

grade is below brigadier general, and whose service as such a professor has been long and distinguished, may, in the discretion of the President, be retired in the grade of brigadier general.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 554, § 8962; Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(197), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1541; Pub. L. 89-288, § 6, Oct. 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 1050; Pub. L. 96-343, § 13(b)(1), (2), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1131; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 504(20), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2917; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, § 502(c), (d)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 293; renumbered § 9342, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(b)(14), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES
1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8962(a)	10:506b(d) (less 1st and last provisos).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, §§ 504(d) (less 1st and last provisos), 520(b) (less proviso), 61 Stat. 888, 912.
8962(b)	5:627b(h) (1st 42 words of 3d proviso).	June 12, 1948, ch. 449, § 303(h) (1st 42 words of 3d proviso), 62 Stat. 372.
8962(c)	10:1079a(b) (less proviso).	

In subsection (a), the words “who has served (1) as Chief of Staff to the President, (2) as Chief of Staff of the Air Force, (3) as a senior member of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations, or (4) in a position of importance and responsibility designated by the President to carry the grade of general or lieutenant general under section 8066 of this title” are substituted for the words “while serving in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) or (c) of this section”.

In subsection (b), the words “in that grade” are substituted for the words “in such higher temporary grade”. The words “under section 8071 of this title” are inserted for clarity.

In subsection (c), the words “Upon retirement” are substituted for the words “When * * * is retired”. The word “allowances” is omitted, since retired officers are not entitled to allowances. The words “grade is below brigadier general” are inserted, since any permanent professor who has the grade of brigadier general retires in that grade under section 9335 of this title.

1958 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8962	[No source].	[No source].

The amendment reflects section 1 of the Act of May 31, 1956, ch. 348 (70 Stat. 222), which in effect amended section 8963 of this title to cover regular and reserve officers covered by section 8962(b). As to temporary officers, section 8962(b) is obsolete. (See opinion of the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force, May 2, 1957.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9342 was renumbered section 9442 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8962 of this title as this section.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106 designated subsec. (b) as entire section and struck out subsec. (a) which read as follows: “Upon retirement, a commissioned officer of the Air Force who has served (1) as Chief of Staff to the President, (2) as Chief of Staff of the Air Force, (3) as a senior member of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations, or (4) as Surgeon General of the Air Force in the grade of lieutenant general may, in the discretion of the President, be retired, by and with the

advice and consent of the Senate, in the highest grade in which he served on active duty.”

1980—Pub. L. 96-343, § 13(b)(2), substituted “positions” for “positions: regular commissioned officers” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “or (4)” for “(4) in a position of importance and responsibility designated by the President to carry the grade of general or lieutenant general under section 8066 of this title, or (5)”.

Pub. L. 96-343, § 13(b)(1), substituted “Air Force who has” for “Regular Air Force who has” and “in which he served on active duty” for “held by him at any time on the active list”.

1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-288 added the Surgeon General of the Air Force to the list of commissioned officers who may, in the discretion of the President, be retired, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in the highest grade held by him at any time on the active list.

1958—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 85-861 redesignated subsec. (c) as (b), and struck out former subsec. (b) which related to retirement grade of a woman Air Force officer who served at least two and one-half years on active duty in the temporary grade of colonel in the Air Force under section 8071 of this title.

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 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT OF RETIRED COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF RESERVE COMPONENT TO HIGHER RETIRED GRADE; RECALCULATION OF PAY

For authority of the President to appoint a retired commissioned officer of a reserve component to a higher retired grade and for recalculation of pay, see section 13(c) of Pub. L. 96-343, set out as a note under section 7342 of this title.

RETIRED GRADE FOR CERTAIN GENERAL OFFICERS

Extension of privilege granted by subsec. (a) of this section, to officers, heretofore or hereafter retired, who served in the grade of general or lieutenant general after Dec. 7, 1941, and before July 1, 1946, see section 38 of act Aug. 10, 1956, set out as a note under section 7342 of this title.

