

(b) In the case of a warrant officer distributed or redistributed under section 4 or appointed under section 17 of this Act, the term "active service" as used in this Act, shall include all service which he has performed before the effective date of this Act, and which under laws in effect on the day before the effective date of this Act, would be credited in determining his eligibility for retirement as a permanent warrant officer of the regular service.

(c) The effective date of the retirement of any person retired pursuant to this Act shall be subject to the Act of April 23, 1930 (ch. 209, 46 Stat. 253).

5 USC 47a.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 22. This Act shall be effective on the first day of the sixth month following the month in which it is enacted.

Approved May 29, 1954.

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CHAPTER 250

June 1, 1954  
[H. R. 7786]

AN ACT

To honor veterans on the 11th day of November of each year, a day dedicated to world peace.

Veterans Day.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act making the 11th day of November in each year a legal holiday", approved May 13, 1938 (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. C., sec. 87a), is hereby amended by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Veterans".

Approved June 1, 1954.

Public Law 381

CHAPTER 251

June 3, 1954  
[H. R. 4231]

AN ACT

To authorize appointments to the United States Military Academy and United States Naval Academy of sons of certain individuals who were killed in action or who died or shall die as a result of active service in World War I, World War II, or between the period beginning June 27, 1950, and ending on a date proclaimed by the President or the Congress.

U. S. Military,  
Naval, and Air  
Force Academies.  
Appointments.

59 Stat. 586.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the second paragraph of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a department of economics, government, and history at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, and to amend chapter 174 of the Act of Congress of April 19, 1910, entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and for other purposes'", approved June 8, 1926, as amended (34 U. S. C., sec. 1036a), as precedes the colon preceding the first proviso thereof is amended to read as follows: "That the number of midshipmen now authorized by law at the United States Naval Academy is hereby increased by forty from the United States at large, to be appointed by the President from among the sons of members of the land or naval forces (including male and female members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and of all components thereof) of the United States, who were killed in action or who have died, or may hereafter die, of wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted or preexisting injury or disease

aggravated, in active service (1) during World War I or World War II as each is defined by laws providing service-connected compensation or pension benefits for veterans of World War I and World War II and their dependents, or (2) on or after June 27, 1950, and prior to such date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress under the joint resolution entitled 'Joint resolution to provide certain benefits for certain persons who shall have served in the Armed Forces of the United States on and after June 27, 1950', approved May 11, 1951 (38 U. S. C., sec. 745)".

65 Stat. 40.

SEC. 2. (a) Subsection (b) of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to amend laws relating to the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy, and for other purposes", approved June 30, 1950 (10 U. S. C., sec. 1092a), is amended in the following respects:

64 Stat. 303.

(1) By inserting "(1)" immediately before "during World War I"; and

(2) By inserting immediately before the colon preceding the first proviso of such subsection the following: "or (2) on or after June 27, 1950, and prior to such date as shall thereafter be determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress under the joint resolution entitled 'Joint resolution to provide certain benefits for certain persons who shall have served in the Armed Forces of the United States on and after June 27, 1950', approved May 11, 1951 (38 U. S. C., sec. 745)".

65 Stat. 40.  
Applicability.

(b) This section shall apply to the Air Force Academy.

Approved June 3, 1954.

## Public Law 382

## CHAPTER 252

## AN ACT

To provide for the redemption of District of Columbia tax stamps.

June 3, 1954  
[H. R. 4940]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, where any cigarette or alcoholic-beverage tax stamps issued under District of Columbia tax laws have been spoiled, destroyed, or rendered useless or unfit for the purpose intended, or for which the owner may have no use, the amount paid for such stamps may be refunded within the limit of appropriations therefor, or allowed as a credit on the purchase of new stamps. No such refund or allowance shall be made unless the owner of such stamps shall file a written claim therefor with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or their designated agent within the time prescribed in this Act and unless the Commissioners or their designated agent upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the facts, and subject to regulations prescribed by the Commissioners, certify that such refund or allowance is just and equitable.

D. C. tax stamps.  
Redemption.

SEC. 2. No refund or allowance shall be made in any case (1) until the stamps so spoiled or rendered useless shall have been returned to the Commissioners or their designated agent, or (2) until satisfactory proof has been made to the Commissioners or their designated agent showing the reason why the same cannot be returned, or (3), if so required by the Commissioners or their designated agent, unless the person presenting the same can satisfactorily trace the history of said stamps from their issuance to the filing of his claim as aforesaid: *Provided,* That no refund shall be made in those cases where the owner may be made whole by allowing him a credit on the purchase of new