TITLE 37—PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES

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ENACTING CLAUSE

Pub. L. 87-649, § 1, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 451, provided in part: "That the laws relating to pay and allowances of the uniformed services of the United States are revised, codified, and enacted as title 37 of the United States Code, entitled 'Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services'."

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 87-649, § 15, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 502, provided in part that: "This Act shall take effect on November 1, 1962."

INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

Pub. L. 87-649, § 15, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 502, provided in part that: "Laws enacted after January 9, 1962, that are inconsistent with this Act shall supersede it to the extent of the inconsistency."

SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY PROVISIONS

Pub. L. 87-649, § 12, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 497, provided that:

"(a) In sections 1-11 of this Act, it is the legislative purpose to restate, without substantive change, the law replaced by those sections on the effective date of this Act [Nov. 1, 1962]. However, laws effective after January 9, 1962, that are inconsistent with this Act, shall be considered as superseding it to the extent of the inconsistency.

"(b) References that other laws, regulations, and orders make to the replaced law shall be considered to be made to the corresponding provisions of sections 1-11 of this Act.

"(c) Actions taken under the replaced law shall be considered to have been taken under the corresponding provisions of sections 1-11 of this Act.

"(d) If a part of this Act is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of this Act is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications."

"(e) The enactment of this Act does not increase or decrease the pay or allowances, including retired or retainer pay, of any person."

RESTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED OR TEMPORARILY SUPERSEDED PROVISIONS

Pub. L. 87-649, § 13, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 498, provided that: "If on the effective date of this Act [Nov. 1, 1962], a provision of law that is restated in this Act and repealed by section 14 would have been in a suspended or temporarily superseded status but for its repeal, the provisions of this Act that restate that provision have the same suspended or temporarily superseded status."

REPEALS

Pub. L. 87-649, § 14, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 498, repealed the sections or parts of sections of the Revised Statutes or Statutes at Large covering provisions codified in this title, "except with respect to rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before the effective date of this Act [Nov. 1, 1962] and except as provided in section 12."

CHAPTER 1—DEFINITIONS

Sec. 101.

Definitions.

\$ 101. Definitions

In addition to the definitions in sections 1-5 of title 1, for the purposes of this title—

- (1) "United States", in a geographic sense, means the States and the District of Columbia:
- (2) "possessions" includes the Canal Zone, Guam, American Samoa, and the guano islands;
- (3) "uniformed services" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service;
- (4) "armed forces" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard;
 - (5) "Secretary concerned" means—
 - (A) the Secretary of the Army, with respect to matters concerning the Army;
 - (B) the Secretary of the Navy, with respect to matters concerning the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard when it is operating as a service in the Navy;
 - (C) the Secretary of the Air Force, with respect to matters concerning the Air Force;
 - (D) the Secretary of Transportation, with respect to matters concerning the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy;
 - (E) the Secretary of Commerce, with respect to matters concerning the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and
 - (F) the Secretary of Health and Human Services, with respect to matters concerning the Public Health Service;
- (6) "National Guard" means the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard;
- (7) "Army National Guard" means that part of the organized militia of the several States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Canal Zone, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia, active and inactive, that—
 - (A) is a land force;
 - (B) is trained, and has its officers appointed, under the sixteenth clause of section 8, article I, of the Constitution;
 - (C) is organized, armed, and equipped wholly or partly at Federal expense; and
 - (D) is federally recognized;
- (8) "Army National Guard of the United States" means the reserve component of the Army all of whose members are members of the Army National Guard:
- (9) "Air National Guard" means that part of the organized militia of the several States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Canal Zone, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia, active and inactive, that—
 - (A) is an air force;
 - (B) is trained, and has its officers appointed, under the sixteenth clause of section 8, article I, of the Constitution;
 - (C) is organized, armed, and equipped wholly or partiy at Federal expense; and

(D) is federally recognized:

