

and 1993 (Public Law 102-190, 105 Stat. 1483) is omitted as executed.

PUB. L. 105-354

This amends section 902 of title 36 to reflect changes made by section 1082 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1917, 36 App. U.S.C. 189a).

Section 1082(g) of that Act, which defined “POW/MIA flag” as used in section 1082 by reference to section 2 of Public Law 101-355, is unnecessary because the two provisions are restated together in section 902 of title 36.

Section 1082(h), which required that regulations be prescribed no later than 180 days after enactment of Public Law 105-85, is repealed as executed.

Section 1082(i), which required that the Administrator of GSA procure and distribute POW/MIA flags no later than 30 days after enactment of Public Law 105-85, is repealed as executed.

Section 1082(j), which repealed section 1084 of Public Law 102-190 (previously restated as subsections (b) and (c) of section 902 of title 36), is repealed as executed.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-67 added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which set out specific days for POW/MIA flag display.

2002—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 107-323, §2(b), added subpar. (A) and redesignated former subpars. (A) and (B) as (B) and (C), respectively.

Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 107-323, §2(a), substituted “The World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial” for “The Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial”.

1998—Subsecs. (b) to (g). Pub. L. 105-354 added subsections. (b) to (g) and struck out former subsections. (b) and (c) which read as follows:

“(b) DISPLAY.—The flag shall be displayed—

“(1) at each national cemetery and at the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial each year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day and on any day designated by law as National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

“(2) on, or on the grounds of, the buildings containing the primary offices of the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, and the Director of the Selective Service System on any day designated by law as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

“(c) TERMINATION OF FLAG DISPLAY REQUIREMENT.—Subsection (b) of this section ceases to apply when the President decides that the fullest possible accounting has been made of all members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the United States Government who have been identified as prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia.”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

DISPLAY ON EXISTING FLAGPOLE

Pub. L. 107-323, §2(c), Dec. 4, 2002, 116 Stat. 2788, provided that: “No element of the United States Government may construe the amendments made by this section [amending this section] as requiring the acquisition of [sic] erection of a new or additional flagpole for purposes of the display of the POW/MIA flag.”

**§ 903. Designation of Medal of Honor Flag**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall design and designate a flag as the Medal of Honor Flag. In selecting the design for the flag, the Secretary shall consider designs submitted by the general public.

(b) PRESENTATION.—The Medal of Honor Flag shall be presented as specified in sections 7285,

8307, and 9285 of title 10 and section 505<sup>1</sup> of title 14.

(Added Pub. L. 107-248, title VIII, §8143(b)(1), Oct. 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 1570; amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §809(l)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1843.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 505 of title 14, referred to in subsec. (b), was redesignated section 2734 of title 14 by Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b)(2), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226, and references to section 505 of title 14 deemed to refer to such redesignated section, see section 123(b)(1) of Pub. L. 115-282, set out as a References to Sections of Title 14 as Redesignated by Pub. L. 115-282 note preceding section 101 of Title 14, Coast Guard.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “sections 7285, 8307, and 9285 of title 10” for “sections 3755, 6257, and 8755 of title 10”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 107-248, title VIII, §8143(a), Oct. 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 1570, provided that: “Congress finds that—

“(1) the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

“(2) the Medal of Honor was established by Congress during the Civil War to recognize soldiers who had distinguished themselves by gallantry in action;

“(3) the Medal of Honor was conceived by Senator James Grimes of the State of Iowa in 1861; and

“(4) the Medal of Honor is the Nation’s highest military honor, awarded for acts of personal bravery or self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty.”

PRESENTATION OF MEDAL OF HONOR FLAG

Pub. L. 107-248, title VIII, §8143(d), Oct. 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 1571, required the President to provide for the expeditious presentation of the Medal of Honor Flag designated under this section to each person awarded the Medal of Honor before Oct. 23, 2002, who was living as of that date.

**§ 904. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag championed by the Bring Our Families Home Campaign is designated as the symbol of the commitment of the United States to recognizing, and prioritizing the freedom of, citizens and lawful permanent residents of the United States held as hostages or wrongfully detained abroad.

(b) REQUIRED DISPLAY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag shall be displayed at the locations specified in paragraph (3) on the days specified in paragraph (2).

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

(2) DAYS SPECIFIED.—The days specified in this paragraph are the following:

- (A) U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day, March 9.
- (B) Flag Day, June 14.
- (C) Independence Day, July 4.
- (D) Any day on which a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States—

- (i) returns to the United States from being held hostage or wrongfully detained abroad; or
- (ii) dies while being held hostage or wrongfully detained abroad.

(3) LOCATIONS SPECIFIED.—The locations specified in this paragraph are the following:

- (A) The Capitol.
- (B) The White House.
- (C) The buildings containing the official office of—
  - (i) the Secretary of State; and
  - (ii) the Secretary of Defense.

(c) DISPLAY TO BE IN A MANNER VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.—Display of the Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag pursuant to this section shall be in a manner designed to ensure visibility to the public.

(d) LIMITATION.—This section may not be construed or applied so as to require any employee to report to work solely for the purpose of providing for the display of the Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag.

(Added Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XVIII, §1804(a)(2)(A), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 686.)

**Part B—United States Government Organizations Involved With Observances and Ceremonies**

**CHAPTER 21—AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION**

Sec. 2101. 2102. 2103. 2104. 2105. 2106. 2107. 2108. 2109. 2110. 2111. 2112. 2113. 2114. 2115.	Membership. Employment of personnel. Administrative. Military cemeteries in foreign countries. Monuments built by the United States Government. War memorials not built by the United States Government. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Pacific War Memorial and other historical and memorial sites on Corregidor. Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account. Claims against the Commission. Presidential duties and powers. Care and maintenance of Surrender Tree site. World War II memorial in the District of Columbia. Intellectual property and related items. Acquisition, operation, and maintenance of Lafayette Escadrille Memorial.
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**AMENDMENTS**

2016—Pub. L. 114-227, §1(b), Sept. 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 934, added item 2115.

1999—Pub. L. 106-117, title VI, §§601(a)(2), 603(b), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1578, 1579, added items 2113 and 2114.

**§ 2101. Membership**

(a) COMPOSITION AND TERMS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission has not more

than 11 members appointed by the President. The President also shall appoint one officer of the Regular Army to serve as secretary of the Commission. The members and secretary serve at the pleasure of the President. The President shall fill any vacancies that occur. Notwithstanding any other law, members of the Armed Forces may be appointed members of the Commission.

(b) PAY AND EXPENSES.—The members of the Commission serve without compensation. However, the members of the Commission may receive, from an amount appropriated to carry out this chapter or acquired by another authorized way—

- (1) their actual expenses related to the work of the Commission;
- (2) when in a travel status outside the continental United States, a per diem at the rate authorized to be paid for members of the uniformed services under section 405 of title 37 instead of subsistence; and
- (3) when in a travel status in the continental United States, a per diem at the rate authorized to be paid under sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5 instead of subsistence.

(c) EXPENSES OF OFFICERS OF ARMED FORCES SERVING ON COMMISSION.—An officer of the Armed Forces serving as a member or as secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses when traveling on business of the Commission in the same way as civilian members of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1269; Pub. L. 106-117, title VI, §604(1), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1580; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(f)(4)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948; Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title VI, §626(g), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2629.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2101(a) .....	36:121 (1st par.).	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, §1 (1st par.). 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; Dec. 18, 1989, Pub. L. 101-237, title V, §503, 103 Stat. 2094.
2101(b) .....	36:121 (2d par.).	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, §1 (2d par.). 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, §1, 70 Stat. 640; Oct. 21, 1970, Pub. L. 91-480, 84 Stat. 1081; Apr. 1, 1976, Pub. L. 94-256, 90 Stat. 301.
	36:121 (last par.).	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, §1 (last par.). 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, §1, 70 Stat. 640.
2101(c) .....	36:122.	Sept. 26, 1996, Pub. L. 104-204, title III, (2d proviso in par. under heading “American Battle Monuments Commission”), 110 Stat. 2907.

In subsection (a), the words “from time to time” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), before clause (1), the text of 36:121 (last par.) is omitted as executed. In clauses (2) and (3), the word “same” is omitted as unnecessary. In clause (2), the words “authorized to be paid” are substituted for “prescribed” for consistency with clause (3) and 37:405.