

commissioned warrant officer, at age 62, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 215(a), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2916.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 5 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

DEFINITION OF COMMANDANT

Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, § 8002, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4633, provided that: “In this division [div. G of Pub. L. 116-283, see Tables for classification], the term ‘Commandant’ means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.”

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Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior analysis for chapter 3 “COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION” consisted of items 41 “Grades and ratings”, 41a “Active duty promotion list”, 42 “Number and distribution of commissioned officers on active duty promotion list”, 44 “Commandant; appointment”, 46 “Retirement of Commandant or Vice Commandant”, 47 “Vice Commandant; appointment”, 50 “Vice admirals”, 51 “Retirement”, 52 “Vice admirals and admiral, continuity of grade”, 53 “Office of the Coast Guard Reserve; Director”, 54 “Chief of Staff to President; appointment”, 56 “Chief Acquisition Officer”, 57 “Prevention and response workforces”, 58 “Centers of expertise for Coast Guard prevention and response”, 59 “Marine industry training programs”, and 60 “Training course on workings of Congress”, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 104(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4196.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXII [LXXXII], § 8211(b), title LVXXXV [LXXXV], § 8501(b)(1), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4649, 4746, added items 321 and 322.

2019—Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title V, § 519(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1351, added item 320.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 104(a), title III, § 304(c)(1), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4196, 4245, inserted chap-

ter 3 designation and heading and added items 301 to 319.

§ 301. Grades and ratings

In the Coast Guard there shall be admirals (two); vice admirals; rear admirals; rear admirals (lower half); captains; commanders; lieutenant commanders; lieutenants; lieutenants (junior grade); ensigns; chief warrant officers; cadets; warrant officers; and enlisted members. Enlisted members shall be distributed in ratings established by the Secretary.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 497, § 41; Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, §§ 6, 53, 70A Stat. 620, 679; Pub. L. 86-474, § 1(1), May 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 144; Pub. L. 92-451, § 1(1), Oct. 2, 1972, 86 Stat. 755; Pub. L. 97-417, § 2(1), Jan. 4, 1983, 96 Stat. 2085; Pub. L. 98-557, § 15(a)(3)(B), (C), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2865; Pub. L. 99-145, title V, § 514(a)(2), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 628; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title V, § 541(f)(4), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2766; Pub. L. 114-120, title II, § 201(a), Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 33; renumbered § 301, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 104(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4196.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

1949 ACT

Based on title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §§ 5, 9, 21 (Apr. 12, 1902, ch. 501, § 1, 32 Stat. 100; Jan. 28, 1915, ch. 20, § 2, 38 Stat. 801; May 18, 1920, ch. 190, § 8, 41 Stat. 603; June 5, 1920, ch. 235, § 1, 41 Stat. 879; Jan. 12, 1923, ch. 25, §§ 1, 2, 42 Stat. 1130; July 3, 1926, ch. 742, §§ 3, 9, 10, 44 Stat. 815, 817).

The grades of vice admiral and rear admiral are added to make provision for the commissioned officer personnel structure of the service as provided for in this revision. The entire rating structure for enlisted men is left to the administrative discretion of the Secretary, as in the past, for reasons of flexibility.

The last two paragraphs of said section 5 are obsolete and have been omitted.

Changes were made in phraseology. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
41	14:41. 34:135a(a) (less last sentence, as applicable to temporary appointments).	Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, § 1(41), 63 Stat. 497. May 29, 1954, ch. 249, § 3(a) (less 3d and last sentences, as applicable to temporary appointments), 68 Stat. 157.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 301, act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 518, related to permanent appointment of warrant officers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 88-130, § 1(10)(A), Sept. 24, 1963, 77 Stat. 177. See section 571 et seq. of Title 10, Armed Forces.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 41 of this title as this section.

2016—Pub. L. 114-120 substituted “admirals (two);” for “an admiral.”

1994—Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “chief warrant officers; cadets; warrant officers;” for “chief warrant officers, W-4; chief warrant officers, W-3; chief warrant officers, W-2; cadets; warrant officers, W-1;”

1985—Pub. L. 99-145 substituted “rear admirals (lower half)” for “commodores”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-557 substituted “members” for “men” in two places.