

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title V, §504(e)(1)(B), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2532, added item 8023.  
 1988—Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VII, §702(c)(3), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1996, added item 8022.  
 1986—Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §521(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1060, amended analysis generally, substituting items 8011 to 8021 for former items 8010 to 8019.  
 1967—Pub. L. 90-168, §2(20), Dec. 1, 1967, 81 Stat. 525, added item 8019.  
 1964—Pub. L. 88-426, title III, §§305(40)(B), 306(j)(8), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 427, 432, struck out “; compensation” from item 8012, and struck out item 8018 “Compensation of General Counsel”.  
 1962—Pub. L. 87-651, title II, §213(b), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 524, added item 8010.  
 1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(154)(B), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1513, added item 8018.

**§ 9011. Organization**

The Department of the Air Force is separately organized under the Secretary of the Air Force. It operates under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense.

(Added Pub. L. 87-651, title II, §213(a), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 524, §8010; renumbered §8011, Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §521(a)(1), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1055; renumbered §9011, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES  
 1962 AMENDMENT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8010 .....	5:171a(c)(7) (1st sentence, as applicable to Department of Air Force).	July 26, 1947, ch. 343, §202(c)(7) (1st sentence as applicable to Department of Air Force); added Aug. 6, 1958, Pub. L. 85-599, §3(a) (1st sentence of 8th par., as applicable to Department of Air Force), 72 Stat. 516.

The word “operates” is substituted for the words “shall function”.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8011 of this title as this section.  
 1986—Pub. L. 99-433 renumbered section 8010 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.

**§ 9012. Department of the Air Force: seal**

The Secretary of the Air Force shall have a seal for the Department of the Air Force. The design of the seal must be approved by the President. Judicial notice shall be taken of the seal.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 488, §8011; renumbered §8012, Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §521(a)(1), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1055; renumbered §9012, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8011 .....	5:626(g).	July 26, 1947, ch. 343, §207(g), 61 Stat. 503.

The words “of office” are omitted as surplusage. The words “a design” are substituted for the words “such device”.

AMENDMENTS

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EX. ORD. NO. 9902. SEAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Ex. Ord. No. 9902, Nov. 1, 1947, 12 F.R. 7153, provided: WHEREAS section 207(g) of the National Security Act of 1947, approved July 26, 1947 (Public Law 253, 80th Congress 1st Session) provides, in part, that the Secretary of the Air Force shall cause a seal of office to be made for the Department of the Air Force of such device as the President shall approve; and

WHEREAS the Secretary of the Air Force has caused to be made and has recommended that I approve a seal the design of which accompanies and is hereby made a part of this order, and which is described in heraldic terms as follows:

SHIELD: Per fess nebuly abased azure and argent, in chief a thunderbolt or inflamed proper.

CREST: On a wreath argent and azure an American bald eagle, wings displayed and partially elevated proper in front of a cloud argent.

Encircling the shield and crest an arc of thirteen stars and below the shield the inscription “MCMXLVII”.

On a band encircling the whole the inscriptions “Department of the Air Force” and “United States of America.”

When illustrating the seal in color the background shall be ultramarine blue, the shield a light blue and white, and the thunderbolt in gold with flames in natural color. The twists of the wreath shall be alternated white and blue, and the eagle shall be in natural color in front of a white cloud. The thirteen stars shall be white, and the Roman numerals shall be gold. The encircling band shall be white edged in gold with black letters.

AND WHEREAS it appears that such seal is of suitable design and is appropriate for establishment as the official seal of the Department of the Air Force:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the said section 207(g) of the National Security Act of 1947, I hereby approve such seal as the official seal of the Department of the Air Force.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

**§ 9013. Secretary of the Air Force**

(a)(1) There is a Secretary of the Air Force, appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Secretary shall, to the greatest extent practicable, be appointed from among persons most highly qualified for the position by reason of background and experience, including persons with appropriate management or leadership experience. The Secretary is the head of the Department of the Air Force.

(2) A person may not be appointed as Secretary of the Air Force within five years after relief from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of an armed force.