

priations made available to the Administration, transportation (including packing, unpacking, crating, and uncrating) of personal and household effects of that officer to the official residence of record of that officer. However, upon application by the dependents of such an officer, such transportation may be provided to such other location as may be determined by the Secretary.

**(b) Reimbursement for supplies furnished by officers to distressed and shipwrecked persons**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, appropriations made available to the Administration may be used to reimburse an officer for food, clothing, medicines, and other supplies furnished by the officer—

- (1) for the temporary relief of distressed persons in remote localities; or
- (2) to shipwrecked persons who are temporarily provided for by the officer.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §265, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3093.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 874 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

**§ 3076. Presentation of United States flag upon retirement**

**(a) Presentation of flag upon retirement**

Upon the release of a commissioned officer from active commissioned service for retirement, the Secretary shall present a United States flag to the officer.

**(b) Multiple presentations not authorized**

An officer is not eligible for presentation of a flag under subsection (a) if the officer has previously been presented a flag under this section or any other provision of law providing for the presentation of a United States flag incident to release from active service for retirement.

**(c) No cost to recipient**

The presentation of a flag under this section shall be at no cost to the recipient.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §266, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3093.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 853v of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

**CHAPTER 44—OCEANS AND HUMAN HEALTH**

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**§ 3101. Interagency oceans and human health research program**

**(a) Coordination**

The President, through the National Science and Technology Council, shall coordinate and

support a national research program to improve understanding of the role of the oceans in human health.

**(b) Implementation plan**

Within 1 year after December 8, 2004, the National Science and Technology Council, through the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall develop and submit to the Congress a plan for coordinated Federal activities under the program. Nothing in this subsection is intended to duplicate or supersede the activities of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia established under section 4001<sup>1</sup> of this title. In developing the plan, the Committee will consult with the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia. Such plan will build on and complement the ongoing activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Science Foundation, and other departments and agencies and shall—

- (1) establish, for the 10-year period beginning in the year it is submitted, the goals and priorities for Federal research which most effectively advance scientific understanding of the connections between the oceans and human health, provide usable information for the prediction of marine-related public health problems and use the biological potential of the oceans for development of new treatments of human diseases and a greater understanding of human biology;

- (2) describe specific activities required to achieve such goals and priorities, including the funding of competitive research grants, ocean and coastal observations, training and support for scientists, and participation in international research efforts;

- (3) identify and address, as appropriate, relevant programs and activities of the Federal agencies and departments that would contribute to the program;

- (4) identify alternatives for preventive unnecessary duplication of effort among Federal agencies and departments with respect to the program;

- (5) consider and use, as appropriate, reports and studies conducted by Federal agencies and departments, the National Research Council, the Ocean Research Advisory Panel, the Commission on Ocean Policy and other expert scientific bodies;

- (6) make recommendations for the coordination of program activities with ocean and human health-related activities of other national and international organizations; and

- (7) estimate Federal funding for research activities to be conducted under the program.

**(c) Program scope**

The program may include the following activities related to the role of oceans in human health:

- (1) Interdisciplinary research among the ocean and medical sciences, and coordinated research and activities to improve understanding of processes within the ocean that may affect human health and to explore the potential contribution of marine organisms to medicine and research, including—

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.