

of the Commission for the prior fiscal year and is consistent with the requirements of section 3515 of title 31; and

(ii) submit the financial statement, together with a narrative summary, to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

(B) obtain an audit by the Comptroller General of each financial statement prepared under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, which shall be conducted in accordance with applicable generally accepted government auditing standards and shall be in lieu of any audit otherwise required by law.

(i) DISPOSITION OF RECORDS AND ARCHIVES.—When no longer required by the Commission, the records and archives of the Commission shall be deposited with the National Archives in accordance with section 2107 of title 44.

(j) SEAL.—The Commission shall have a seal that shall be judicially noticed.

(k) DISBURSEMENTS OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.—Disbursements for expenditures outside the continental United States may be made by a special disbursing agent designated by the Commission under regulations it prescribes.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1270; Pub. L. 106-117, title VI, §§ 602, 604(3), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1578, 1580; Pub. L. 107-217, § 3(i)(1), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1300.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2103(a) .....	36:138b (1st par.).	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 12 (1st-3d, last pars.), 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, §§ 2(c), (d), 4(c)(1), (2), 70 Stat. 640, 641.
2103(b) .....	36:137.	Feb. 11, 1927, ch. 104, § 1 (5th proviso in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission"), 44 Stat. 1071.
2103(c) .....	36:138b (3d par.).	
2103(d) .....	36:138b (2d par.).	
2103(e) .....	36:138b (last par.).	
2103(e) .....	36:128.	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 7, 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317.
2103(f) .....	36:138d(c).	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 14, as added Oct. 9, 1996, Pub. L. 104-275, title VI, § 602(b), 110 Stat. 3345.
2103(g) .....	36:131.	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 8, 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, § 2(c), (d), 70 Stat. 640; Apr. 21, 1976, Pub. L. 94-273, § 3(19), 90 Stat. 377.
2103(h) .....	36:138d(a), (b).	
2103(i) .....	36:138.	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 9, 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, §§ 2(c), (d), 4(a), 70 Stat. 640, 641.
2103(j) .....	36:136.	Feb. 11, 1927, ch. 104, § 1 (3d proviso in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission"), 44 Stat. 1071.
2103(k) .....	36:133.	Feb. 11, 1927, ch. 104, § 1 (last proviso in par. under heading "American Battle Monuments Commission"), 44 Stat. 1071.

In this section, the word "terms" is omitted as included in "conditions".

In subsection (a), before clause (1), the words "or appropriations" are omitted because of 1:1. In clauses (1) and (5), the words "duties and powers" are substituted for "functions" for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. In clause (2), the words "department, agency, or instrumentality" are substituted for "departments" for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code.

In subsection (b), the text of 36:137 is omitted as superseded. The words "which has been or may after June 26, 1946, be" and "Provided, That this subsection shall not be effective until the expiration of the Surplus Property Act of 1944" are omitted as obsolete. Section 38 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (ch. 479, 58 Stat. 784) provided that the Act was to expire 3 years after the cessation of hostilities of World War II. The cessation of hostilities was proclaimed on December 31, 1946, by Proclamation No. 2714, 12 Fed. Reg. 1. However, section 602(a)(1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (ch. 288, 63 Stat. 399) [renumbered by section 6(a) and (b) of the Act of September 5, 1950 (ch. 849, 64 Stat. 583)] repealed the Surplus Property Act of 1944 effective July 1, 1949 (except for sections 13(d), (g), and (h), 28, and 32(b)(2)). Section 13(d), concerning power transmission lines, and section 13(g), concerning property for public airports, do not involve the American Battle Monuments Commission. Section 13(h) was repealed by section 2 of the Act of August 4, 1972 (Public Law 92-362, 86 Stat. 504). Section 28 was repealed by section 21 of the Act of June 25, 1948 (ch. 645, 62 Stat. 868). Section 32(b)(2) was repealed by section 111(a)(1) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-256, 75 Stat. 538).

In subsection (c), the words "in its discretion", "by contract or otherwise", and "firms of architects" are omitted as unnecessary.

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-217 substituted "section 3111 of title 40" for "section 355 of the Revised Statutes (40 U.S.C. 255)".

1999—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 106-117, § 604(3)(C), substituted "Chairman" for "chairman".

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-117, § 602, amended heading and text of subsec. (e) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "The Commission may receive State, local, or private amounts to carry out this chapter. The Commission shall deposit the amounts with the Treasurer of the United States. The Treasurer shall keep the amounts in separate accounts and shall disburse the amounts on vouchers approved by the chairman."

Subsec. (h)(2)(A)(i). Pub. L. 106-117, § 604(3)(A), struck out "United States Code" after "title 31".

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 106-117, § 604(3)(B), struck out "United States Code" after "title 44".

