

**§ 9251. Presentation of United States flag upon retirement**

(a) PRESENTATION OF FLAG.—Upon the release of a member of the Air Force from active duty for retirement, the Secretary of the Air Force shall present a United States flag to the member.

(b) MULTIPLE PRESENTATIONS NOT AUTHORIZED.—A member is not eligible for a presentation of a flag under subsection (a) if the member has previously been presented a flag under this section or any other provision of law providing for the presentation of a United States flag incident to release from active service for retirement.

(c) NO COST TO RECIPIENT.—The presentation of a flag under this section shall be at no cost to the recipient.

(Added Pub. L. 105–261, div. A, title VI, § 644(c)(1), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2049, § 8681; amended Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title VI, § 652(e), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 666; renumbered § 9251, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(9), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 8681 of this title as this section.

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106–65 substituted “under this section or any other provision of law providing for the presentation of a United States flag incident to release from active service for retirement.” for “under this section or section 3681 or 6141 of this title or section 516 of title 14.”

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

Section applicable with respect to releases from active duty described in this section, sections 7251 and 8261 of this title, and section 2748 of Title 14, Coast Guard, on or after Oct. 1, 1998, see section 644(e) of Pub. L. 105–261, set out as a note under section 7251 of this title.

**§ 9252. Service credit: regular enlisted members; service as an officer to be counted as enlisted service**

An enlisted member of the Regular Air Force is entitled to count active service as an officer in the Air Force, and in the Army, as enlisted service for all purposes.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 535, § 8684; renumbered § 9252, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(9), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8684 .....	10:631a (last proviso).	July 14, 1939, ch. 267, § 1 (last proviso); restated May 29, 1954, ch. 249, § 19(b) (last proviso), 68 Stat. 166.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 8684 of this title as this section.

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**§ 9253. Flying officer rating: qualifications**

Only officers of the Air Force in the following categories may be rated as flying officers:

- (1) Officers who have aeronautical ratings as pilots of service types of aircraft or as aircraft observers.
- (2) Flight surgeons.
- (3) Officers undergoing flight training.
- (4) Officers who are members of combat crews, other than pilots of service types of aircraft, aircraft observers, and observers.
- (5) In time of war, officers who have aeronautical ratings as observers.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 538, § 8691; renumbered § 9253, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(9), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8691 .....	10:291c. 10:291c-1. 10:291e.	June 3, 1916, ch. 134, § 13a (8th, 9th, and 11th provisos); added July 2, 1926, ch. 721, § 2 (4th sentence, less 2d proviso), 44 Stat. 781; June 16, 1936, ch. 587, § 3, 49 Stat. 1524; Oct. 4, 1940, ch. 742 (last proviso), 54 Stat. 963. June 24, 1948, ch. 632 (2d proviso under “Finance Department”), 62 Stat. 650.

10:291c (proviso) and the words “after June 30, 1948”, in 10:291c-1, are omitted as executed. The definition of the term “flying officer”, in 10:291c, originally was a definition of the term “flying officer in time of peace” as provided by section 2 of the Act of July 2, 1926, ch. 721, 44 Stat. 781. Section 1 of the Act of October 4, 1940, ch. 742, 54 Stat. 963, eliminated the words “in time of peace”. As a consequence of that amendment, 10:291e (1st 26 words) is omitted as surplusage. Clause (2) is substituted for 10:291c-1 (less last 10 words). The words “commissioned officers or warrant”, in 10:291c-1, are omitted as surplusage. In clause (4), the last 19 words are substituted for the words “any other”.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 8691 of this title as this section.

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**CHAPTER 935—HOSPITALIZATION**

Sec. 9263. When Secretary may require.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 935, consisting of sections 9561 to 9565, related to issue of serviceable material to Armed Forces, prior to renumbering as chapter 965 of this title.