§ 9343. Highest grade held satisfactorily: Reserve enlisted members reduced in grade not as a result of the member's misconduct

(a) A Reserve enlisted member of the Air Force described in subsection (b) who is retired under section 9314 of this title shall be retired in the highest enlisted grade in which the member served on active duty satisfactorily (or, in the case of a member of the National Guard, in which the member served on full-time National Guard duty satisfactorily), as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(b) This section applies to a Reserve enlisted member who—

(1) at the time of retirement is serving on active duty (or, in the case of a member of the National Guard, on full-time National Guard duty) in a grade lower than the highest enlisted grade held by the member while on active duty (or full-time National Guard duty); and

(2) was previously administratively reduced in grade not as a result of the member's own misconduct, as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(c) This section applies with respect to Reserve enlisted members who are retired under section 9314 of this title after September 30, 1996.

(Added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, §532(c)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2519, §8963; renumbered §9343 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§806(b)(14), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, 1840.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9343 was renumbered section 9443 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, §806(b)(14), renumbered section 8963 of this title as this section.

Subsecs. (a), (c). Pub. L. 115-232, §809(a), substituted “section 9314” for “section 8914”.

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.

§ 9344. Higher grade after 30 years of service: warrant officers and enlisted members

(a) Each retired member of the Air Force covered by subsection (b) who is retired with less than 30 years of active service is entitled, when his active service plus his service on the retired list totals 30 years, to be advanced on the retired list to the highest grade in which he served on active duty satisfactorily (or, in the case of a member of the National Guard, in which he served on full-time duty satisfactorily), as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(b) This section applies to—

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

(3) reserve enlisted members of the Air Force who, at the time of retirement, are serving on active duty (or, in the case of members of the National Guard, on full-time duty).

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 555, §8964; Pub. L. 85-861, §1(198A), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1541; Pub. L. 98-525, title V, §533(c), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2528; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title V, §512(c), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1090; renumbered §9344, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(b)(14), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES
1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8964	10:594 (1st proviso, less last 39 words; and last proviso). 10:1004 (less 30 words before proviso).	Aug. 21, 1941, ch. 384, §5 (1st proviso, less last 39 words; and last proviso); restated June 29, 1948, ch. 708, §203 (c) (1st proviso, less last 39 words; and last proviso). 62 Stat. 1085; May 29, 1954, ch. 249, §19(f), 66 Stat. 167; June 29, 1948, ch. 708, §203(e) (less 30 words before proviso), 62 Stat. 1086.

The words “when his active service plus his service on the retired list totals 30 years” are substituted for the words “upon the completion of thirty years [years of] service, to include the sum of his active service and his service on the retired list”, in 10:594 and 1004. The words “under any provision of law”, in 10:594 and 1004; “officer, flight officer, or warrant officer”, in 10:594; and “commissioned, warrant, or enlisted”, in 10:1004; are omitted as surplusage. 10:594 (last proviso) and 1004 (proviso) are omitted as superseded by section 1372 of this title.

1958 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8964	10 App.:1004.	May 31, 1956, ch. 348, §1, 70 Stat. 222.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9344, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 564; Pub. L. 98-94, title X, §1004(c)(1), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 659; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, §543(c), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1744; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, §534(c), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 605; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title V, §532(c)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-110; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §533(c)(1), (2), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1106, related to selection of persons from foreign countries to receive instruction at the United States Air Force Academy, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, §1248(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2525. See section 347 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8964 of this title as this section.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180 substituted “warrant officers and enlisted members” for “Air Force warrant officers; regular enlisted members” in section catchline, and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Each warrant officer of the Air Force, and each enlisted member of the Regular Air Force, who is retired before or after this title is enacted is entitled, when his active service plus his service on the retired list totals 30 years, to be advanced on the retired list to the grade that is equal to the highest grade in which he served on active duty satisfactorily, as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.”

1984—Pub. L. 98-525 substituted “highest grade” for “highest temporary grade”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861 struck out “after September 8, 1940 and before July 1, 1946” after “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 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-180 applicable to any reserve enlisted member who completes 30 years of service in Armed Forces before, on, or after Dec. 4, 1987, and no person to be paid retired pay at higher rate by reason of enactment of Pub. L. 100-180 for any period before Dec. 4, 1987, see section 512(f) of Pub. L. 100-180, set out as a note under section 3964 of this title.

§ 9345. Restoration to former grade: retired warrant officers and enlisted members

Each retired warrant officer or enlisted member of the Air Force who has been advanced on the retired list to a higher commissioned grade under section 9344 of this title, and who applies to the Secretary of the Air Force within three