SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior shall make a full and complete annual progress report to the Congress of his activities and of the expenditures authorized under section 1. Report to Congress.

Approved August 21, 1951.

Public Law 121 CHAPTER 339

AN ACT

August 21, 1951
[H. R. 3911]

To provide appropriate lapel buttons for widows, parents, and next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who lost or lose their lives in the armed services of the United States during World War II or during any subsequent war or period of armed hostilities in which the United States may be engaged.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of August 1, 1947 (61 Stat. 710, title 36, U. S. C. 182a–182d), is amended to read as follows:

"That the Secretary of Defense shall formulate and fix the size, design, and composition of a lapel button (to be known as the 'gold star lapel button') suitable as a means of identification for widows, parents, and next of kin of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost or lose their lives in the armed services of the United States during World War I, World War II, or during any subsequent war or period of armed hostilities in which the United States may be engaged. The Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force shall procure for their respective departments such number of gold star lapel buttons as shall be necessary to effect distribution of such buttons in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Gold star lapel button. Procurement.

"SEC. 2. (a) Upon application to the Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, or the Department of the Air Force, as the case may be, one such gold star lapel button shall be furnished, without cost, to the widow and to each of the parents of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost or loses his or her life in the armed services of the United States during World War I, World War II, or during any subsequent war or period of armed hostilities in which the United States may be engaged. Furnishing of buttons to widows, parents, etc.

"(b) In addition to the gold star lapel button authorized in subsection (a) of this section, gold star lapel buttons shall also be furnished, upon application and the payment of an amount sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture and distribution, to the next of kin, not hereinbefore designated, of any such deceased person.

"(c) Not more than one gold star lapel button shall be furnished to any one individual as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, except whenever a gold star lapel button furnished under the provisions of this Act shall have been lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use, without fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was furnished such button may be replaced, upon application, by payment of an amount sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture and distribution. Replacements.

"(d) Gold star lapel buttons shall be distributed in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Distribution.

"SEC. 3. As used in this Act, (a) the term 'widow' shall include widower; (b) the term 'parents' shall include mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis; (c) the term 'next of kin' shall include only children, brothers, sisters, half brothers, and half sisters; (d) the term 'children' shall include stepchildren and children through adoption; (e) the term 'World War I' shall include the period extending from April 6, 1917, to March 3, 1921; Definitions.

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and (f) the term 'World War II' shall include the period extending from September 8, 1939, to July 25, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon.

Penalty for unlawful use, etc.

"SEC. 4. Whoever shall (1) wear, display on his person, or otherwise use as an insignia, any gold star lapel button issued to another person under the provisions of this Act; (2) falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or aid in falsely making, forging or counterfeiting any lapel button authorized by this Act; or (3) sell or bring into the United States, or any place subject to the jurisdiction thereof, from any foreign place, or have in his possession, any such false, forged, or counterfeited lapel button, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

Appropriations authorized.

"SEC. 5. Such sums are hereby authorized to be appropriated as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act."

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Public Law 122 CHAPTER 340

AN ACT

August 22, 1951
[H. R. 2736]

To authorize advances for clothing and equipment to cadets at the Military Academy and the Coast Guard Academy and to midshipmen at the Naval Academy, and for other purposes.

Cadets and midshipmen.
Initial clothing and equipment advances.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy are respectively authorized to prescribe the sum which shall be credited to each new cadet or midshipman, upon first admission to the Military Academy or the Naval Academy, to cover the cost of his initial clothing and equipment issue, which sum shall be deducted subsequently from his pay: *Provided*, That hereafter each cadet or midshipman discharged prior to graduation who is indebted to the United States on account of advances of pay to purchase required clothing and equipment shall be required to turn in to the respective Academies all clothing and equipment of a distinctively military nature to the extent required to discharge such indebtedness; and, if the value of such clothing and equipment so turned in does not cover the indebtedness so incurred, then such indebtedness shall be canceled.

Discharge prior to graduation.

10 U. S. C. § 1149.

SEC. 2. That part of the Act of June 30, 1921 (42 Stat. 68, 95), under the heading "United States Military Academy—Permanent Establishment" which reads: "*Provided further*, That hereafter each new cadet shall, upon admission to the United States Military Academy, be credited with the sum of $250 to cover the cost of his initial clothing and equipment issue, to be deducted subsequently from his pay."; and that part of the Act of July 12, 1921 (42 Stat. 122, 131), under the heading "Bureau of Supplies and Accounts", which reads: "*Provided*, That hereafter each new midshipman shall, upon admission to the Naval Academy, be credited with the sum of $250 to cover the cost of his initial clothing and equipment issue, to be deducted subsequently from his pay.", are hereby repealed.

34 U. S. C. § 1052.

63 Stat. 508.

SEC. 3. Section 183 of title 14 of the United States Code is amended to read as follows:

"§ 183. Cadets; initial clothing allowance

"The Secretary may prescribe a sum which shall be credited to each new cadet upon first admission to the Academy, to cover the cost of his initial clothing and equipment issue, which sum shall be deducted subsequently from his pay. Each cadet discharged prior to graduation who is indebted to the United States on account of advances of