



National Defense University



United States Titles

Keystone 26-1

January 2026



Overview

History of the Statutes

Code of Congress

Applicable Titles



History of Titles

- Titles are a way of logically organizing U.S. Code.
- History:
 - Until the **early 1900s** U.S. Statutes were disorganized
 - In **1926 Congress** created “**U.S. Code of Congress.**”
 - The Code is divided into **53 Titles.**
 - Deals with broad, logically organized areas of legislation.
 - A complex statute may have provisions that fall into many areas of the Code.
 - **3 new additional Titles** are proposed.



U.S. Titles

1. General Provisions
2. **The Congress**
3. **The President**
4. Flag and Seal, Seat of Government, and the States
5. Government Organization and Employees
6. **Domestic Security**
7. Agriculture
8. Aliens and Nationality
9. Arbitration
10. **Armed Forces**



(including Uniform Code of Military Justice)



U.S. Titles

11. Bankruptcy
12. Banks and Banking
13. Census
- 14. Coast Guard**
15. Commerce and Trade
16. Conservation
17. Copyrights
- 18. Crime and Criminal Procedure**
19. Customs
20. Education





U.S. Titles

21. Food and Drugs

22. Foreign Relations

23. Highways

24. Hospitals and Asylums

25. Indians

26. Internal Revenue Service

27. Intoxicating Liquors

28. Judiciary and Judicial Procedures

29. Labor

30. Mineral Lands and Mining





U.S. Titles

31. Money and Finance

32. National Guard

33. Navigation and Navigable Waters

34. Navy** (repealed in 1956)

35. Patents

36. Patriotic Societies and Observances

37. Pay and Allowances of the Armed Forces

38. Veterans Benefits

39. Postal Service

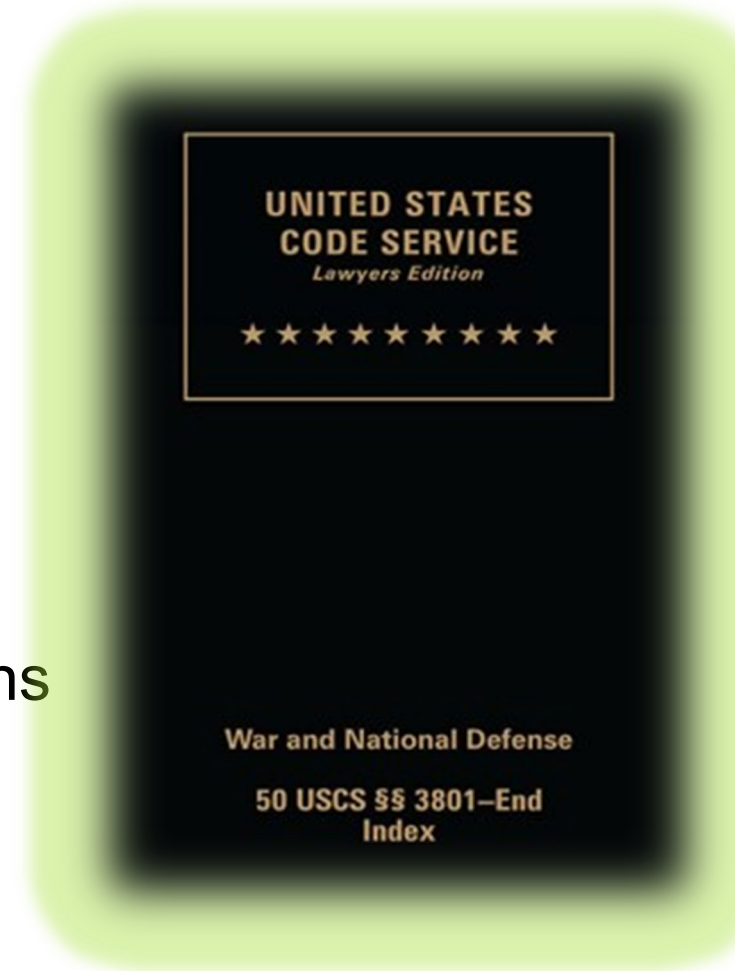
40. Public Buildings, Properties, and Works





U.S. Titles

41. Public Contracts
42. Public Health and Welfare
43. Public Lands
44. Public Printing and Documents
45. Railroads
46. Shipping
47. Telecommunications
48. Territories and Insular Possessions
49. Transportation
- 50. War and National Defense**





U.S. Titles

51. National and Commercial Space Program

52. Voting

54.* National Park Service and Related Programs

- The Office of Law Revision Counsel (OLRC) has produced draft text for these three additional Titles of Federal Law. The subject matters of these proposed Titles exist today in one or several Titles.
 - 53. Small Business
 - 55. Environment
 - 56. Wildlife



Titles That Affect DoD

Title 2: The Congress

Title 3: The President

Title 6: Domestic Security

Title 10: Armed Forces

Title 14: Coast Guard

Title 18: Crime and Criminal Procedures

Title 22: Foreign Assistance

Title 28: Judiciary and Judicial Procedures

Title 32: National Guard

Title 50: War and National Defense

Title 51: National and Commercial Space Program



Take Aways

- Titles are “Authorities” set by Statute/US Code
- Titles define Roles/Missions of USG Organizations
- US Code/Titles contain “Acts of Congress”
 - Public Law
- There are other authorities
 - Executive Orders
 - Rules promulgated by the Courts
 - Statutes considered temporary (NDAA as example)



Questions

Keystone 26-1
January 2026