

Per diem rates of allowance.  
56 Stat. 359.  
37 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 101-120.  
Post, pp. 541, 542, 587.

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Expenses of inter-agency groups.

Veterans' priorities respecting building materials.

Short title.

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[Public Law 50]

U. S. Naval Academy Centennial Commission.  
Establishment and purpose.

SEC. 212. The funds appropriated in the appropriation Acts for the fiscal year 1946 of the services mentioned in the title of the Act of June 16, 1942 (Public Law 607, Seventy-seventh Congress), shall be available for, and the heads of the executive departments concerned are authorized to prescribe, per diem rates of allowance, at rates not to exceed \$7 per day, in lieu of subsistence to officers traveling on official business and away from their designated posts of duty, and to members of the services concerned (including officers, warrant officers, contract surgeons, enlisted personnel, aviation cadets, and members of the Nurse Corps) when traveling by air under competent orders and on duty without troops; and for the payment in advance, or otherwise, of money allowances in lieu of transportation, at the rate of 3 cents per mile to enlisted men, regardless of the mode of travel.

SEC. 213. No part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be used to pay in excess of \$2 per volume for the current and future volumes of the United States Code Annotated or in excess of \$3.25 per volume for the current or future volumes of the Lifetime Federal Digest.

SEC. 214. Hereafter appropriations of the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government shall be available for the expenses of committees, boards, or other interagency groups engaged in authorized activities of common interest to such departments and establishments and composed in whole or in part of representatives thereof who receive no additional compensation by virtue of such membership: *Provided*, That employees of such departments and establishments rendering service for such committees, boards, or other groups, other than as representatives, shall receive no additional compensation by virtue of such service.

SEC. 215. In order to enable persons who have served ninety days or more in the land or naval forces during the present war, and who have satisfactorily completed their period of active military or naval service, to obtain materials required for the construction, alteration, or repair of dwelling houses to be occupied by them, any department or agency of the Government, in allocating or granting priorities with respect to any materials, shall give to such persons a preference over all other users of such materials (except to the extent such materials are needed by such other users to meet actual military needs), without requiring any showing of hardship or other necessity for the construction, alteration, or repair of such dwelling houses.

SEC. 216. This Act may be cited as the "Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1946".

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#### [CHAPTER 107]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the celebration in 1945 of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in order to provide for the commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the United States Naval Academy there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Naval Academy Centennial Commission (hereafter referred to as the "Commission"), to be composed of three Senators to be appointed by the President of the Senate, three Members of the House of Representatives to be



appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Secretary of the Navy, the Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, and five persons to be appointed by the President. The members of the Commission shall select from among their number, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. The Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission, a secretary for the Commission. If any vacancy occurs in the office of secretary, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original appointment. The authority of the Commission under this joint resolution shall cease and terminate on June 30, 1946.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commission to formulate plans for the celebration to be held on or about October 10, 1945, in commemoration of such anniversary.

SEC. 3. The Commission is authorized to cooperate with the State of Maryland, the city of Annapolis, the Navy Athletic Association, and other organizations, in order to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.

SEC. 4. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Commission.

SEC. 5. The Commission is authorized to make such expenditures for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution as it may deem advisable, but no expenditure shall be made except for the purposes authorized by a majority of the members thereof. Expenditures of the Commission shall be paid upon the presentation of vouchers approved by the Chairman of the Commission.

SEC. 6. The Commission shall make a report to the Congress, as soon as practicable, of the plans formulated and the recommendations of the Commission for the observance of such anniversary.

SEC. 7. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$5,000, to be expended by the Commission for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution.

Approved May 3, 1945.

#### [CHAPTER 108]

#### AN ACT

To amend section 2, Public Law 140, Seventy-seventh Congress.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of Public Law 140, Seventy-seventh Congress, is hereby amended by adding a colon at the end thereof and the following: "*Provided*, That this Act shall apply to all former enlisted men of the Regular Army and the Philippine Scouts who have served for twenty years or more, and who were honorably discharged therefrom by reason of becoming permanently incapacitated for active service due to physical disability incurred in line of duty: *Provided further*, That any former enlisted man placed upon the retired list in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing proviso shall not be entitled to receive retirement pay for any period prior to the effective date of this amendment."

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Plans.

Cooperation with other organizations.

Reimbursement for expenses.

Expenditures.

Report to Congress.

Appropriation authorized.

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Regular Army and Philippine Scouts.  
55 Stat. 394.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 939.  
Retirement for disability.