- (10) "Air National Guard of the United States" means the reserve component of the Air Force all of whose members are members of the Air National Guard;
- (11) "officer" means commissioned or warrant officer;
- (12) "commissioned officer" includes a commissioned warrant officer;
- (13) "warrant officer" means a person who holds a commission or warrant in a warrant officer grade:
- (14) "enlisted member" means a person in an enlisted grade;
- (15) "grade" means a step or degree, in a graduated scale of office or rank, that is established and designated as a grade by law or regulation;
- (16) "rank" means the order of precedence among members of the uniformed services;
- (17) "rating" means the name (such as "boatswain's mate") prescribed for members of a uniformed service in an occupational field; "rate" means the name (such as "chief boatswain's mate") prescribed for members in the same rating or other category who are in the same grade (such as chief petty officer or seaman apprentice);
- (18) "active duty" means full-time duty in the active service of a uniformed service, and includes full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary concerned;
- (19) "active duty for a period of more than 30 days" means active duty under a call or order that does not specify a period of 30 days or less;
- (20) "active service" means service on active duty:
- (21) "pay" includes basic pay, special pay, retainer pay, incentive pay, retired pay, and equivalent pay, but does not include allowances:
 - (22) "inactive-duty training" means-
 - (A) duty prescribed for members of a reserve component by the Secretary concerned under section 206 of this title or any other law; and
 - (B) special additional duties authorized for members of a reserve component by an authority designated by the Secretary concerned and performed by them on a voluntary basis in connection with the prescribed training or maintenance activities of the units to which they are assigned;

and includes those duties when performed by members of a reserve component in their status as members of the National Guard, but does not include work or study in connection with a correspondence course of a uniformed service:

- (23) "member" means a person appointed or enlisted in, or conscripted into, a uniformed service; and
 - (24) "reserve component" means—
 - (A) the Army National Guard of the United States;

- (B) the Army Reserve;
- (C) the Naval Reserve;
- (D) the Marine Corps Reserve;
- (E) the Air National Guard of the United States:
 - (F) the Air Force Reserve;
 - (G) the Coast Guard Reserve; or
- (H) the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service.

(25) "regular compensation" or "regular military compensation (RMC)" means the total of the following elements that a member of a uniformed service accrues or receives, directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind every payday: basic pay, basic allowance for quarters (including any variable housing allowance or station housing allowance), basic allowance for subsistence; and Federal tax advantage accruing to the aforementioned allowances because they are not subject to Federal income tax.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 451; Pub. L. 89-718, § 49(a)(1), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1121; Pub. L. 90-623, § 3(1), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1314; Pub. L. 92-492, § 3, Oct. 13, 1972, 86 Stat. 810; Pub. L. 93-419, § 1, Sept. 19, 1974, 88 Stat. 1152; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §§ 506(1), 516(1), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2918, 2937; Pub. L. 96-579, § 11, Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3368; Pub. L. 96-600, § 3(b), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3494.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

	Revised section		Source (Statutes at Large)
101(2)	101(3)	37:231(a), (j). 37:32(a), 37:32(a), 37:231(k), 37:231(k), 37:231(f), [No source.] [No source.] [No source.] [No source.] (No source.] 37:231(c), 37:231(d), 37:231(d), 37:231(d), [No source.]	Oct. 12, 1949, ch. 881, \$102 (less (g)), 63

The definitions in clauses (1) and (2), (6)-(10), (14)-(21), and (24) reflect the adoption of terminology which, though undefined in the source statutes restated in this revised title, represent the closest practicable approximation of the ways in which the terms defined have been most commonly used, and so far as possible are identical to those used in title 10, United States Code, containing most of the basic law relating to the armed forces.

In clause (3), the words "and all Regular and Reserve components thereof", in section 231(a) of existing title 37, are omitted as surplusage. Section 231(j) of existing title 37 is omitted as covered by section 1 of title 1.

In clause (4), that part of section 32(a) of existing titie 37 relating other than to the enumeration of the

armed forces is omitted as unnecessary. Section 231(k) of existing title 37 is omitted, since throughout the revised title references to members of the Army or Air Force without specification of component are specifi-

caily included when necessary.

