

general powers of a notary public and of a consul of the United States, in the performance of all notarial acts to be executed by members of any of the armed forces, wherever they may be, by persons serving with, employed by, or accompanying the armed forces outside the United States and outside the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, and by other persons subject to this chapter outside of the United States:

(1) All judge advocates of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

(2) All law specialists.

(3) All summary courts-martial.

(4) All adjutants, assistant adjutants, acting adjutants, and personnel adjutants.

(5) All commanding officers of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

(6) All staff judge advocates and legal officers, and acting or assistant staff judge advocates and legal officers.

(7) All other persons designated by regulations of the armed forces or by statute.

(b) The following persons on active duty may administer oaths necessary in the performance of their duties:

(1) The president, military judge, trial counsel, and assistant trial counsel for all general and special courts-martial.

(2) The president and the counsel for the court of any court of inquiry.

(3) All officers designated to take a deposition.

(4) All persons detailed to conduct an investigation.

(5) All recruiting officers.

(6) All other persons designated by regulations of the armed forces or by statute.

(c) No fee may be paid to or received by any person for the performance of any notarial act herein authorized.

(d) The signature without seal of any such person acting as notary, together with the title of his office, is prima facie evidence of his authority. (Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 77; July 5, 1960, Pub. L. 86-589, 74 Stat. 329; Dec. 8, 1967, Pub. L. 90-179, § 1(7), 81 Stat. 546; Oct. 24, 1968, Pub. L. 90-632, § 2(34), 82 Stat. 1343.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U. S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
936 (a).....	50: 732 (a).	May 5, 1950, ch. 169, § 1 (Art. 136), 64 Stat. 143.
936 (b).....	50: 732 (b).	
936 (c).....	50: 732 (c).	
936 (d).....	50: 732 (d).	

In subsection (a), the word "may" is substituted for the words "shall have authority to". The word "shall" before the words "have the general powers" is omitted as surplusage. The words "the continental limits" are omitted, since section 101 (1) of this title defines the United States to include the States and the District of Columbia.

In subsections (a) and (b), the words "in the armed forces" are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the word "may" is substituted for the words "shall have authority to".

In subsection (c), the words "of any character" are omitted as surplusage. The word "may" is substituted for the word "shall".

In subsection (d), the word "is" is substituted for the words "shall be".

AMENDMENTS

1968—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90-632 substituted "military judge" for "law officer" in par. (1).

1967—Subsec. (a) (1). Pub. L. 90-179 inserted references to judge advocates of the Navy and the Marine Corps.

1960—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-589 permitted the administration of oaths and the performance of notarial acts for persons serving, employed by, or accompanying the armed forces outside the United States and outside the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-632 effective on the first day of the tenth month following October 1968, see section 4 of Pub. L. 90-632, set out as a note under section 801 of this title.

§ 937. Art. 137. Articles to be explained.

Sections 802, 803, 807-815, 825, 827, 831, 837, 838, 855, 877-934, and 937-939 (articles 2, 3, 7-15, 25, 27, 31, 37, 38, 55, 77-134, and 137-139) of this chapter shall be carefully explained to each enlisted member at the time of his entrance on active duty, or within six days thereafter. They shall be explained again after he has completed six months of active duty, and again at the time when he reenlists. A complete text of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and of the regulations prescribed by the President thereunder shall be made available to any person on active duty, upon his request, for his personal examination. (Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 78.)

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937.....	50: 733.	May 5, 1950, ch. 169, § 1 (Art. 137), 64 Stat. 144.

The word "each" is substituted for the word "every". The word "member" is substituted for the word "person". The words "in [any of] the armed forces of the United States" are omitted as surplusage.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Uniform Code of Military Justice, referred to in the text, is classified to this chapter.

§ 938. Art. 138. Complaints of wrongs.

Any member of the armed forces who believes himself wronged by his commanding officer, and who, upon due application to that commanding officer, is refused redress, may complain to any superior commissioned officer, who shall forward the complaint to the officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction over the officer against whom it is made. The officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction shall examine into the complaint and take proper measures for redressing the wrong complained of; and he shall, as soon as possible, send to the Secretary concerned a true statement of that complaint, with the proceedings had thereon. (Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 78.)

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938.....	50: 734.	May 5, 1950, ch. 169, § 1 (Art. 138), 64 Stat. 144.