#### § 2104. Military cemeteries in foreign countries

When, as a result of combat operations, the Armed Forces establish military cemeteries in zones of operations outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States, the American Battle Monuments Commission and the Secretary of the Army, immediately on the cessation of hostilities, shall decide which of the cemeteries will become permanent cemeteries or, if they decide it is desirable, shall select new sites for the cemeteries at any other location. The Commission is solely responsible for the design and construction of the permanent cemeteries, and of all buildings, plantings, headstones, and other permanent improvements incidental to the cemeteries, except that—

(1) the Armed Forces are responsible for maintaining the permanent cemeteries until

the Commission declares its readiness to assume the authorized administrative duties and powers;

(2) all construction undertaken by the Armed Forces in establishing and maintaining the cemetery prior to its transfer to the Commission shall be nonpermanent;

(3) burials and reburials by the Armed Forces shall be carried out in accordance with plans prepared by the Commission; and

(4) the Armed Forces have the right to re-enter a cemetery transferred to the Commission to exhume or re-inter a body if they decide it is necessary.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1271.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2104 .....	36:122b.	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 2, as added July 25, 1956, ch. 721, § 3(a), 70 Stat. 640.

In this section, before clause (1), the words “so established, if any” are omitted as unnecessary. In clause (1), the words “such time as” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “duties and powers” are substituted for “functions” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. In clause (2), the words “in nature” are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 2105. Monuments built by the United States Government**

(a) MEMORIALS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission shall prepare plans and estimates to build suitable memorials commemorating the service of American Armed Forces, and shall build and maintain memorials in the United States and, as the Commission decides, at any place outside the United States where the Armed Forces have served since April 6, 1917.

(b) ARCHITECTURE AND ART.—The Commission shall build and maintain works of architecture and art in United States cemeteries located outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States that are permanent cemeteries. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall maintain works of architecture and art built by the Commission in the National Cemetery Administration, as described in section 2400(b) of title 38.

(c) CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF MATERIALS, DESIGN, AND BUILDING.—(1) The Commission shall control the materials and design and prescribe regulations for, and supervise the building of, all memorial monuments and buildings in United States cemeteries located outside the United States and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(2) The Commission shall control the design and prescribe regulations for the building of all memorial monuments and buildings commemorating the service of American Armed Forces that are built in a foreign country or political division of the foreign country that authorizes the Commission to carry out those duties and powers.

(d) APPROVAL BY NATIONAL COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS.—A design for a memorial must be approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts before the Commission can accept it.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1271; Pub. L. 105–368, title IV, § 403(d)(1), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3339.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2105(a) .....	36:123 (1st par. 1st sentence).	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 3, 42 Stat. 1509; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, §§ 2(b), (d), 3(c), 70 Stat. 640, 641.
2105(b) .....	36:123 (1st par. 2d, last sentences).	
2105(c) .....	36:123 (2d, last pars.).	
2105(d) .....	36:124.	Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 283, § 4, 42 Stat. 1510; June 26, 1946, ch. 502, 60 Stat. 317; July 25, 1956, ch. 721, §§ 2(b), (d), 3(c), 70 Stat. 640, 641.

In subsections (a) and (c)(2), the word “American” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a), the words “or shall hereafter serve” are omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (b), the words “Secretatry [sic] of Veterans Affairs” are substituted for “Department of Defense”, and the words “the National Cemetery System, as described in section 2400(b) of title 38” are substituted for “cemeteries within the United States, its Territories and possessions”, because of section 6 of the National Cemeteries Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–43, 38 U.S.C. 2404 note), which transferred jurisdiction over and responsibility for the national cemeteries (with certain exceptions) from the Secretary of the Army to the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs.

In subsection (c)(2), the words “duties and powers” are substituted for “functions” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105–368 substituted “National Cemetery Administration” for “National Cemetery System”.

**§ 2106. War memorials not built by the United States Government**

(a) COOPERATION WITH OTHERS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission may cooperate with citizens of the United States, States, municipalities, or associations desiring to build war memorials outside the continental limits of the United States in the way the Commission decides. An administrative agency of the United States Government may give assistance to build the memorial only if a plan for the memorial has been approved under this chapter.

(b) CONTROL, ADMINISTRATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF WAR MEMORIALS.—(1) The Commission may assume responsibility for the control, administration, and maintenance of any war memorial built outside the United States by a citizen of the United States, a State, a political subdivision of a State, a governmental authority (except a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government), a foreign agency, or a private association to commemorate the services of any of the Armed Forces in hostilities occurring since April 6, 1917, if—

(A) the memorial is not built on the territory of the applicable former enemy; and

(B) the sponsors of the memorial consent to the Commission assuming those responsibil-