

Membership in organizations of postal employees.

“(c) Membership in any society, association, club, or other form of organization of postal employees not affiliated with any outside organization imposing an obligation or duty upon them to engage in any strike, or proposing to assist them in any strike, against the United States, having for its objects, among other things, improvements in the condition of labor of its members, including hours of labor and compensation therefor and leave of absence, by any person or groups of persons in said postal service, or the presenting by any such person or groups of persons of any grievance or grievances to the Congress or any Member thereof shall not constitute or be cause for reduction in rank or compensation or removal of such person or groups of persons from said service.

Right to petition Congress.

“(d) The right of persons employed in the civil service of the United States, either individually or collectively, to petition Congress, or any Member thereof, or to furnish information to either House of Congress, or to any committee or member thereof, shall not be denied or interfered with.”

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[CHAPTER 448]

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 11, 1948  
[S. J. Res. 231]  
[Public Law 624]

To amend section 303 of the Act entitled “An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes”.

Defense housing, amendment.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 303 (a) of the Act entitled “An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes”, approved October 14, 1940 (Public Law 849, Seventy-sixth Congress), as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a colon and the following: “*And provided further,* That moneys derived from the rental and operation of such property and funds from the reserve account established by the Administrator pursuant to this section 303, not exceeding in the aggregate \$10,000,000, shall be available and may be used by the Administrator for expenses found necessary in the provision of stopgap emergency housing in the Portland, Oregon-Vancouver, Washington, area for persons and families displaced as the result of the destruction of the temporary housing at Vanport in Multnomah County, Oregon, and other persons and families in such area rendered homeless as a result of the present flood, and in providing such stopgap emergency housing the Administrator may act without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes.”

54 Stat. 1127; 55 Stat. 363.  
42 U. S. C. § 1543 (a).  
Emergency housing, Oregon and Wash.

41 U. S. C. § 5.

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[CHAPTER 449]

AN ACT

June 12, 1948  
[S. 1641]  
[Public Law 625]

To establish the Women's Army Corps in the Regular Army, to authorize the enlistment and appointment of women in the Regular Air Force, Regular Navy and Marine Corps, and in the Reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the “Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948”.

TITLE I

ARMY

SEC. 101. Effective the date of enactment of this title, there is established in the Regular Army a Women's Army Corps, which shall per-

form such services as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army.

SEC. 102. The authorized commissioned, warrant, and enlisted strengths of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army shall, from time to time, be determined by the Secretary of the Army, within the authorized commissioned, warrant, and enlisted strengths of the Regular Army, but shall not exceed 2 per centum of such authorized Regular Army strengths, respectively: *Provided*, That for a period of two years immediately following the date of this Act, the actual number of regular personnel in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army shall at no time exceed five hundred commissioned officers, seventy-five warrant officers and seven thousand, five hundred enlisted women, and such number of commissioned officers shall be appointed in increments of not to exceed 40 per centum, 20 per centum, 20 per centum, and 20 per centum at approximately equally spaced intervals of time during the said period of two years.

SEC. 103. (a) From the officers permanently commissioned in the Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, the Secretary of the Army shall select to serve during his pleasure, but normally not to exceed four years, one officer to be Director of the Women's Army Corps who shall be adviser to the Secretary of the Army on Women's Army Corps matters, and who, without vacation of her permanent grade, shall have the temporary rank, pay, and allowances of a colonel while so serving; one officer to be Deputy Director thereof, who, if permanently commissioned in a lower grade, shall, without vacation of her permanent grade, have the temporary rank, pay, and allowances of a lieutenant colonel while so serving; and from among officers of the Women's Army Corps (including Women's Army Corps officers of the Army of the United States or any component thereof serving on extended active duty) the Secretary of the Army shall select to serve during his pleasure such number of officers as he may determine necessary to fill positions designated by him in the administration and training of the Women's Army Corps, who, if permanently commissioned in a lower grade, shall, without vacation of permanent grade, have the temporary rank, pay, and allowances of lieutenant colonel or major while so serving, as the Secretary of the Army may determine: *Provided*, That after July 1, 1952, such officers shall be selected from among commissioned officers in the permanent grades of lieutenant colonel or major, except the Director and Deputy Director who shall be selected from among officers in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel: *And provided further*, That prior to July 1, 1952, the Secretary of the Army may extend that date one time until such later date as he may select for that purpose but such later date shall not be later than July 1, 1956.

(b) Unless entitled to higher retired rank or pay under any provision of law, each such commissioned officer who shall have served for two and one-half years as Director or Deputy Director of such corps may upon retirement at the discretion of the President be retired with the rank held by her while so serving, and with retired pay at the rate prescribed by law computed on the basis of the base and longevity pay which she would receive if serving on active duty with such rank, and if thereafter recalled to active service shall be recalled in such rank.

SEC. 104. (a) Commissioned officers of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from female citizens of the United States who have attained the age of twenty-one years and who possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army.

(b) Except as modified or otherwise provided by express provisions of law, original appointments of officers in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army shall be made from among qualified female

Authorized strengths.

Two-year limitation.

Director of W.A.C.

Deputy Director.

Administration and training officers.

Selection after July 1, 1952.

Retired rank and pay.

Appointment of commissioned officers.

Original appointments.

persons in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law for appointment of male persons in the Regular Army except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army.

Grades.

