

In subsection (a), before clause (1), the words “or appropriations” are omitted because of 1:1. In clauses (1) and (5), the words “duties and powers” are substituted for “functions” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. In clause (2), the words “department, agency, or instrumentality” are substituted for “departments” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code.

In subsection (b), the text of 36:137 is omitted as superseded. The words “which has been or may after June 26, 1946, be” and “*Provided*, That this subsection shall not be effective until the expiration of the Surplus Property Act of 1944” are omitted as obsolete. Section 38 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (ch. 479, 58 Stat. 784) provided that the Act was to expire 3 years after the cessation of hostilities of World War II. The cessation of hostilities was proclaimed on December 31, 1946, by Proclamation No. 2714, 12 Fed. Reg. 1. However, section 602(a)(1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (ch. 288, 63 Stat. 399) [renumbered by section 6(a) and (b) of the Act of September 5, 1950 (ch. 849, 64 Stat. 583)] repealed the Surplus Property Act of 1944 effective July 1, 1949 (except for sections 13(d), (g), and (h), 28, and 32(b)(2)). Section 13(d), concerning power transmission lines, and section 13(g), concerning property for public airports, do not involve the American Battle Monuments Commission. Section 13(h) was repealed by section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1972 (Public Law 92-362, 86 Stat. 504). Section 28 was repealed by section 21 of the Act of June 25, 1948 (ch. 645, 62 Stat. 868). Section 32(b)(2) was repealed by section 111(a)(1) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-256, 75 Stat. 538).

In subsection (c), the words “in its discretion”, “by contract or otherwise”, and “firms of architects” are omitted as unnecessary.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 112-234 substituted “of section 3515 of title 31” for “of paragraph (2) of this subsection”, struck out par. (1) designation before “The Commission”, and struck out par. (2) which required the Commission to prepare and submit a financial statement by March 1 of each year beginning with 1998 and to obtain an audit by the Comptroller General of each such financial statement.

2002—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-217 substituted “section 3111 of title 40” for “section 355 of the Revised Statutes (40 U.S.C. 255)”.

1999—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 106-117, § 604(3)(C), substituted “Chairman” for “chairman”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-117, § 602, amended heading and text of subsec. (e) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Commission may receive State, local, or private amounts to carry out this chapter. The Commission shall deposit the amounts with the Treasurer of the United States. The Treasurer shall keep the amounts in separate accounts and shall disburse the amounts on vouchers approved by the chairman.”

Subsec. (h)(2)(A)(i). Pub. L. 106-117, § 604(3)(A), struck out “, United States Code” after “title 31”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 106-117, § 604(3)(B), struck out “, United States Code” after “title 44”.

§ 2104. Military cemeteries in foreign countries

When, as a result of combat operations, the Armed Forces establish military cemeteries in zones of operations outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States, the American Battle Monuments Commission and the Secretary of the Army, immediately on the cessation of hostilities, shall de-

cide which of the cemeteries will become permanent cemeteries or, if they decide it is desirable, shall select new sites for the cemeteries at any other location. The Commission is solely responsible for the design and construction of the permanent cemeteries, and of all buildings, plantings, headstones, and other permanent improvements incidental to the cemeteries, except that—

(1) the Armed Forces are responsible for maintaining the permanent cemeteries until the Commission declares its readiness to assume the authorized administrative duties and powers;

(2) all construction undertaken by the Armed Forces in establishing and maintaining the cemetery prior to its transfer to the Commission shall be nonpermanent;

(3) burials and reburials by the Armed Forces shall be carried out in accordance with plans prepared by the Commission; and

(4) the Armed Forces have the right to re-enter a cemetery transferred to the Commission to exhume or re-inter a body if they decide it is necessary.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1271.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
2104	36:122b.	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 2, as added July 25, 1956, ch. 721, § 3(a), 70 Stat. 640.

In this section, before clause (1), the words “so established, if any” are omitted as unnecessary. In clause (1), the words “such time as” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “duties and powers” are substituted for “functions” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. In clause (2), the words “in nature” are omitted as unnecessary.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

RESTORATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF CLARK VETERANS CEMETERY

Pub. L. 112-260, title I, § 106, Jan. 10, 2013, 126 Stat. 2421, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—After an agreement is made between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the United States Government, Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Republic of the Philippines shall be treated, for purposes of section 2104 of title 36, United States Code, as a cemetery for which it was decided under such section that the cemetery will become a permanent cemetery and the American Battle Monuments Commission shall restore, operate, and maintain Clark Veterans Cemetery (to the degree the Commission considers appropriate) under such section in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.

