

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.

**§ 2647. Next-of-kin of persons unaccounted for from conflicts after World War II: transportation to annual meetings**

The Secretary of Defense may provide transportation for the next-of-kin of persons who are unaccounted for from the Korean conflict, the Cold War, Vietnam War era, or the Persian Gulf War to and from an annual meeting in the United States. Such transportation shall be provided under such regulations as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §574(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1122.)

**AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR NEXT-OF-KIN OF VIETNAM ERA INDIVIDUALS**

Pub. L. 107-117, div. A, title VIII, §8018, Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2251, provided that: “Funds available in this Act [see Tables for classification] and hereafter may be used to provide transportation for the next-of-kin of individuals who have been prisoners of war or missing in action from the Vietnam era to an annual meeting in the United States, under such regulations as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.”

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 106-259, title VIII, §8018, Aug. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 678.

Pub. L. 106-79, title VIII, §8018, Oct. 25, 1999, 113 Stat. 1235.

Pub. L. 105-262, title VIII, §8018, Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2301.

Pub. L. 105-56, title VIII, §8018, Oct. 8, 1997, 111 Stat. 1224.

Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(b) [title VIII, §8019], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-71, 3009-92.

Pub. L. 104-61, title VIII, §8025, Dec. 1, 1995, 109 Stat. 657.

Pub. L. 103-335, title VIII, §8031, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2625.

Pub. L. 103-139, title VIII, §8034, Nov. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 1447.

Pub. L. 102-396, title IX, §9046, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1912.

Pub. L. 102-172, title VIII, §8047, Nov. 26, 1991, 105 Stat. 1182.

Pub. L. 101-511, title VIII, §8051, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1886.

Pub. L. 101-165, title IX, §9065, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1143.

**§ 2648. Persons and supplies: sea, land, and air transportation**

Whenever the Secretary of Defense considers that space is available, the following persons and supplies may be transported on vessels, vehicles, or aircraft operated by the Department of Defense:

(1) Members of Congress.

(2) Other officers of the United States traveling on official business.

(3) Secretaries and supplies of the Armed Services Department of the Young Men's Christian Association.

(4) Officers and employees of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico on official business.

(5) The families of members of the armed forces, officers and employees of the Depart-

ment of Defense or the Coast Guard, and persons described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4).

However, a person described in paragraph (4) or (5) may be so transported only if the transportation is without expense to the United States.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 266, §4744; Pub. L. 86-624, §4(d), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 411; renumbered §2648 and amended Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title X, §1072(a), (b)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2057; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title III, §352(d), (e)(1), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4193.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
4744 .....	10:1369. 10:1370. 10:1371 (less last 29 words).	Mar. 2, 1907, ch. 2511 (6th proviso, less last 29 words under “Transportation of the Army and Its Supplies”), 34 Stat. 1170. June 30, 1921, ch. 33 (8th proviso under “Transportation of the Army and Its Supplies”), 42 Stat. 81. Mar. 3, 1911, ch. 209 (3d proviso under “Transportation of the Army and Its Supplies”), 36 Stat. 1051.

Reference to the Philippine government, contained in the source statute for 10:1371, is omitted, since the Philippine Republic now has the status of a foreign country and only possessions of the United States are intended to be covered by the source statute. The words “Armed Services Department” are substituted for the words “Army and Navy Department”, in 10:1370, to reflect the present name of that Department of the Young Men's Christian Association. (See also third sentence of revision note for section 4746 of this title, below.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2011—Pub. L. 111-383 substituted “Persons and supplies: sea, land, and air transportation” for “Persons and supplies: sea transportation” in section catchline and inserted “, vehicles, or aircraft” after “vessels” in introductory provisions.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375, §1072(b)(1), in introductory provisions, substituted “Secretary of Defense” for “Secretary of the Army” and struck out “Army transport agencies or, within bulk space allocations made to the Department of the Army, on vessels operated by any military transport agency of” before “the Department of Defense”, redesignated pars. (4) to (8) as (1) to (5), respectively, in par. (5), substituted “members of the armed forces, officers and employees of the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard, and persons described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4)” for “persons described in clauses (1), (2), (4), (5), and (7)”, in concluding provisions, substituted “paragraph (4) or (5)” for “clause (7) or (8)”, and struck out former pars. (1) to (3) which read as follows:

“(1) Members of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

“(2) Officers and employees of the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Air Force, or the Coast Guard.

“(3) Supplies of the Department of the Navy.”

Pub. L. 108-375, §1072(a), renumbered section 4744 of this title as this section.

1960—Pub. L. 86-624 struck out cl. (6) which authorized transportation of officers and employees of the Territory of Hawaii, redesignated cls. (7) to (9) as (6) to (8), respectively, and substituted “clauses (1), (2), (4), (5), and (7)” for “clauses (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), and (8)” in redesignated cl. (8), and “clause (7) or (8)” for “clause (8) or (9)” in closing sentence.