

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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.

**CHAPTER 943—RETIRED GRADE**

- Sec. 9341. General rule.
- 9342. Higher grade for service in special positions.
- 9343. Highest grade held satisfactorily: Reserve enlisted members reduced in grade not as a result of the member's misconduct.
- 9344. Higher grade after 30 years of service: warrant officers and enlisted members.
- 9345. Restoration to former grade: retired warrant officers and enlisted members.
- 9346. Retired lists.

**Editorial Notes**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 943, consisting of sections 9681 to 9686, related to disposal of obsolete or surplus material, prior to renumbering as chapter 973 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(d)(3)(B)(ii), (e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 869 of this title as this chapter and items 8961 to 8966 as 9341 to 9346, respectively.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, §532(c)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2520, added item 8963.

1988—Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title XII, §1233(i)(2)(B), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 2058, substituted “retired” for “Regular Air Force” in item 8965.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title V, §512(e)(3), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1091, substituted “warrant officers and enlisted members” for “Air Force warrant officers; regular enlisted members” in item 8964.

1985—Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, §1301(d)(2)(B), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 736, struck out item 8963 “Higher grade for service during certain periods: regular and reserve commissioned officers”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-343, §13(b)(3), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1131, substituted “positions” for “positions: regular commissioned officers” in item 8962.

**§ 9341. General rule**

(a)(1) The retired grade of a regular commissioned officer of the Air Force or the Space Force who retires other than for physical disability is determined under section 1370 of this title.

(2) The retired grade of a reserve commissioned officer of the Air Force or the Space Force who retires other than for physical disability is determined under section 1370a of this title.

(b) Unless entitled to a higher retired grade under some other provision of law, a Regular or Reserve of the Air Force or a Regular or Reserve of the Space Force not covered by subsection (a) who retires other than for physical disability retires in the regular or reserve grade that the member holds on the date of the member's retirement.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 554, §8961; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §504(19), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2917; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1674(c)(2), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3016; Pub. L. 106-398, §1

[[div. A], title V, §506(b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-102; renumbered §9341, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(b)(14), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title V, §508(b)(4), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3585.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Revised section</i> | <i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>  | <i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>  |
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| 8961 .....             | 10:941a(a)(3) (31st through 42d words; and proviso, as applicable to retired grade).<br>10:941a(e) (17th through 25th words of clause (1); and 1st proviso of clause (1), as applicable to retired grade).<br>10:947a (last 11 words).<br><br>10:1025. | Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, §§514(a)(3) (31st through 42d words; and proviso, as applicable to retired grade), 514(e) (17th through 25th words of clause (1); and 1st proviso of clause (1), as applicable to retired grade), 61 Stat. 902, 905.<br>Feb. 14, 1885, ch. 67 (43d through 53d words); re-stated Sept. 30, 1890, ch. 1125 (43d through 53d words), 26 Stat. 504. R.S. 1254. |

The applicability of the rule stated in the revised section to situations not expressly covered by the laws named in the source credits above is necessarily implied from laws providing for retirement in higher grade in those situations.

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 9341 and 9341a were renumbered sections 9441 and 9441a of this title, respectively.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, §508(b)(4)(A), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which read as follows: “The retired grade of a regular commissioned officer of the Air Force who retires other than for physical disability, and the retired grade of a reserve commissioned officer of the Air Force who retires other than for physical disability, is determined under section 1370 of this title.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, §508(b)(4)(B), inserted “or a Regular or Reserve of the Space Force” after “Air Force” and substituted “the member” for “he” and “the member's” for “his”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8961 of this title as this section.

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-398 struck out “or for nonregular service under chapter 1223 of this title” before “, is determined”.

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “chapter 1223” for “chapter 67”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 added subsec. (a), designated existing provisions as subsec. (b), and inserted “not covered by subsection (a)” after “a Regular or Reserve of the Air Force”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-398 applicable to Reserve commissioned officers who are promoted to a higher grade as a result of selection for promotion by a board convened under chapter 36 or 1403 of this title, or having been found qualified for Federal recognition in a higher grade under chapter 3 of Title 32, National Guard, after Oct. 1, 1996, see section 1 [[div. A], title V,