

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-86 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 405(f) of Pub. L. 97-86, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, but the authority to prescribe regulations under the amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective on Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 742. Rank: warrant officers**

(a) Among warrant officer grades, warrant officer grades of a higher numerical designation are senior to warrant officer grades of a lower numerical designation.

(b) Rank among warrant officers of the same grade, and date of rank of warrant officers, is determined in the same manner as prescribed in section 741 of this title for officers in grades above warrant officer grades.

(Added Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title XI, § 1114(a), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1502.)

**Editorial Notes**

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 742, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 34, related to rank of regular officers and reserve officers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 85-861, § 36B(4), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1570.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 1, 1992, see section 1132 of Pub. L. 102-190, set out as an Effective Date of 1991 Amendment note under section 521 of this title.

**§ 743. Rank: Chief of Staff of the Army; Chief of Naval Operations; Chief of Staff of the Air Force; Commandant of the Marine Corps; Chief of Space Operations**

The Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of Space Operations rank among themselves according to dates of appointment to those offices, and rank above all other officers on the active-duty list of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force, except the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 34; Pub. L. 96-513, title I, § 501(11), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2908; Pub. L. 99-433, title II, § 202(b), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1010; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XIII, § 1314(a)(2), (b)(5)(A), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1175; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 924(b)(1)(H), (20)(A), (B), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3820, 3823.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
743 .....	5:626c(b).	July 26, 1947, ch. 343, § 208(b), 61 Stat. 503; Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, § 402, 65 Stat. 333.

5:626c(b) (1st sentence) is omitted as superseded by sections 8031(a)(1) and 8034(a) of this title. 5:626c(b) (2d sentence) is omitted as covered by section 8034(d) of this title. 5:626c(b) (3d and 4th sentences) is omitted as executed. 5:626c(b) (5th sentence) is omitted as covered by section 8034(b) of this title. 5:626c(b) (proviso of last sentence) is omitted as executed, since the incumbents to whom it is applied no longer hold the offices mentioned. The exception as to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is included because of section 142(c) of this title. The words “and the Marine Corps” are inserted, since under section 5081 of this title the Chief of Naval Operations takes precedence over all other officers of the naval service.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, § 924(b)(20)(B), amended section catchline generally. Prior to amendment, section catchline read as follows: “Rank: Chief of Staff of the Army; Chief of Naval Operations; Chief of Staff of the Air Force; Commandant of the Marine Corps”.

Pub. L. 116-283, § 924(b)(20)(A), substituted “the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of Space Operations” for “and the Commandant of the Marine Corps”.

Pub. L. 116-283, § 924(b)(1)(H), substituted “Marine Corps, and Space Force” for “and Marine Corps”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, § 1314(b)(5)(A), inserted “; Commandant of the Marine Corps” after “Air Force” in section catchline.

Pub. L. 100-180, § 1314(a)(2), made technical correction in directory language of Pub. L. 99-433. See 1986 Amendment note below.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, as amended by Pub. L. 100-180, § 1314(a)(2), inserted reference to the Commandant of the Marine Corp and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “active-duty list” for “active list”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XIII, § 1314(e)(1), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1176, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section, sections 2431 to 2434 of this title, and provisions set out as notes under sections 111 and 3033 of this title] shall apply as if included in the enactment of the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-433).”

## 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.

**[§ 744. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, § 502(i)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2103]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 34, related to assignment and grade of physician to the White House.

**[§ 745. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title XI, § 1114(b), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1502]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 34, related to ranking of warrant officers. See section 742 of this title.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Feb. 1, 1992, see section 1132 of Pub. L. 102-190, set out as an Effective Date of 1991 Amendment note under section 521 of this title.

**§ 747. Command: when different commands of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard join**

When different commands of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard join or serve together, the officer highest in rank in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard on duty there, who is otherwise eligible to command, commands all those forces unless otherwise directed by the President.

(Added Pub. L. 90-235, §5(a)(1)(A), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 760; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §924(b)(2)(A)(iv), (B), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3821.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, §924(b)(2)(B), amended section catchline generally. Prior to amendment, section catchline read as follows: “Command: when different commands of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard join”.

Pub. L. 116-283, §924(b)(2)(A)(iv), substituted “Marine Corps, Space Force,” for “Marine Corps,” in two places.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 749. Command: commissioned officers in same grade or corresponding grades on duty at same place**

(a) When the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard, as the case may be, has on duty in the same area, field command, or organization two or more commissioned officers of the same grade who are otherwise eligible to command, the President may assign the command without regard to rank in that grade.

(b) When officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard are on duty in the same area, field, command, or organization and two or more commissioned officers of different services, who are otherwise eligible to command, have the same grade or corresponding grades, the President may assign the command without regard to rank in that grade.

(Added Pub. L. 90-235, §5(a)(1)(A), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 760; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §924(b)(2)(A)(v), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3821.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “Marine Corps, Space Force,” for “Marine Corps,” in subsecs. (a) and (b).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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**Executive Documents**

## DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

For delegation of authority of President under this section, see section 1 of Ex. Ord. No. 12765, June 11, 1991, 56 F.R. 27401, set out as a note under section 113 of this title.

**§ 750. Command: retired officers**

A retired officer has no right to command except when on active duty.

(Added Pub. L. 96-513, title I, §108, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2870.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Sept. 15, 1981, but the authority to prescribe regulations under this section effective on Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as an Effective Date of 1980 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

**CHAPTER 45—THE UNIFORM**

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## AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, §505(a)(2), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4210, added item 777a.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, §503(a)(2), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 294, added item 777.

1992—Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title III, §377(b), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2387, added item 775 and redesignated former item 775 as 776.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title V, §508(b), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1087, added item 774 and redesignated former item 774 as 775.

1968—Pub. L. 90-235, §8(1)(B), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 764, added item 771a.