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AMENDMENTS

- 2014—Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title V, § 571(a)(1)(B), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3387, added item 1129a.
 2013—Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title V, § 563(a)(2), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 767, added item 1134a.
 2011—Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, § 571(b), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4223, added item 1133 and struck out former item 1133 “Bronze star: limitation to members receiving imminent danger pay”.
 2008—Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title V, § 571(b), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4472, added item 1135.
 2004—Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, § 561(b), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1918, added item 1134.
 2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, § 1031(a)(10)(B), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1597, struck out “and recommendation” after “review” in item 1130.
 2000—Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title V, § 541(b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-114, added item 1133.
 1998—Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title V, § 537(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2019, added item 1132.
 1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, § 571(a)(2), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1756, added item 1131.
 1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, § 526(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 314, added item 1130.
 1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XI, § 1141(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1757, added item 1129.
 1985—Pub. L. 99-145, title V, § 532(a)(2), title XII, § 1225(a)(2)(B), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 634, 730, inserted “disclosures,” and substituted “and” for “or” in item 1124, and added item 1128.
 1984—Pub. L. 98-525, title V, § 553(b), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2532, added item 1127.
 1966—Pub. L. 89-718, § 9, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1117, redesignated item 1124, added by Pub. L. 89-534, § 1(2), Aug. 11, 1966, 80 Stat. 345, as 1126.
 Pub. L. 89-534, § 1(2), Aug. 11, 1966, 80 Stat. 345, added item 1124, relating to eligibility for and distribution of gold star lapel button.
 Pub. L. 89-529, § 1(2), Aug. 11, 1966, 80 Stat. 339, added item 1125.
 1965—Pub. L. 89-198, § 1(2), Sept. 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 831, added item 1124, relating to payment of cash awards for members of armed forces for suggestions, inventions, or scientific achievements.

ATOMIC VETERANS SERVICE CERTIFICATE

Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title V, § 581, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1787, provided that:

“(a) SERVICE CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall design and produce a military service certificate, to be known as the ‘Atomic Veterans Service Certificate’, to honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces who are radiation-exposed veterans (as such term is defined in section 1112(c)(3) of title 38, United States Code).

“(b) DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATE.—

“(1) ISSUANCE TO RETIRED AND FORMER MEMBERS.—At the request of a radiation-exposed veteran, the Secretary of Defense shall issue the Atomic Veterans Service Certificate to the veteran.

“(2) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—In the case of a radiation-exposed veteran who is deceased, the Secretary may provide for issuance of the Atomic Veterans Service Certificate to the next-of-kin of the person.”

AWARD OF MEDALS OR OTHER COMMENDATIONS TO HANDLERS OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS

Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title V, § 582, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1787, provided that:

“(a) PROGRAM OF AWARD REQUIRED.—Each Secretary of a military department shall carry out a program to provide for the award of one or more medals or other commendations to handlers of military working dogs under the jurisdiction of such Secretary to recognize valor or meritorious achievement by such handlers and dogs.

“(b) MEDALS AND COMMENDATIONS.—Any medal or commendation awarded pursuant to a program under subsection (a) shall be of such design, and include such elements, as the Secretary of the military department concerned shall specify. The Secretary concerned may use an existing award to carry out such program.

“(c) PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE.—Any medal or commendation awarded pursuant to a program under subsection (a) may be presented to and accepted by the handler concerned on behalf of the handler and the military working dog concerned.

“(d) REGULATIONS.—Medals and commendations shall be awarded under programs under subsection (a) in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for purposes of this section.”

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND RECOGNITION ITEMS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM OR OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Pub. L. 110-116, div. A, title VIII, § 8099, Nov. 13, 2007, 121 Stat. 1337, provided that: “Hereafter, the Secretary of Defense may present promotional materials, including a United States flag, to any member of an Active or Reserve component under the Secretary’s jurisdiction who, as determined by the Secretary, participates in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, along with other recognition items in conjunction with any week-long national observation and day of national celebration, if established by Presidential proclamation, for any such members returning from such operations.”

REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROCESS FOR AWARDING DECORATIONS

Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, § 557, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2219, provided that:

“(a) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a review of the policy, procedures, and processes of the military departments for awarding decorations to members of the Armed Forces.

“(b) TIME PERIODS.—As part of the review under subsection (a), the Secretary shall compare the time frames of the awards process between active duty and reserve components—

“(1) from the time a recommendation for the award of a decoration is submitted until the time the award of the decoration is approved; and

“(2) from the time the award of a decoration is approved until the time when the decoration is presented to the recipient.