

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(e)(2)(A), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837, 1838, redesignated chapter 571 of this title as this chapter and items 6321 to 6336 as 8321 to 8336, respectively.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title V, §515(b)(4)(B), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3235, substituted “Navy Reserve” for “Naval Reserve” in item 6327.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, §532(b)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2519, added item 6336.

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, §561(d)(3)(B), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 323, added item 6328.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title V, §512(e)(2), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1091, added items 6334 and 6335.

1986—Pub. L. 99-348, title III, §304(b)(3), July 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 704, struck out item 6328 “Treatment of fractions of years of service in computing retired pay” and substituted “Computation of” for “Treatment of fractions of dollar amounts in computing” in item 6333.

1983—Pub. L. 98-94, title IX, §922(a)(10)(B), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 641, added item 6333.

1967—Pub. L. 90-130, §1(23)(B), Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 380, struck out “Nurse Corps” before “Officers” in item 6324.

§ 8321. Officers: 40 years

(a) Each officer of the Regular Navy or the Regular Marine Corps holding a permanent appointment in the grade of warrant officer, W-1, or above who applies for retirement after completing 40 or more years of active service shall be retired by the Secretary of the Navy.

(b) For the purpose of this section, an officer’s years of active service are computed by adding all his active service in the armed forces.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 393, §6321; renumbered §8321, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(b)(15), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6321 .....	34 U.S.C. 381.  34 U.S.C. 879 (less applicability to enlisted men).  34 U.S.C. 626-1(a) (1st sentence).	R.S. 1443; June 17, 1948, ch. 497, §1(a), 62 Stat. 477. June 4, 1920, ch. 228, §3 (3d proviso, less applicability to enlisted men), 41 Stat. 835. Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, §314(a) (1st sentence), 61 Stat. 863; May 5, 1954, ch. 180, §205, 68 Stat. 68.

In subsection (a) the words “Regular” and “holding a permanent appointment in the grade of warrant officer, W-1, or above” are inserted for clarity. The word “shall” is substituted for the word “may” because the Attorney General has construed R.S. 1443 as conferring a right to retirement upon officers who apply for it after 40 years of service (30 Op. Atty. Gen. 406). The words “from active service” are omitted as surplusage. The words “after completing 40 or more years of active service” are substituted for the words “has been forty years in the service of the United States” for clarity.

In subsection (b) the accepted meaning of the words “service of the United States” is spelled out for clarity. They have been consistently interpreted to include active service in the armed forces as defined in this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 6321 of this title as this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and

special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 8322. Officers: 30 years

(a) An officer of the Regular Navy or the Regular Marine Corps holding a permanent appointment in the grade of warrant officer, W-1, or above who applies for retirement after completing 30 or more years of active service may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, be retired.

(b) For the purpose of this section, an officer’s years of active service are computed by adding all his active service in the armed forces.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 394, §6322; Pub. L. 96-342, title VIII, §813(d)(1), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1104; Pub. L. 96-513, §513(17), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2932; Pub. L. 99-348, title II, §203(b)(1), July 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 696; renumbered §8322, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(b)(15), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

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Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6322 .....	34 U.S.C. 383.  34 U.S.C. 879 (less applicability to enlisted men).  34 U.S.C. 626-1(a) (1st sentence).	May 13, 1908, ch. 166, 35 Stat. 128 (8th sentence, less proviso); June 17, 1948, ch. 497, §1(d), 62 Stat. 477. June 4, 1920, ch. 228, §3 (3d proviso, less applicability to enlisted men), 41 Stat. 835. Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, §314(a) (1st sentence), 61 Stat. 863; May 5, 1954, ch. 180, §205, 68 Stat. 68.

In subsection (a) the words “Regular” and “holding a permanent appointment in the grade of warrant officer, W-1, or above” are inserted for clarity. The words “after completing 30 or more years of active service” are substituted for the words “has been thirty years in the service” for clarity. The words “retired from active service” are omitted as surplusage.

Subsection (b) is added to clarify the word “service”. It has been consistently interpreted to include active service in the armed forces as defined in this title.

In subsection (c) the words “is entitled to retired pay at the rate of 75 percent of the highest basic pay of the grade in which retired” are substituted for the words “with three-fourths of the highest pay of his grade” for clarity and uniformity of expression.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 6322 of this title as this section.

1986—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-348 struck out subsec. (c) which provided that each officer retired under this section be entitled to retired pay, in the case of an officer who first became a member of a uniformed service, as defined in section 1407(a)(2), before Sept. 8, 1980, at the rate of 75 percent of the highest basic pay of the grade in which retired, and in the case of an officer who first became a member of a uniformed service, as defined in section 1407(a)(2), on or after Sept. 8, 1980, at the rate of 75 percent of the monthly retired pay base computed under section 1407(d).

1980—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “September 8, 1980” for “the date of the enactment of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1981” wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 96-342 designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted provision limiting applicability to officers who became members of the uniformed services before the date of the enactment of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1981, and added par. (2).