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CHAPTER 9

ADVANCEMENTS ON RETIRED LIST

0901 GENERAL

This chapter provides an overview of the requirements for advancements on the retired list of retired members, Fleet Reservists, and Fleet Marine Corps Reservists, who are retired and whose active service, inactive service (Navy or Marine Corps members only), and service on the retired list or in the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve totals **30-years**; and members who are found not physically qualified for retention in the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.

0902 RETIREMENT GRADE AND PLACEMENT

090201. Retired From Active Service

Chapter 1, Section 0103, covers members retired from active service in:

- A. A higher grade because of serving on active duty in special positions.
- B. The highest grade or rating held while serving on active duty.
- C. The grade to which members would have been promoted had it not been for the physical disability for which retired and which was found to exist as a result of physical examination for promotion.

090202. Grade at Placement on the Retired List

Chapter 1, Section 0105, provides guidance for members retired from active service in a higher grade at the time of initial placement on the retired list.

0903 ADVANCEMENTS

090301. Air Force

A member of the Air Force who retires 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 the member served satisfactorily (or in the case of the National Guard, in which he served on full-time duty satisfactorily), as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force. This applies to:

- A. Warrant officers of the Air Force;
- B. Enlisted members of the Air Force; and

C. 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).

090302. Army

A. A member of the Army who retires with less than [30-years](#) of service is entitled, when his active service plus service on the retired list totals [30-years](#), to be advanced on the retired list to the highest grade served on active duty satisfactorily, as determined by the Secretary of the Army. For current active duty members the Army Grade Determination Review Board (AGDRB) will convene prior to members' retirement and make a determination of the highest grade served on active duty satisfactorily, unless a reduction in grade was the result of misconduct, inefficiency, or for cause.

B. Members who retired prior to July 12, 2002, without a grade determination review by the AGDRB, must apply to the AGDRB to initiate the grade determination process. Advancements will not occur until the member reaches his or her [30-year](#) mark, in accordance with [Army Regulation 15-80](#). If an application is submitted after the member's [30-year](#) mark, then the effective date of advancement and pay is retroactive to the date of the member's application to the Board. This applies to:

1. Warrant officers of the Army;
2. Enlisted members of the Regular Army; and
3. Reserve enlisted members of the Army, who at the time of retirement, were serving on active duty (or, in the case of members of the National Guard, on full-time duty).

090303. Navy and Marine Corps

A. A member of the naval service who retires with less than [30-years](#) of active service, or who is transferred to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, is entitled when his active service plus his service on the retired list or his service in the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve totals [30-years](#), to be advanced on the retired list to the highest grade in which he served on active duty satisfactorily, as determined by the Secretary of the Navy. This applies to:

1. Warrant officers of the naval service;
 2. Enlisted members of the Regular Navy and Regular Marine Corps;
- and
3. Reserve enlisted members of the Navy and Marine Corps who, at the time of retirement or transfer to Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, are serving on active duty.

B. When a member of the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve has completed 30 years of service, or when he or she is found not physically qualified for retention in the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve as a result of the required quadrennial physical examination, the member is transferred to the retired list.

0904 EFFECTS ON PAY

090401. Reduction In Pay Due To Advancement

There is no absolute requirement that a member of the Armed Forces be advanced on the retired list. If advancement and recomputation results in a reduction of retired pay for the member and is based solely on administrative determination, then, prior to the advancement, the member should be consulted by the military service and advised that the member's retired pay would be reduced if advanced.

A. Enlisted Member. If an enlisted member is, in fact, advanced on the retired list, then retired pay must be recomputed, even though a reduction of retired pay would result.

B. Warrant Officer. Warrant officers advanced on the retired list are entitled to use only years of active service in determining the percentage multiplier used in computing retired pay for the advanced grade.

090402. Computation of Retired Pay

Retired pay may be computed at the higher grade in which a member had served satisfactorily without regard to whether the higher grade was temporary or permanent, even though the Military Service in which the member held the higher grade is not the Military Service from which he or she retired. Where required by statute, the Secretary of the Military Department (or designee) in which the member performed services at the higher grade **must** provide an administrative approval confirming the member's satisfactory performance at the higher grade.

090403. Extraordinary Heroism

An enlisted member who, when retired or transferred, was awarded a 10 percent increase in retired pay because of extraordinary heroism performed in the line of duty is not eligible to continue receiving the additional 10 percent upon advancement to officer rank.

090404. Recomputation of Retired Pay

A member of the Armed Forces advanced on the retired list is entitled to retired pay recomputed by:

A. Using the rate of monthly basic pay for the grade on the initial date of retirement or transfer or using the high 36 months retired pay base if the member entered a Uniformed Service after September 7, 1980;

B. Multiplying 2-1/2 percent times the total number of years of active service using whole months actually served, in excess of whole years, as 1/12 of a year;

C. Reducing the percentage determined under subparagraph 090404.B, in the case of a member who first entered a uniformed service after July 31, 1986, has elected to receive a bonus under [Title 37, United States Code, section 354](#), has less than 30-years of creditable service, and is under the age of 62 at the time of retirement by:

1. One percentage point for each full year that the member's years of creditable service are less than 30;

2. One-twelfth of 1 percentage point for each month by which the member's years of creditable service (after counting all full years of such service) are less than a full year; and

D. Applying all applicable cost-of-living adjustments from the date of initial retirement or transfer.

0905 RESTORATION OF FORMER GRADE

Each retired warrant officer, enlisted member of the Regular Army or Air Force, or enlisted member retired from the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve who has been advanced on the retired list to a higher commissioned grade, within 3 months after advancement, may apply to the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) for restoration to the former warrant officer or enlisted grade. If the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) approves the request, then the member may be restored to the former warrant officer or enlisted grade. A member so restored thereafter is considered for all purposes to be a warrant officer or an enlisted member, as applicable.

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