

**§ 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,

div. A, title VIII, §§806(c), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, 1840.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8081 of this title as this section and substituted “section 9067(b)” for “section 8067(b)”.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 struck out second sentence which read as follows: “An appointee who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of major general.”

2006—Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “major general” for “brigadier general”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-261 substituted “lieutenant colonel” for “major” and “An appointee who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of brigadier general. The Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.” for “The term of office of the Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services is four years but may be increased or decreased by the Secretary of the Air Force.”

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 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, §504(b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2179, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the occurrence of the next vacancy in the position of Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services in the Air Force that occurs after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 2006] or, if earlier, on the date of the appointment to the grade of major general of the officer who is the incumbent in that position on the date of the enactment of the Act.”

§ 9084. Officer career field for space

The Secretary of the Air Force shall establish and implement policies and procedures to develop a career field for officers in the Air Force with technical competence in space-related matters to have the capability to—

- (1) develop space doctrine and concepts of space operations;
(2) develop space systems; and
(3) operate space systems.

(Added Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title IX, §912(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1196, §8084; amended Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title X, §1084(d)(32), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2063; renumbered §9084, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8084 of this title as this section.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “capability” for “capability”.

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.

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2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(e)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1834, redesignated items for chapters 831 to 875 as 911 to 949 and redesignated section numbers 8201 to 9061 as 9110 to 9381. Section numbers were conformed to the first section appearing in each chapter after renumbering by Pub. L. 115-232 to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title V, §576(c)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1488, added item for chapter 875.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1674(a), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3016, struck out items for chapters 837 “Appointments as Reserve Officers” and 863 “Separation or Transfer to Retired Reserve”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §504(1), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2915, struck out items for chapters 859 “Separation from Regular Air Force for Substandard Performance of Duty”, 860 “Separation from Regular Air Force for Moral or Professional Dereliction or in Interests of National Security”, and 865 “Retirement for Age”.

1968—Pub. L. 90-377, §5, July 5, 1968, 82 Stat. 288, struck out item for chapter 851 “United States Disciplinary Barracks”.

Pub. L. 90-235, §8(6), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 764, struck out item for chapter 847 “The Uniform”.

1960—Pub. L. 86-616, §§7(b), 8(b), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 393, 395, substituted “Substandard Performance of Duty” for “Failure to Meet Standards” in item for chapter 859 and added item for chapter 860.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(193), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1538, substituted “8841” for “[No present sections]” in item for chapter 863.

CHAPTER 911—STRENGTH

Sec. 9110. Regular Air Force: strength in grade; general officers.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(d)(3)(A), (e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 831 of this title as this chapter and item 8210 as 9110.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1674(b)(2), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3016, struck out items 8212 “Air Reserve; Air National Guard of the United States: strength in grade; temporary increases”, 8217 “Reserves: commissioned officers in an active status”, 8218 “Reserves: strength in grade; general officers in an active status”, 8219 “Reserves: strength in grade; commissioned officers in grades below brigadier general in an active status”, 8221 “Air Force Reserve”, 8222 “Air Force Reserve, exclusive of members on active duty”, 8223 “Air Force Reserve: warrant officers”, 8224 “Air National Guard of United States”, and 8225 “Air National Guard and Air National Guard of United States, exclusive of members on active duty”.

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title IV, §403(b)(3)(B), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1545, struck out item 8202 “Air Force: strength in grade; general officers”.