

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
51902 .....	46 App.:2003.	Pub. L. 100-324, §4, May 30, 1988, 102 Stat. 576.

In subsection (a), the words “a vessel (including a foreign vessel)” are substituted for “a United States vessel or to a foreign-flag vessel” to eliminate unnecessary words.

**§ 51903. Multiple awards**

An individual may not be awarded more than one of any type of decoration or medal under this chapter. For each succeeding act or service justifying the same decoration or medal, a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with the decoration or medal.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1585.)

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51903 .....	46 App.:2004(a).	Pub. L. 100-324, §5(a), May 30, 1988, 102 Stat. 576.

**§ 51904. Presentation to representatives**

If an individual to be issued an award under this chapter is unable to accept the award personally, the Secretary of Transportation may present the award to an appropriate representative.

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51904 .....	46 App.:2004(b).	Pub. L. 100-324, §5(b), May 30, 1988, 102 Stat. 577.

**§ 51905. Flags and grave markers**

Except as authorized under another law, the Secretary of Transportation may issue, at no cost, a flag of the United States and a grave marker to the family or personal representative of a deceased individual who served in the merchant marine of the United States in support of the armed forces of the United States or its allies during a war or national emergency.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1585.)

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51905 .....	46 App.:2005.	Pub. L. 100-324, §6, May 30, 1988, 102 Stat. 577.

**§ 51906. Special certificates for civilian service to armed forces**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Maritime Administrator may issue a special certificate to an individual, or the personal representative of an individual, in recognition of service of that individual in the merchant marine of the United States, if the service has been determined to be active duty under section 401 of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 (Public Law 95-202; 38 U.S.C. 106 note).

(b) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—Issuance of a certificate under subsection (a) does not entitle an individual to any rights, privileges, or benefits under a law of the United States.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1585.)

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51906 .....	46 App.:2006.	Pub. L. 100-324, §7, May 30, 1988, 102 Stat. 577.

**§ 51907. Provision of decorations, medals, and replacements**

The Secretary of Transportation may provide—

(1) the decorations and medals authorized by this chapter and replacements for those decorations and medals; and

(2) replacements for decorations and medals issued under a prior law.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1585; Pub. L. 109-163, div. C, title XXXV, §3510, Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3557; Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, §3523(a)(5)(A), (b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 599, 600.)

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The Secretary’s authority to provide decorations and medals at cost, or to authorize the sale of decorations and medals at reasonable prices, is restated to apply only to replacement awards because Congress probably did not intend that recipients being honored would pay for their decorations and medals.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b), repealed Pub. L. 109-163, §3510. See 2006 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(a)(5)(A), incorporated the substance of the amendment by Pub. L. 109-163, §3510, into this section by amending section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of Transportation may—

“(1) authorize private persons to manufacture decorations and medals authorized under this chapter or a prior law; and

“(2) provide at cost, or authorize private persons to sell at reasonable prices, replacements for those decorations and medals.”

See 2006 Amendment note below and section 18(a) of Pub. L. 109-304, set out as a Legislative Purpose and Construction note preceding section 101 of this title.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, §3510, which directed the amendment of section 2004(c) of the former Appendix to this title from which this section was derived, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b). See 2008 Amendment notes and Historical and Revision notes above.

**§ 51908. Prohibition against unauthorized manufacture, sale, possession, or display of awards**

(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as authorized by this chapter or the Secretary of Transportation, a person may not manufacture, sell, possess, or display a decoration or medal provided for in this chapter.

(b) CIVIL PENALTY.—A person violating this section is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$2,000.