In clause (11), the words "flight officer" are omitted as obsolete. Section 231(c) (last sentence) of existing

title 37 is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (12), the definition of commissioned officer is broadened and restated to conform to the definition in section 101(15) of title 10. Corresponding changes are made throughout the revised title to correspond to the definition.

Clause (13), which is identical to section 101(16) of title 10, is substituted for section 231(e) of existing title 37. The words "flight officer" are omitted as obsolete. Section 231(h) of existing title 37 is omitted, since the defined term is not used in the revised title.

Ciause (22) is substituted for section 231(i) of existing title 37.

In clause (23), section 231(b) (less 1st sentence) of existing title 37 is omitted as executed by the express coverage of members of the Fleet Reserve and Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of Canal Zone, referred to in cis. (7) and (9), see section 3602(b) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

AMENDMENTS

1960-Ci. (3). Pub. L. 96-513, § 516(1)(A), substituted "National Oceanic and Atmospheric" for "Environmental Science Services"

Cl. (5)(E). Pub. L. 96-513, § 516(1)(A), substituted "National Oceanic and Atmospheric" for "Environmental Science Services".

Ci. (5)(F). Pub. L. 96-513, § 516(1)(B), substituted "Health and Human Services" for "Health, Education, and Welfare".

Cis. (7), (9). Pub. L. 96-600 added references to Guam wherever appearing.

Cl. (18). Pub. L. 96-513, \$ 506(1), struck out "duty on the active list," following "and includes".
Cl. (25). Pub. L. 96-579 defined "regular compensa-

tion" or "regnlar military compensation (RMC)" to include with respect to basic allowance for quarters any variable housing allowance or station housing allowance.

1974-Cl. (25), Pub. L. 93-419 added cl. (25),

1972-Cis. (7), (9). Pub. L. 92-492 added references to the Virgin Islands.

1968—Cl. (5)(D). Pub. L. 90-623 substituted "Secretary of Transportation" for "Secretary of the Treasury

1966—Cis. (3) and (5)(E). Pub. L. 89-718 substituted "Environmental Science Services Administration" for "Coast and Geodetic Survey".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 506(1) of Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 98-513, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

Amendment by section 516(1) of Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 98-513.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-419 effective Sept. 19, 1974, see section 9 of Pub. L. 93-419, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1009 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-623 intended to restate without substantive change the law in effect on Oct.

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22, 1968, see section 6 of Pub. L. 90-623, set out as a note under section 5334 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

SHORT TITLE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 97-60, § 1, Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 989, provided: "That this Act [enacting sections 308f, 315, 404a, 411c, 411d, and 411e of this title and sections 4341a and 9341a of Title 10, Armed Forces, amending sections 203, 301, 301a, 301b, 301c, 304, 305s, 308, 308a, 312b, 404, 405a, 406, 407, 411, 411b, 415, and 1006 of this title, sections 2107, 2634, 4342, 5031, 5153, 6011, 6953, 6956, 7572, and 9342 of Title 10, and section 460 of the Appendix te Title 50, War and National Defense, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 203, 301, 301a, 308, 312, 404, 404a, and 1009 of this title and sections 4341a, 6011, and 7572 of Title 10, and amending a provision set out as a note under section 7572 of Title 10] may be cited as the 'Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1981'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1980 AMENDMENTS

Section 1 of Pub. L. 96-579 provided that: "This Act lenacting sections 301c and 314 of this title and section 705 of Title 10, Armed Forces, amending sections 101, 209, 301, 305a, 308, 312, 312b, 312c, and 403 of this title, sections 520, 701, 867, 4355, 6968, and 9355 of Title 10, and section 308(9), (10) of Pub. L. 95-521, title III, Oct. 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 1861, set out in the Appendix te Title 28, Judiclary and Judicial Procedure, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 301c, 305a, 312, 312b, 312c, 314, and 403 of this title and sections 705 and 867 of Title 101 may be cited as the 'Military Pay and Allowances Benefits Act of 1980'."

