from Puerto Rico, five of whom are nominated by the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico and one who is a native of Puerto Rico nominated by the Governor of Puerto Rico.
- (8) Four cadets from Guam, nominated by the Delegate in Congress from Guam.
- (9) Three cadets from American Samoa, nominated by the Delegate in Congress from American Samoa.
- (10) Three cadets from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, nominated by the Delegate in Congress from the commonwealth.

Each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, including the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, is entitled to nominate 10 persons for each vacancy that is available to him under this section. Nominees may be submitted without ranking or with a principal candidate and 9 ranked or unranked alternates. Qualified nominees not selected for appointment under this subsection shall be considered qualified alternates for the purposes of selection under other provisions of this chapter. When a nominee of a Senator, Representative, or Delegate is selected for appointment as a cadet, the Senator, Representative, or Delegate shall be notified at least 48 hours before the official notification or announcement of the appointment is

- (b) In addition, there may be appointed each year at the Academy cadets as follows:
 - (1) one hundred selected by the President from the children of members of an armed force who— $\,$
 - (A) are on active duty (other than for training) and who have served continuously on active duty for at least eight years;
 - (B) are, or who died while they were, retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay;
 - (C) are serving as members of reserve components and are credited with at least eight years of service computed under section 12733 of this title; or
 - (D) would be, or who died while they would have been, entitled to retired pay under chapter 1223 of this title except for not having attained 60 years of age;

however, a person who is eligible for selection under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) may not be selected under this paragraph.

- (2) 85 nominated by the Secretary of the Air Force from enlisted members of the Regular Air Force.
- (3) 85 nominated by the Secretary of the Air Force from enlisted members of reserve components of the Air Force.
- (4) 20 nominated by the Secretary of the Air Force, under regulations prescribed by him, from the honor graduates of schools designated as honor schools by the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, or the Department of the Air Force, and from members of the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps.