

tions under section 1116(a) of title 10, United States Code, for the first year that the Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund is established under chapter 56 of such title, if the Board of Actuaries is unable to execute its responsibilities with respect to such section, the Secretary of Defense may make contributions under such section using methods and assumptions developed by the Secretary.”

### § 1117. Investment of assets of Fund

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest such portion of the Fund as is not in the judgment of the Secretary of Defense required to meet current withdrawals. Such investments shall be in public debt securities with maturities suitable to the needs of the Fund, as determined by the Secretary of Defense, and bearing interest at rates determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration current market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities. The income on such investments shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

(Added Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title VII, §713(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-184.)

## CHAPTER 57—DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

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### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title V, §582(a)(2), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1412, added item 1136.

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.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ATOMIC VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE MEDAL

Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title V, §583, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1757, provided that:

“(a) SERVICE MEDAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall design and produce a commemorative military service medal, to be known as the ‘Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal’, to commemorate the service and sacrifice of veterans who were instrumental in the development of our nations [sic] atomic and nuclear weapons programs.

“(b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall, within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 27, 2021], determine eligibility requirements for this medal.

“(2) Sixty days prior to publishing the eligibility requirements for this medal, the Secretary of Defense shall submit proposed eligibility criteria under paragraph (1) to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives for comment.

“(3) The Secretary of Defense may require persons to submit supporting documentation for the medal authorized in subsection (a) to determine eligibility under paragraph (1).

“(c) DISTRIBUTION OF MEDAL.—

“(1) ISSUANCE TO RETIRED AND FORMER MEMBERS.—At the request of an eligible veteran, the Secretary of Defense shall issue the Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal to the eligible veteran.

“(2) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—In the case of a veteran who is deceased, the Secretary may provide for issuance of the Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal to the next-of-kin of the persons. If applications for a medal are filed by more than one next of kin of a person eligible to receive a medal under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall determine which next-of-kin will receive the medal.

“(3) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall prepare and disseminate as appropriate an application by which veterans and their next-of-kin may apply to receive the Atomic Veterans Service Medal.