Pub. L. 96-343, § 1, Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1123, provided that: "This Act [enacting section 5142a of Title 10, Armed Forces, amending sections 203, 301, 301a, 305a, 403, 404, 411, 907, and 1006 of this title and sections 1201, 1203, 3914, 3925, 3962, 5142, 5703, 5787c, 5787d, 8072, 8914, 8925, and 8962 of Title 10, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 301, 305a, 402, 403, 404, and 907 of this title and sections 3914 and 3962 of Title 10, and amending provisions set out as notes under sections 5707 and 8202 of Title 10] may be cited as the 'Military Personnel and Compensation Amendments of 1980'."

Pub. L. 96-284, § 1, June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 587 provided that: "This Act [enacting sections 302c and 303a of this title, amending sections 302 to 302b, 303, 306, 311, and 313 of this title, and enacting and repealing provisions set out as notes under section 302 of this title] may be cited as the 'Uniformed Services Health Professionals Special Pay Act of 1980'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-356, § 1, July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 901, provided: "That this Act [enacting sections 312b and 312c of this title, amending section 312 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 301 and 312 of this title] may be cited as the 'Nuclear Career Incentive Act of 1975'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1974 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 93-294, § 1, May 31, 1974, 68 Stat. 177, provided: "That this Act [amending section 301 of this title, enacting section 301a of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 301a of this title] may be cited as the 'Aviation Career Incentive Act of 1974'."

Pub. L. 93-277, § 1, May 10, 1974, 88 Stat. 119, provided: "That this Act [amending sections 308 and 308a of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 306 of this title] may be cited as the 'Armed Forces Enlisted Personnel Bonus Revision Act of 1974."

SHORT TITLE OF 1963 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 88-132, § 1, Oct. 2, 1963, 77 Stat. 210, provided: "That this Act lenacting sections 310 and 427 of this title and section 1401a of Title 10, Armed Forces; amending sections 201, 203, 301, 302, 305, 403, and 421 of this title, sections 1401, 1402, 3991, 6151, 6323, 6325 to 6327, 6381, 6383, 6390, 6394, 6396, 6396 to 6400, 6483, and 3991 of Title 10, section 423 of Title 14 Coast Guard, section 857a of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, and section 213a of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare; repealing section 6149 of Title 10 and sections 2351 to 2356 of Title 50, Appendix, War and National Defense, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 201, 203, and 305 of this title, section 1402 of Title 10, and section 411 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits I may be cited as the 'Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1983'."

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in title 5 sections 3326, 3501, 5531; title 10 section 2774; title 20 section 238; title 26 section 8013; title 32 section 716; title 33 section 857-1; title 42 sections 665, 1973cc-21.

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1983—Pub. L. 97-417, § 3(b), Jan. 4, 1983, 96 Stat. 2087, substituted "Pay grades; commodores, retired list" for "Pay grades: assignment to; rear admirals (upper half) of the Coast Guard" in item 202. 1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 506(2), Dec. 12, 1980.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 506(2), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2918, substituted "rear admirals (upper half) of the Coast Guard" for "rear admirals of upper half; officers holding certain positions in the Navy" in item 202.

1977—Pub. L. 95-79, title 1II, § 302(a)(3)(C), July 30, 1977, 91 Stat. 326, substituted "precommissioning programs" for "Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps" in item 209.

1970—Pub. L. 91-482, § 2F, Oct. 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 1082, struck out item 208, which read: "Furlough pay: officers of Regular Navy or Regular Marine Corps."

1964—Pub. L. 88-647, title II, § 202(5), Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1071, substituted "Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps" for "naval officer candidate programs" in item 209.

Cross References

Assimilation of pay and allowances, see section 1003 of this title.

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 402, 406, 1003 of this title.

§ 201. Pay grades: assignment to; general rules

(a) For the purpose of computing their basic pay, commissioned officers of the uniformed services (other than commissioned warrant offi-

¹So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.