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#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Chapter 13 of this title deals with pay, allowances, awards, and other rights and benefits for personnel of the Coast Guard. Some of these sections are new as applied to the Coast Guard, some clarify and consolidate existing law, and others merely restate existing law. There is no intention to amend, enlarge or curtail the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, as amended. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

#### AMENDMENTS

- 2010—Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §§203(b), 224(d), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2910, 2922, added items 491a, 492a, 492b, and 518 and struck out former item 492a “Distinguished flying cross”.
- 2004—Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §§210(b), 218(b), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1036, 1039, added items 472 and 517.
- 2002—Pub. L. 107-295, title III, §312(b), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2102, added item 511 and struck out former item 511 “Compensatory absence of military personnel at isolated aids to navigation.”
- Pub. L. 107-248, title VIII, §8143(c)(4)(B), Oct. 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 1571, added item 505.
- 2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §553(d)(1)(B), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1117, added item 504.
- 1998—Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, §644(d)(2), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2049, added item 516.
- 1996—Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §201(b), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3907, added item 515.
- 1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §651(b)(2), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1387, added item 514.
- 1988—Pub. L. 100-448, §13(b), Sept. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 1844, added item 513.
- 1984—Pub. L. 98-557, §§15(a)(4)(D)(ii), 25(a)(3), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2866, 2872, struck out item 462a and substituted “members” for “officers, enlisted men,” in item 487.
- 1982—Pub. L. 97-295, §2(15)(B), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1302, struck out item 473.
- 1980—Pub. L. 96-376, §7(b), Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1510, added item 512.
- 1970—Pub. L. 91-278, §1(12), June 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 306, substituted “Leasing and hiring of quarters; rental of inadequate housing” for “Hiring of quarters for personnel” as item 475.
- 1968—Pub. L. 90-377, §7, July 5, 1968, 82 Stat. 288, substituted “Persons discharged as result of court-martial; allowances to” for “Prisoners; allowances to; transportation” in item 509.
- 1966—Pub. L. 89-718, §73(c)(2), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1124, struck out reference to pay and allowances and to pay of officers indebted to the United States and inserted reference to discharge in item 461.
- Pub. L. 89-444, §1(26), June 9, 1966, 80 Stat. 197, struck out items 462, 464, 465, 466, 474, 504, 505, and 506.
- 1964—Pub. L. 88-558, §7(1), Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 768, struck out item 490 effective two years after Aug. 31, 1964. Pub. L. 88-558 was subsequently repealed by Pub. L. 97-258, §5(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1068.
- 1962—Pub. L. 87-651, title III, §308, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 527, struck out item 471a.

Pub. L. 87-649, §7(c), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 495, struck out “active duty pay and” before “retired pay” in item 462a.

Pub. L. 87-526, §1(2), (4), July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 141, provided for remission of indebtedness of enlisted members in item 461 and struck out item 495 providing for additional pay for holders of medals.

1956—Act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, §§10(b), 11(b), 12(b), 14(b), 70A Stat. 624, added items 462a, 471a, 492a, and 510.

Act Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 837, title V, §502(8)(B), 70 Stat. 886, struck out item 489 “Death gratuity”.

1955—Act Aug. 9, 1955, ch. 650, §3, 69 Stat. 577, added item 511.

1954—Act Sept. 3, 1954, ch. 1263, §33(a), 68 Stat. 1238, inserted “; pay of officers indebted to United States” in item 461.

1952—Act July 10, 1952, ch. 631, §1, 66 Stat. 539, substituted “payment of expenses incident to apprehension and delivery” for “arrest by civil authority” in item 508.

1950—Act Aug. 3, 1950, ch. 536, §25, 64 Stat. 407, struck out items 463 and 472.

Act May 5, 1950, ch. 169, §16(b), 64 Stat. 149, added items 508 and 509.

#### § 461. Remission of indebtedness of enlisted members upon discharge

If he considers it in the best interest of the United States, the Secretary may have remitted or canceled any part of an enlisted member's indebtedness to the United States or any of its instrumentalities remaining unpaid before or at the time of, that member's honorable discharge.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 530; Sept. 3, 1954, ch. 1263, §33(b), 68 Stat. 1238; Pub. L. 87-526, §1(1), July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 141; Pub. L. 87-649, §14d(7), Sept. 7, 1962, as added Pub. L. 89-718, §73(a)(3), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1124; Pub. L. 89-718, §73(c)(1), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1124; Pub. L. 90-83, §2, Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 220; Pub. L. 94-546, §1(29), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2521.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §§20a, 121 (May 18, 1920, ch. 190, §8, 41 Stat. 603; June 10, 1922, ch. 212, 42 Stat. 625; July 3, 1926, ch. 742, §10, 44 Stat. 817).

Said section 121 was omitted from the 1940 and 1946 editions of the U.S. Code, but it has been held that the assimilation provision thereof is inoperative only insofar as Congress has made specific legislative provision for the Coast Guard, and that benefits derived from legislation pertaining to the Navy previously conferred upon the Coast Guard, and not provided for in subsequent legislation, survive to the Coast Guard under the assimilation statute. (See 27 Comp. Dec. 234; 22 Comp. Gen. 723; decision of June 9, 1947, B-63472; decision of April 2, 1948, B-70438; and decision of September 2, 1948, B-77295.)

It seems desirable to retain this assimilation provision as to pay in order to cover any failure to provide specifically for the Coast Guard in military pay legislation.

This section assimilates the pay of military personnel of the Coast Guard to the pay of military personnel of the Navy. It seems that this is the most feasible method of insuring that the pay of military personnel of the Coast Guard will not vary from the pay of military personnel of the other armed forces. The assimilation is intended to include authorization for extra pay and allowances as provided for personnel of the Navy, for all types of special duty: for example, qualified divers on diving duty, military personnel assigned to submarine duty, military personnel assigned to aviation duty, officers assigned as aides to flag officers, and enlisted persons assigned to duty in the mess detail. Military pay acts are intended to include Coast Guard personnel specifically; this section would cover any failure to so provide for Coast Guard personnel in a pay act.