

lands in Jackson County, Michigan, to the Mount Hope Cemetery Association of Waterloo, Michigan: Block 44, village of Waterloo, section 36, township 1 south, range 2 east, of the Michigan meridian. Any conditions providing for a reversion of title to the United States that may be contained in the conveyance of such lands by the United States to the State of Michigan are hereby released as to the lands herein authorized to be transferred.

Approved May 6, 1949.

[CHAPTER 95]

AN ACT

To establish the grade of General of the Air Force, and for other purposes.

May 7, 1949

[S. 796]

[Public Law 58]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established in the United States Air Force the grade of General of the Air Force.

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SEC. 2. The grade of any individual transferred in the grade of General of the Army from the Regular Army to the United States Air Force, pursuant to the National Security Act of 1947 (Act of July 26, 1947; 61 Stat. 695), is herewith redesignated "General of the Air Force".

61 Stat. 495.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 171 note.
Ante, p. 30; *post*,
p. 578.
Status.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein shall be construed as appointing any individual to a new or different office or to alter or prejudice the status of any individual concerned so as to deprive him of any pay or allowances, rights, benefits, or privileges to which he may be entitled under existing law.

Approved May 7, 1949.

[CHAPTER 96]

AN ACT

To increase the fees of witnesses in the United States courts and before United States commissioners, and for other purposes.

May 10, 1949

[S. 635]

[Public Law 59]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1821 of title 28, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Title 28, United States Code, amendment.
62 Stat. 950.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1821.
Post, p. 103.

"SEC. 1821. Per diem and mileage generally; subsistence. A witness attending in any court of the United States or before a United States commissioner or person taking his deposition pursuant to any order of a court of the United States, shall receive \$4 for each day's attendance and for the time necessarily occupied in going to and returning from the same, and 7 cents per mile for going from and returning to his place of residence. Witnesses who are not salaried employees of the Government and who are not in custody and who attend at points so far removed from their respective residence as to prohibit return thereto from day to day shall be entitled to an additional allowance of \$5 per day for expenses of subsistence including the time necessarily occupied in going to and returning from the place of attendance: *Provided*, That in lieu of the mileage allowance provided for herein, witnesses who are required to travel between the Territories, possessions, or to and from the continental United States, shall be entitled to the actual expenses of travel at the lowest first-class rate available at the time of reservation for passage, by means of transportation employed: *Provided further*, That this section shall not apply to Alaska."

Nonapplicability.

Approved May 10, 1949.