

center line of said road, and extending from the southerly property line of the United States of America to a line at right angles to the center line of said Koch Road at survey station three plus 20 on said road; said survey station is three hundred and twenty feet from the intersection of the center line of Koch Road with the center line of the approach road to the Mississippi River Bridge, containing five one-hundredths of an acre, more or less.

Limitation.

SEC. 2. The easement herein authorized to be granted shall be limited to the period of time the aforesaid lands are required and actually used by the State of Missouri for highway purposes, and when no longer so required and used, all interests herein authorized to be conveyed in said lands shall cease and determine.

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[CHAPTER 312]

AN ACT

To establish a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps for service with the Army of the United States.

May 14, 1942  
[H. R. 6293]  
[Public Law 554]

Women's Army  
Auxiliary Corps.  
Establishment for  
noncombatant service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is hereby authorized to establish and organize in such units as he may from time to time determine to be necessary a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps for noncombatant service with the Army of the United States for the purpose of making available to the national defense when needed the knowledge, skill, and special training of the women of this Nation. The total number of women enrolled or appointed in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps shall not exceed the number authorized from time to time by the President, and in no event shall exceed one hundred fifty thousand.

Maximum strength.

Director and Assistant Directors.  
Salaries and duties.  
Post, pp. 988, 989.

SEC. 2. From women citizens of the United States, the Secretary of War is authorized to appoint the Director and such Assistant Directors as he from time to time may deem necessary or advisable, all of such appointees to serve during the pleasure of the Secretary. The Director shall receive a salary of \$3,000 per annum, together with such other allowances as may be provided for hereinafter. The Director, under the direction of the Chief of Staff of the Army of the United States, shall advise the War Department on matters pertaining to the establishment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps; shall operate and administer the corps in accordance with normal military procedure of command and administration and such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War; shall make recommendations as to plans and policies concerning the employment, training, supply, welfare, and discipline of the corps; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Secretary. Each Assistant Director appointed pursuant to this Act shall receive a salary of \$2,400 per annum, together with such other allowances as may be provided for hereinafter. Each Assistant Director shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by regulations published by the Secretary of War.

Officers' training  
schools.  
Post, p. 989.

SEC. 3. The Secretary is authorized to establish and maintain such number of schools as he may consider necessary for the purpose of training candidates for officers of the corps. The Secretary may establish by regulation the qualifications for entry into such schools, the course of study to be pursued, and the requirements for graduation therefrom. Candidates for such schools may be selected from women volunteers who are citizens of the United States and during their attendance at such schools shall be furnished living quarters, uni-

Quarters, subsistence, and pay.



forms as hereinafter provided, medical and dental service, medicines, medical and hospital supplies, hospitalization, subsistence, texts, necessary school supplies, and pay at the rate of \$50 per month. The Secretary may appoint officers in such numbers as he may deem necessary for the proper administration of the corps in the grades of first officer, second officer, and third officer and with such responsibilities as he may direct. The pay of officers so appointed shall be \$2,000 per annum for each first officer, \$1,575 per annum for each second officer, and \$1,500 per annum for each third officer, together with such allowances as may be hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. The Director, each Assistant Director, and each officer of the corps shall receive allowances in lieu of rations at the rate of 60 cents per day and adequate quarters: *Provided*, That when adequate quarters are not furnished, the Director shall receive in lieu thereof the sum of \$100 per month, an Assistant Director shall receive in lieu thereof the sum of \$80 per month, and all other officers shall receive the sum of \$40 per month. The adequacy of quarters furnished shall be conclusively determined in accordance with such regulations as may be issued by the Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Secretary is authorized to have enrolled in the corps, in addition to the Director, Assistant Directors, and officers hereinabove provided for, by voluntary enrollment, women of excellent character in good physical health, between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years and citizens of the United States. The personnel of the corps so enrolled shall be distributed in the grades of first leader, leader, junior leader, and auxiliary, and those in the grade of auxiliary may be assigned ratings as specialist first, second, or third class, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, who shall have complete authority to define the qualifications for all such leaders and specialists. The pay of first leaders shall be \$864 per annum, of leaders \$720 per annum, of junior leaders \$648 per annum, and for auxiliaries not otherwise classified \$21 per month for the first four months of service and \$30 per month thereafter. Specialists of the first class shall be paid, in addition to their base pay, the sum of \$15 per month, specialists of the second class shall similarly be paid \$10 per month, and specialists of the third class shall similarly be paid \$5 per month.

The Secretary shall provide quarters for the members of the corps so enrolled either on established Army posts, camps, or stations, or on those to be established, or in such other places as he may direct, and may use any of the facilities of the Army for such purpose: *Provided*, That when quarters are not available the Secretary may provide by regulation to pay allowances in lieu thereof to members other than the Director, the Assistant Directors, and the officers at the rate of \$1.15 per day.