“(b) LIMITATION ON FUTURE BURIALS.—Burials at the cemetery described in subsection (a) after the date of the agreement described in such subsection shall be limited to eligible veterans, as determined by the Commission, whose burial does not incur any cost to the Commission.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission—

“(1) \$5,000,000 for site preparation, design, planning, construction, and associated administrative costs for the restoration of the cemetery described in subsection (a); and

“(2) amounts necessary to operate and maintain the cemetery described in subsection (a).”

§ 2105. Monuments built by the United States Government

(a) MEMORIALS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission shall prepare plans and estimates to build suitable memorials commemorating the service of American Armed Forces, and shall build and maintain memorials in the United States and, as the Commission decides, at any place outside the United States where the Armed Forces have served since April 6, 1917.

(b) ARCHITECTURE AND ART.—The Commission shall build and maintain works of architecture and art in United States cemeteries located outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States that are permanent cemeteries. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall maintain works of architecture and art built by the Commission in the National Cemetery Administration, as described in section 2400(b) of title 38.

(c) CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF MATERIALS, DESIGN, AND BUILDING.—(1) The Commission shall control the materials and design and prescribe regulations for, and supervise the building of, all memorial monuments and buildings in United States cemeteries located outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(2) The Commission shall control the design and prescribe regulations for the building of all memorial monuments and buildings commemorating the service of American Armed Forces that are built in a foreign country or political division of the foreign country that authorizes the Commission to carry out those duties and powers.

(d) APPROVAL BY NATIONAL COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS.—A design for a memorial must be approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts before the Commission can accept it.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1271; Pub. L. 105-368, title IV, § 403(d)(1), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3339.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
2105(a)	36:123 (1st par. 1st sentence).	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 3, 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, §§ 2(b), (d), 3(b), 70 Stat. 640, 641.
2105(b)	36:123 (1st par. 2d, last sentences).	
2105(c)	36:123 (2d, last pars.).	
2105(d)	36:124.	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 4, 42 Stat. 1510; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, §§ 2(b), (d), 3(c), 70 Stat. 640, 641.

In subsections (a) and (c)(2), the word “American” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a), the words “or shall hereafter serve” are omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (b), the words “Secretatry [sic] of Veterans Affairs” are substituted for “Department of Defense”, and the words “the National Cemetery System, as described in section 2400(b) of title 38” are substituted for “cemeteries within the United States, its Territories and possessions”, because of section 6 of the National Cemeteries Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-43, 38 U.S.C. 2404 note), which transferred jurisdiction over and responsibility for the national cemeteries (with

certain exceptions) from the Secretary of the Army to the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs.

In subsection (c)(2), the words “duties and powers” are substituted for “functions” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-368 substituted “National Cemetery Administration” for “National Cemetery System”.

§ 2106. War memorials not built by the United States Government

(a) COOPERATION WITH OTHERS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission may cooperate with citizens of the United States, States, municipalities, or associations desiring to build war memorials outside the continental limits of the United States in the way the Commission decides. An administrative agency of the United States Government may give assistance to build the memorial only if a plan for the memorial has been approved under this chapter.

(b) CONTROL, ADMINISTRATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF WAR MEMORIALS.—(1) The Commission may assume responsibility for the control, administration, and maintenance of any war memorial built outside the United States by a citizen of the United States, a State, a political subdivision of a State, a governmental authority (except a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government), a foreign agency, or a private association to commemorate the services of any of the Armed Forces in hostilities occurring since April 6, 1917, if—

(A) the memorial is not built on the territory of the applicable former enemy; and

(B) the sponsors of the memorial consent to the Commission assuming those responsibilities and transfer to the Commission all their rights and interests in the memorial.

(2) If reasonable effort fails to locate the sponsors of a memorial, the Commission may assume responsibility for the memorial under this subsection by agreement with the appropriate foreign authorities. A decision of the Commission to assume responsibility for a war memorial under this subsection is final.

(3) Sponsors of a war memorial for which the Commission assumes responsibility under this subsection may transfer amounts accumulated to maintain and repair the memorial to the Commission for use in carrying out this chapter. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Commission shall deposit transferred amounts as provided in section 2103(e) of this title.

(c) ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPAIR OR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIALS.—In assuming responsibility for a war memorial under subsection (b)(1) or (2) of this section, the Commission may arrange with the sponsors of the memorial to provide for repair or long-term maintenance of the memorial. An amount transferred to the Commission for the purpose of this subsection shall be deposited by the Commission in