

“(A) The manner in which constructive service credit was calculated under each constructive credit authority.  
 “(B) The number of officers credited constructive service credit under each constructive credit authority.  
 “(C) A description and assessment of the utility of the constructive credit authorities in meeting the operational needs of the Armed Force concerned.  
 “(D) Such other matters in connection with the constructive credit authorities as the Secretary of the military department concerned considers appropriate.”

**RATIFICATION OF SERVICE CREDIT AWARDED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 30, 1993**

Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title V, § 509(e), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1648, provided that: “To the extent that service credit awarded before the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 30, 1993] under section 533, 3353, 5600, or 8353 of title 10, United States Code, based on advanced education in medicine or dentistry was awarded consistent with that section as amended by this section (whether or not properly awarded under that section as in effect before such amendment), the awarding of that service credit is hereby ratified.”

**TRANSITION PROVISION UNDER DEFENSE OFFICER PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ACT**

For savings provision relating to constructive service previously granted, see section 625 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 611 of this title.

**§ 541. Graduates of the United States Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each cadet at the United States Military Academy or the United States Air Force Academy, and each midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, is entitled, before graduating from that Academy, to state his preference for appointment, upon graduation, as a commissioned officer in either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force.

(b) With the consent of the Secretary of the military department administering the Academy from which the cadet or midshipman is to be graduated, and of the Secretary of the military department having jurisdiction over the armed force for which that graduate stated his preference, the graduate is entitled to be accepted for appointment in that armed force. However, not more than 12½ percent of any graduating class at an Academy may be appointed in armed forces not under the jurisdiction of the military department administering that Academy.

(c) The Secretary of Defense shall, by regulation, provide for the equitable distribution of appointments in cases where more than 12½ percent of the graduating class of any Academy request appointment in armed forces not under the jurisdiction of the military department administering that Academy.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 19; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 924(b)(3)(B), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3821.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—CONTINUED**

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
541(b) .....	10:1856(a) (1st 59 words of 1st sentence). 34:1057-1(a) (1st 59 words of 1st sentence). 10:1092c-1(a) (1st sentence, less 1st 59 words). 10:1856(a) (1st sentence, less 1st 59 words). 34:1057-1(a) (1st sentence, less 1st 59 words).	
541(c) .....	10:1092c-1 (less (a)). 10:1856 (less (a)). 34:1057-1 (less (a)).	

In subsection (a), the words “is entitled \* \* \* to” are substituted for the words “shall \* \* \* be afforded an opportunity to”.

In subsection (b), the words “is entitled” are substituted for the word “shall”.

In subsection (c), the words “and fair” are omitted as surplusage. 10:1092c-1(c), 10:1856(c), and 34:1057-1(c) are omitted as covered by section 51(a) of the bill.

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “Marine Corps, or Space Force” for “or Marine Corps”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, § 52(a), 70A Stat. 641, provided that: “Section 541 of title 10, United States Code, enacted by section 1 of this Act, takes effect (1) in the year in which the initial class graduates from the United States Air Force Academy, or (2) upon the rescission of the agreement under which graduates of the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy may volunteer for appointment in the Air Force, whichever is earlier.”

**APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY GRADUATES IN AIR FORCE**

Act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, § 44, 70A Stat. 637, provided that a cadet who had graduated from the United States Military Academy could, upon graduation and before the effective date of section 541 of this title, be appointed a second lieutenant in the Regular Air Force, and set forth provisions relating to date of appointment, service credit, rank among graduates, and increase in authorized strength.

**[§§ 555 to 565. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title XI, § 1112(a), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1492]**

Section 555, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 20; Sept. 7, 1962, Pub. L. 87-649, §§ 6(f)(2), 14c(2), 76 Stat. 494, 501; July 30, 1977, Pub. L. 95-79, title III, § 302(a)(4), 91 Stat. 326; Nov. 8, 1985, Pub. L. 99-145, title V, § 531(a), title XIII, § 1303(a)(5), 99 Stat. 633, 739, related to warrant officer grades. See section 571(a) and (b) of this title.

Section 556, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 20, related to credit for service of persons originally appointed in regular warrant officer grades under section 555 of this title. See section 572 of this title.

Section 557, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 20, related to qualifications for promotion of regular warrant officers.

Section 558, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 20, related to appointment of selection boards to consider promotions of regular warrant officers. See section 573(a), (b), (e), and (f) of this title.

Section 559, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 21, related to eligibility of regular warrant officers for promotion.

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
541(a) .....	10:1092c-1(a) (1st 59 words of 1st sentence).	Apr. 1, 1954, ch. 127, § 8, 68 Stat. 48.