SEC. 6. The Secretary shall procure and furnish subsistence to all members of the corps, exclusive of the Director, Assistant Directors, and officers, which shall conform so far as is practicable to the subsistence of the Army: *Provided*, That when subsistence in kind is not furnished, the Secretary, by regulation, shall provide payment of allowances in lieu thereof.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall prescribe the form of oath which shall be required of all the members of the corps and shall by regulation provide for the induction, including fingerprinting, of all members of the corps. The term of service for all members of the corps shall be one year: *Provided*, That the Secretary may discharge any member for cause, disability, or for the convenience of the Government: *And provided further*, That in time of war, or of national emergency declared by Congress or the President, the Secretary may, by order,

Appointment, pay,  
and allowances of offi-  
cers.

Allowances in lieu  
of rations.  
*Post*, p. 989.  
*Proviso*.  
Allowances in lieu  
of quarters.

Other personnel.  
*Post*, p. 989.

Age limits.  
Distribution in  
grades.

Pay.

Specialists.

Quarters.  
*Post*, p. 990.

*Proviso*.

Subsistence.  
*Post*, p. 990.

*Proviso*.

Induction of mem-  
bers.

Term of service.

*Provisos*.  
Discharge.

Service extension.



extend the term of service to include the period of the war or national emergency plus not to exceed six months, and each contract of enrollment or certificate of appointment shall contain a statement to that effect.

Uniforms accessories, and equipment.  
*Post*, p. 990.

SEC. 8. The Secretary shall prescribe uniforms, insignia, accessories, and equipment for the corps and shall procure and furnish to all members thereof, including the Director, Assistant Directors, and officers, such uniforms, headpieces, shoes, ornaments, insignia of rank and accessories, as well as such organization equipment and supplies, as may be required. The responsibility and accountability of the various individuals and officers for individual clothing and equipment, and for organization equipment and supplies, shall conform so far as is practicable, to the laws and regulations pertaining to the Army in like cases.

Travel regulations and allowances.

SEC. 9. The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for travel and for the payment of travel allowances, including travel allowances from the place of discharge to the place of acceptance for enrollment or appointment, and such regulations and allowances shall be similar to those for travel of the Army.

Medical and dental services, supplies, etc.

SEC. 10. The Secretary shall provide medical and dental services, hospitalization, medicines, and medical and hospital supplies for each member of the corps for injuries, sickness, and disease during the time such member is actually serving her enrollment or appointment, such services to conform as nearly as practicable to similar services rendered to the personnel of the Army; and the facilities and personnel of the Army may be used for such services.

Injury or death benefits.

SEC. 11. If any member of the corps is physically injured or otherwise incapacitated in line of duty while on active duty, while engaged in authorized training without pay or while engaged in authorized travel with or without pay, or if any member dies as the result of such physical injury or other incapacity, she or her beneficiary shall be entitled to all the benefits prescribed by law for civilian employees of the United States who are physically injured while in the performance of duty or who die as a result thereof, and the United States Employees' Compensation Commission shall have jurisdiction in such cases and shall perform the same duties with reference thereto as in the cases of other civilian employees of the United States so injured or otherwise incapacitated: *Provided*, That the benefits shall accrue to any such member or her beneficiary whether the disability or death is the result of sickness or disease contracted in line of duty, while on active duty, when such sickness or disease is proximately caused by service on active duty: *Provided further*, That employees' compensation under this Act shall not be paid concurrently with active-duty pay or pension based upon active service: *And provided further*, That for the purpose of determining the benefits to which they are entitled under the provisions of this Act, members of the corps physically injured or otherwise incapacitated when engaged in authorized training without pay will be held and considered as receiving the pay and allowances they would have received if in a pay status.

*Provisos.*  
Accrual of benefits.

Restriction.

Injuries sustained during training without pay.

Treatment and care of injured members.

*Provisos.*  
Exceptions.

The Secretary, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may authorize and require the hospitalization, medical and surgical treatment, and domiciliary care so long as any or all are necessary of members of the corps injured as hereinabove set out and the Secretary is authorized to incur obligations with respect thereto without reference to their line of duty status: *Provided*, That this shall not apply to members of the corps who are treated in private hospitals or by civilian physicians while on furloughs or leaves of absence in excess of twenty-four hours. Members of the corps who suffer injury or



