

§ 9074. Commands: territorial organization

(a) Except as otherwise prescribed by law or by the Secretary of Defense, the Air Force shall be divided into such organizations as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

(b) For Air Force purposes, the United States, its possessions, and other places in which the Air Force is stationed or is operating, may be divided into such areas as directed by the Secretary. Officers of the Air Force may be assigned to command Air Force activities, installations, and personnel in those areas. In the discharge of the Air Force's functions or other functions authorized by law, officers so assigned have the duties and powers prescribed by the Secretary.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 495, §8074; Pub. L. 85-599, §4(f), Aug. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 517; Pub. L. 89-37, title III, §306(a), June 11, 1965, 79 Stat. 129; Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §523, Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1063; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title IX, §931(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1200; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title X, §1057(a)(2), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3440; renumbered §9074, 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)
8074(a)	10:1838(a)(1).	Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, §308, 309, 65 Stat. 332.
8074(b)	10:1838(a)(2).	
8074(c)	10:1838(b).	
8074(d)	10:1839.	

In subsection (b), the words “from time to time” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (d), the words “have the duties and powers” are substituted for the words “shall perform such duties and exercise such powers”. The words “of America”, “elements of”, “other provisions of”, and “so assigned” are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8074 of this title as this section.

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-163 struck out “its Territories,” after “the United States.”.

2001—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-107 struck out subsec. (c) which read as follows: “The Military Air Transport Service is redesignated as the Military Airlift Command.”

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-433 substituted “Except as otherwise prescribed by law or by the Secretary of Defense, the” for “The”.

1965—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89-37 added subsec. (c).

1958—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 85-599, §4(f)(1), substituted provisions permitting the Air Force to be divided into such organizations as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe for provisions which established an air-defense, a strategic, and a tactical command in the Air Force.

Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 85-599, §4(f)(2), redesignated subsec. (d) as (b), and repealed former subsecs. (b) and (c) which permitted the Secretary of the Air Force to establish additional commands and organizations in the interest of efficiency and economy of operation, and, for the duration of any war or national emergency, to establish new major commands or to discontinue or consolidate major commands.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 89-37, title III, §306(b), June 11, 1965, 79 Stat. 129, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section] shall become effective January 1, 1966.”

§ 9075. Regular Air Force: composition

(a) The Regular Air Force is the component of the Air Force that consists of persons whose continuous service on active duty in both peace and war is contemplated by law, and of retired members of the Regular Air Force.

(b) The Regular Air Force includes—

(1) the officers and enlisted members of the Regular Air Force;

(2) the professors, registrar, and cadets at the United States Air Force Academy; and

(3) the retired officers and enlisted members of the Regular Air Force.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 496, §8075; Pub. L. 85-600, §1(13), Aug. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 523; renumbered §9075, 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)
8075(a)	10:1832(a).	Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, §302, 65 Stat. 329; Apr. 1, 1954, ch. 127, §7, 68 Stat. 48.
8075(b)	10:1832 (less (a)).	

In subsection (b), the words “holding appointments or enlisted in the Regular Air Force as now or hereafter provided by law”, “and such other persons as are now or may hereafter be specified by law”, and “commissioned * * * warrant officers” are omitted as surplusage, since the revised section lists all persons in the Regular Air Force. 10:1832(b) (last sentence) is omitted as executed.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8075 of this title as this section.

1958—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 85-600 included the registrar of the Air Force Academy.

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.

§ 9081. Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services

There is an Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services in the Air Force who is appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force upon the recommendation of the Surgeon General from officers of the Air Force above the grade of lieutenant colonel who are designated as dental officers under section 9067(b) of this title. The Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, §805(c)(1), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1622, §8081; amended Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title V, §506, Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2004; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, §504(a), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2179; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, §502(oo), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2106; renumbered §9081 and amended Pub. L. 115-232,