

**§ 1218a. Discharge or release from active duty; transition assistance for reserve component members injured while on active duty**

(a) PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—Before a member of a reserve component described in subsection (b) is demobilized or separated from the armed forces, the Secretary of the military department concerned shall provide to the member the following information:

(1) Information on the availability of care and administrative processing through community based warrior transition units.

(2) Information on the location of the community based warrior transition unit located nearest to the permanent place of residence of the member.

(b) COVERED MEMBERS.—Subsection (a) applies to members of a reserve component who are injured while on active duty in the armed forces.

(Added Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title VI, §641(a), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2364.)

**§ 1219. Statement of origin of disease or injury; limitations**

A member of an armed force may not be required to sign a statement relating to the origin, incurrence, or aggravation of a disease or injury that he has. Any such statement against his interests, signed by a member, is invalid.

(Added Pub. L. 85-56, title XXII, §2201(31)(A), June 17, 1957, 71 Stat. 160; amended Pub. L. 87-651, title I, §107(c), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 509.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES  
1962 ACT

Sections 1218 and 1219 are restated, without substantive change, to conform to the style adopted for title 10.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1962—Pub. L. 87-651 substituted “Statement of origin of disease or injury; limitation” for “Statement against interest void” in section catchline, and “A member of an armed force may not be required to sign a statement relating to the origin, incurrence, or aggravation of a disease or injury that he has. Any such statement against his interests, signed by a member, is invalid” for “No person in the Armed Forces may be required to sign a statement of any nature relating to the origin, incurrence, or aggravation of any disease or injury he may have. Any such statement against his own interest, whenever signed, is of no force and effect.”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1958, see section 2301 of Pub. L. 85-56, 71 Stat. 172.

**[§ 1220. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-651, title I, § 107(d), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 509]**

Section, added Pub. L. 85-56, title XXII, §2201(31)(A), June 17, 1957, 71 Stat. 161, related to location of accredited representatives at military installations.

**§ 1221. Effective date of retirement or placement of name on temporary disability retired list**

Notwithstanding section 8301 of title 5, the Secretary concerned may specify an effective

date for the retirement of any member of the armed forces under this chapter, or for the placement of his name on the temporary disability retired list, that is earlier than the date provided for in that section.

(Added Pub. L. 85-861, §1(28)(B), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1451; amended Pub. L. 89-718, §3, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1115.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1221 .....	5:47a(b).	Aug. 2, 1956, ch. 876, 70 Stat. 933.

Clause (2)(A) is omitted as unnecessary since the revised section applies to the armed forces, and the revised section is made applicable to the other uniformed services by sections 3 and 4 of the act enacting this revised section. Clause (2)(B) is omitted as covered by section 101(8) of this title and sections 3 and 4 of the act enacting this revised section.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-718 substituted “8301” for “47a”.

**§ 1222. Physical evaluation boards**

(a) RESPONSE TO APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS.—The Secretary of each military department shall ensure, in the case of any member of the armed forces appearing before a physical evaluation board under that Secretary’s supervision, that documents announcing a decision of the board in the case convey the findings and conclusions of the board in an orderly and itemized fashion with specific attention to each issue presented by the member in regard to that member’s case. The requirement under the preceding sentence applies to a case both during initial consideration and upon subsequent consideration due to appeal by the member or other circumstance.

(b) LIAISON OFFICER (PEBLO) REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations establishing—

(A) a requirement for the Secretary of each military department to make available to members of the armed forces appearing before physical evaluation boards operated by that Secretary employees, designated as physical evaluation board liaison officers, to provide advice, counsel, and general information to such members on the operation of physical evaluation boards operated by that Secretary; and

(B) standards and guidelines concerning the training of such physical evaluation board liaison officers.

(2) The Secretary shall ensure compliance by the Secretary of each military department with physical evaluation board liaison officer requirements and training standards and guidelines at least once every three years.

(c) STANDARDIZED STAFF TRAINING AND OPERATIONS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations on standards and guidelines concerning the physical evaluation board operated by each of the Secretaries of the military departments with regard to—

(A) assignment and training of staff;