contract disease in line of duty while on active duty or while engaged in authorized training without pay shall, under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, be entitled at Government expense to such hospitalization, rehospitalization, medical and surgical care in hospital and at their homes as is necessary for the appropriate treatment of such injury or disease until discharged from service, released from active duty, or released from authorized training without pay and during such time the period of such hospitalization or rehospitalization, but not for more than an aggregate of six months after the termination of service if on active duty with pay, to the pay and allowances, whether in money or in kind, that they were entitled to receive at the time such injury was suffered or disease contracted and to the necessary transportation incident to such hospitalization, rehospitalization, and return to their homes when discharged from hospital and such pay and allowances shall be in lieu of monthly compensation payable under the first paragraph of this section, during the period covered thereby; and for any period of hospitalization or rehospitalization when they are not entitled to pay and allowances under the preceding provision they shall be entitled to subsistence at Government expense. In the event any member of the corps dies during her period of enlistment or appointment, the necessary expense for the recovery of the body, its preparation for burial, including the use of such of the uniform and articles of clothing issued to her as may be required, interment or cremation, and transportation of remains, including round-trip transportation and subsistence of an escort to her home or the place where she received orders or enrolled or was appointed, or to such other place as her relatives may designate provided the distance to such other place be not greater than the distance to her home, shall be paid by the United States: *Provided further*, That if the death of the member occurs as a result of an injury in line of duty while on active duty, while engaged in authorized training without pay, or while engaged in authorized travel with or without pay, and while such member is entitled to receive the benefits of the Act of September 7, 1916, the funeral and burial expenses shall be provided by the United States Employees' Compensation Commission under the provisions of section 11 of the Act of September 7, 1916, as amended (5 U. S. C. 761), and in addition to the authority contained in that section, the Commission may embalm and transport the body, in a hermetically sealed casket if necessary, to the home of the member.

SEC. 12. The corps shall not be a part of the Army, but it shall be the only women's organization authorized to serve with the Army, exclusive of the Army Nurse Corps. Nurses may be enrolled in the corps but nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect or change the Army Nurse Corps as now established by law.

SEC. 13. The corps shall be administered by the Secretary through the channels of command of the Army, pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may promulgate. The Secretary is hereby authorized to prepare and issue any and all regulations, rules, or orders and to employ any and all of the facilities of the War Department and of the Army of the United States to carry into effect the provisions of this Act. The Secretary is further authorized to utilize the services of the United States Employment Service to determine the qualifications of applicants for admission into the corps.

SEC. 14. The members of the corps shall be subject to such disciplinary regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, including provisions for the punishment of major infractions by summary discharge from the corps, and shall be subject to the Articles of War pursuant to the second article thereof when applicable.

Pay and allowances during hospitalization; transportation.

Allowance for burial expenses.

Death from injury occurring in line of duty.

39 Stat. 742.  
5 U. S. C. §§ 751-793.  
Post, p. 725.

39 Stat. 745.

Relationship of corps to Army.

Enrollment of nurses.

Administration of corps through Army.

Services of U. S. Employment Service.

Disciplinary regulations.

41 Stat. 787.  
10 U. S. C. §§ 1471-1593.  
Post, pp. 732, 1050, 1051.



Provisions for leave.  
Reemployment  
benefits.

SEC. 15. Provisions for leave now applicable to the Army of the United States shall also apply to members of the corps. In the case of any person who has left or leaves a position in the employ of the United States, its Territories, or possessions, or the District of Columbia, to join the corps, such person shall, upon the termination of her period of service in the corps, be restored to such position or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay, such restoration to be without loss of seniority; she shall further be entitled to participate in all benefits pursuant to established rules and practices relating to employees on furlough or leave of absence.

Promotions.

SEC. 16. Promotion in all grades of officers who have established or may hereafter establish their qualifications for such promotion shall be made under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

Inactive duty status.

SEC. 17. Under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, members of the corps may be relieved from active duty and called or recalled thereto at any time during their period of service. While on an inactive duty status such members shall not be entitled to pay or allowances in lieu of quarters or subsistence and shall not by reason solely of their appointments, oaths, commissions, enlistments, or status as such members, or any duties or functions performed, be held or deemed to be officers or employees of the United States, or persons holding any office of trust or profit, or discharging any official function under or in connection with any department of the Government of the United States.

National Defense  
Act, amendment.  
39 Stat. 216.  
10 U. S. C. § 1393.  
Post, p. 328.  
Protection of the  
uniform.

SEC. 18. The first sentence of section 125 of the National Defense Act, as amended, down to the first proviso thereof is further amended to read as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person not an officer or enlisted man of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps to wear the duly prescribed uniform of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, or any distinctive part of such uniform or a uniform any part of which is similar to a distinctive part of the duly prescribed uniform of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps; and it shall likewise be unlawful for any person not a member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps to wear its duly prescribed uniform or any distinctive part thereof, or a uniform any part of which is similar to a distinctive part thereof."

Soldiers' and Sail-  
ors' Civil Relief Act  
of 1940, amendment.  
54 Stat. 1179.  
50 U. S. C., app.  
§ 511.  
Definition of terms.

SEC. 19. Section 101 (1) of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (Public, Numbered 861, Seventy-sixth Congress), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The term 'persons in military service' and the term 'persons in the military service of the United States', as used in this Act shall include the following persons and no others. All members of the Army of the United States, the United States Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and all officers of the Public Health Service detailed by proper authority for duty either with the Army or the Navy. The term 'military service', as used in this Act, shall signify Federal service on active duty with any branch of service heretofore referred to or mentioned as well as training or education under the supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into the military service. The terms 'active service' or 'active duty' shall include the period during which a person in military service is absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave, or other lawful cause."

Appropriation au-  
thorized.  
Post, p. 633.

SEC. 20. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

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