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Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XI, § 1104(a)(2), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3890, added item 1492.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title X, § 1048(a)(14), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1223, transferred subchapter II heading so as to appear before the table of sections for that subchapter.

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VII, § 721(c)(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 694, inserted “SUBCHAPTER II—DEATH BENEFITS” before section 1475 of this title.

Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, § 578(k)(2)(A), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 631, substituted “Funeral honors functions at funerals for veterans” for “Honor guard details at funerals of veterans” in item 1491.

1998—Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title V, § 567(b)(2), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2031, added item 1491.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title X, § 1070(a)(8)(B), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2855, substituted “civilian” for “Civilian” in item 1482a.

1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title III, § 368(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1634, added item 1482a.

1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, § 626(b)(2), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1380, substituted “Transportation of remains: certain retired members and dependents who die in military medical facilities” for “Transportation of remains of members entitled to retired or retainer pay who die in a military medical facility” in item 1490.

1983—Pub. L. 98-94, title X, § 1032(a)(2), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 672, added item 1490.

1980—Pub. L. 96-450, title IV, § 403(b)(2), Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1979, added item 1489.

1965—Pub. L. 89-150, § 1(2), Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 585, struck out “; death while outside United States” from item 1485.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(32)(B), (C), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1455, struck out “CARE OF THE DEAD” from chapter heading, and added items 1475 to 1480.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

MEETINGS OF OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WITH REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS OF SURVIVORS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title V, § 580B, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1408, provided that:

“(a) CHIEFS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—The Secretary of Defense shall direct the chiefs of the Armed Forces to meet periodically with representative groups of survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces to receive feedback from those survivors regarding issues affecting such survivors. The Chief of the National Guard

Bureau shall meet with representative groups of survivors of deceased members of the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard.

“(b) UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall meet periodically with representative groups of survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces to discuss policies of the Department of Defense regarding military casualties and Gold Star families.

“(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than April 1, 2020, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall brief the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives regarding policies established and the results of the meetings under subsection (b).”

§ 1475. Death gratuity: death of members on active duty or inactive duty training and of certain other persons

(a) Except as provided in section 1480 of this title, the Secretary concerned shall have a death gratuity paid to or for the survivor prescribed by section 1477 of this title, immediately upon receiving official notification of the death of—

(1) a member of an armed force under his jurisdiction who dies while on active duty or while performing authorized travel to or from active duty;

(2) a Reserve of an armed force who dies while on inactive duty training (other than work or study in connection with a correspondence course of an armed force or attendance, in an inactive status, at an educational institution under the sponsorship of an armed force or the Public Health Service);

(3) any Reserve of an armed force who, when authorized or required by an authority designated by the Secretary, assumed an obligation to perform active duty for training, or inactive duty training (other than work or study in connection with a correspondence course of an armed force or attendance, in an inactive status, at an educational institution, under the sponsorship of an armed force or the Public Health Service), and who dies while traveling directly to or from that active duty for training or inactive duty training or while staying at the Reserve’s residence, when so authorized by proper authority, during the period of such inactive duty training or between successive days of inactive duty training;

(4) any member of a reserve officers’ training corps who dies while performing annual training duty under orders for a period of more than 13 days, or while performing authorized travel to or from that annual training duty; or any applicant for membership in a reserve officers’ training corps who dies while attending field training or a practice cruise under section 2104(b)(6)(B) of this title or while performing authorized travel to or from the place where the training or cruise is conducted; or a graduate of a reserve officers’ training corps who has received a commission but has yet to receive a first duty assignment; or

(5) a person who dies while traveling to or from or while at a place for final acceptance, or for entry upon active duty (other than for training), in an armed force, who has been ordered or directed to go to that place, and who—

(A) has been provisionally accepted for that duty; or