



APPENDIX E: OVERVIEW OF US CODE SECTIONS IMPACTING DOD

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United States Codes (U.S.C.) – Federal law is codified and compiled in the U.S. Code, which is comprised of 50 different titles that generally deal with different areas of the law. An overview of the different U.S. Code titles that impact DOD operations follows:

Title 10 – Armed Forces

- ★ Title 10 has five subtitles: General Military Law; Army; Navy and Marine Corps; Air Force; and Reserve Components.
- ★ Title 10 generally includes federal law that impacts the Department of Defense, the various individual military departments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and all manner of military issues.
- ★ When discussing regular and reserve component forces, regular component forces are sometimes referred to as “Title 10” forces.

Title 18 – Crimes and Criminal Procedure

- ★ Title 18 addresses federal crimes and criminal procedure.
- ★ Crimes alleged to have been committed by US military personnel are primarily addressed through the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which is addressed in Title 10.

Title 32 – National Guard

- ★ Title 32 has five subchapters addressing: Organization; Personnel; Training; Service, Supply and Procurement; and Homeland Defense Activities.
- ★ Title 32 generally addresses the federal operations of the National Guard.

- ★ When acting in a state capacity under Title 32, or on State active duty status, then state law is also applicable.
- ★ When discussing active and reserve component forces, National Guard forces are sometimes referred to as “Title 32” forces when they are acting in their state capacity.

Title 50 – War and National Defense

- ★ Title 50 generally addresses intelligence and surveillance activities by US government agencies and other issues relating to war, insurrection and national defense.
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