

sioned as a regular or reserve officer, and who was not enrolled in a program or an academy established under chapter 103, 403, 603, or 903 of Title 10, Armed Forces, could be paid a subsistence allowance at the same rate as that prescribed by subsec. (a) of this section, was repealed by Pub. L. 96-342, title VIII, §811(b), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1098. See subsec. (d) of this section.

**§ 210. Pay of senior enlisted members during terminal leave and while hospitalized**

(a) A noncommissioned officer of an armed force who, immediately following the completion of service as the senior enlisted member of that armed force, is placed on terminal leave pending retirement shall be entitled, for not more than 60 days while in such status, to the rate of basic pay authorized for the senior enlisted member of that armed force.

(b) A noncommissioned officer of an armed force who is hospitalized and who, during or immediately before such hospitalization, completed service as the senior enlisted member of that armed force, shall continue to be entitled, for not more than 180 days while so hospitalized, to the rate of basic pay authorized for the senior enlisted member of that armed force.

(c) In this section, the term “senior enlisted member” means the following:

- (1) The Sergeant Major of the Army.
- (2) The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.
- (3) The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.
- (4) The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.
- (5) The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.
- (6) The Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

(Added Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §606(a), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1374; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §603(a), (b)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2540; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §685(b), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3325; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, §1071(c)(1), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2400.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “Advisor to” for “Advisor for”.

Pub. L. 109-163 added par. (6).

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, §603(b)(1), substituted “Pay of senior enlisted members during terminal leave and while hospitalized” for “Pay of the senior noncommissioned officer of an armed force during terminal leave” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 104-201, §603(a), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 211. Participation in Thrift Savings Plan**

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “member” means—

(1) a member of the uniformed services serving on active duty; and

(2) a member of the Ready Reserve in any pay status.

(b) AUTHORITY.—Any member may participate in the Thrift Savings Plan in accordance with section 8440e of title 5.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING SEPARATION.—For purposes of subchapters III and VII of chapter 84 of title 5, each of the following actions shall, in the case of a member participating in the Thrift Savings Plan in accordance with section 8440e of such title, be considered a separation from Government employment:

(1) Release of the member from active duty, not followed, before the end of the 31-day period beginning on the day following the effective date of the release, by—

(A) a resumption of active duty; or

(B) an appointment to a position covered by chapter 83 or 84 of title 5 or an equivalent retirement system, as identified by the Executive Director (appointed by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board) in regulations.

(2) Transfer of the member to inactive status, or to a retired list pursuant to any provision of title 10.

(d) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RETENTION IN CRITICAL SPECIALTIES AND FIRST-TIME ENLISTEES.—(1) The Secretary concerned may enter into an agreement with a member to make contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund for the benefit of the member if the member—

(A)(i) is in a specialty designated by the Secretary as critical to meet requirements (whether such specialty is designated as critical to meet wartime or peacetime requirements); and

(ii) commits in such agreement to continue to serve on active duty in that specialty for a period of 6 years; or

(B) is enlisting in the armed forces for the first time and the period of the member’s enlistment is not less than two years.

(2) Under any agreement entered into with a member under paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary shall make contributions to the Fund for the benefit of the member for each pay period of the 6-year period of the agreement for which the member makes a contribution to the Fund under section 8440e of title 5 (other than under subsection (d)(2) thereof).

(3) In the case of a member described by paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall make contributions to the Fund for the benefit of the member for each pay period of the enlistment of the member described in that paragraph for which the member makes a contribution to the Fund under section 8440e of title 5 (other than under subsection (d)(2) thereof).

(4) Paragraph (2) of section 8432(c) of title 5 applies to the Secretary’s obligation to make contributions under this subsection, except that the reference in such paragraph (2) to contributions under paragraph (1) of such section 8432(c) does not apply.

(e) REPAYMENT OF AMOUNTS BORROWED FROM MEMBER ACCOUNT.—If a loan is issued to a mem-