(c) Officers shall be permanently commissioned in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army in grades from second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel, inclusive. The authorized number in permanent grade of lieutenant colonel shall be such as the Secretary of the Army shall from time to time determine but shall not exceed 10 per centum of the total authorized commissioned strength of such corps.

61 Stat. 883.

(d) Title V of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 (Public Law 381, Eightieth Congress, approved August 7, 1947) is amended as follows:

61 Stat. 884.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 506 (c).

(1) Subsection 502 (c) of said Act is amended by inserting in the first sentence thereof immediately after the words "as chaplains," the additional words "in the Women's Army Corps," and by inserting in the second sentence thereof immediately after the words "the Medical Department," the additional words "the Women's Army Corps,".

61 Stat. 884.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 506 (d).

(2) Subsection 502 (d) of said Act is amended by inserting immediately after the words "of the chaplains of the Regular Army;" the additional words "of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army;".

61 Stat. 888.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 559 (b) (1).

Colonel and lieutenant colonel grades, restriction.

(3) Subsection 505 (b) of said Act is amended by inserting immediately after the first proviso contained in paragraph (1) thereof the following additional proviso: "*Provided further*, That in the Women's Army Corps promotion list there shall be no officers in the permanent grade of colonel and the authorized number in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel shall not exceed 10 per centum of the total strength authorized for that promotion list but the percentages not authorized in these grades by virtue of this proviso shall be allotted by the Secretary of the Army to grades below lieutenant colonel in such promotion list:".

61 Stat. 889.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 559 (c) (1).

(4) Subsection 505 (c) of said Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (1) thereof immediately after the words "Air Corps," the additional words "the Women's Army Corps," and by inserting the following additional paragraph at the end of said subsection:

"(8) The Women's Army Corps promotion list shall contain the names of all promotion-list officers of the Women's Army Corps."

61 Stat. 892.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 559a (a) (4).  
Selection board.

(5) Subsection 507 (a) of said Act is amended by changing the period at the end of paragraph (4) thereof to a colon and inserting after such colon the following proviso: "*Provided*, That any selection board convened to consider and recommend officers of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army for promotion to any grade may contain officers of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army in any grade above that of major either in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army or under temporary appointment in the Army of the United States."

61 Stat. 894.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 559c (a).  
Nonapplicability.

(6) Subsection 509 (a) of said Act is amended by changing the period at the end of said subsection to a colon and inserting after such colon the following additional words: "*Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to promotion of officers of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army to the grade of lieutenant colonel."

61 Stat. 897.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I, §§ 559c, 559d.

(7) Said Act is amended by inserting between sections 509 and 510 the following new section:

"WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS PROMOTION-LIST OFFICERS—PROMOTION TO GRADE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL

"SEC. 509A. Women's Army Corps promotion-list officers shall be promoted to and appointed in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel in the Regular Army only when a vacancy exists in the number

of lieutenant colonels authorized for that promotion list. Such officers shall be appointed in that grade only when selected and recommended for that grade by a selection board under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army."

(8) Subsection 514 (b) of said Act is amended by renumbering paragraphs (2) and (3) thereof so that they will appear as paragraphs (3) and (4) thereof, respectively, and inserting immediately before such paragraphs the following new paragraph:

"(2) for any officer appointed in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of section 108 of title I of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, the period of service credited to such officer at time of her appointment under the provisions of subsection (b) of such section, increased by the period of her active commissioned service in the Regular Army subsequent to such appointment;"

(9) Subsection 514 (d) of said Act is amended by changing the period at the end of the last proviso contained in paragraph (4) thereof to a colon and inserting after such colon the following additional provisos: "*Provided further*, That any of the officers of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, be retained on the active list until thirty days after that date upon which thirty 'years' service' is completed: *And provided further*, That any officer of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel, who is serving in the temporary grade of colonel by virtue of occupying the position of Director of said Corps, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, be retained on the active list while serving in such temporary grade."

(10) Subsection 514 (d) of said Act is further amended by inserting after the end of paragraph (4) thereof the following new paragraph:

"(5) After June 30, 1953, unless provided otherwise by some provision of law, each officer of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army, heretofore or hereafter appointed in the permanent grade of major, who is not retired or separated at an earlier date under other provisions of law, shall be eliminated from the active list and retired on that date which is thirty days after the date upon which she completes twenty-five 'years' service', unless she is appointed in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel in the Regular Army before that date."

(e) The Women's Army Corps promotion list described in section 505 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, as amended, shall be established as soon as officers are appointed in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of section 108 of this title. The names of all officers appointed under the provisions of section 108 of this title shall be placed on such promotion list immediately below those officers of the same grade having the same or next greater period of service for promotion purposes.

(f) Commissioned officers of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army are promotion-list officers and they shall be included among officers referred to by that term in all provisions of law relating to promotion-list officers generally, unless otherwise specifically provided.

(g) The Secretary of the Army shall prescribe the military authority which commissioned officers of the Women's Army Corps may exercise, and the kind of military duty to which they may be assigned.

(h) The Secretary of the Army, under the circumstances and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President, may termi-

61 Stat. 903.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 941a (b) (2) (3).

Post, p. 361.

61 Stat. 903.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 941a (d) (4).

Retention on active  
list.

Director.

Supra.

Majors.

Promotion list.

61 Stat. 888.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 559 and note.  
Ante, p. 358.

Post, p. 361.

Promotion-list offi-  
cers.

Military duty, etc.

Termination of com-  
mission.

nate the commission of any officer appointed in the Women's Army Corps.

Permanent grade promotions.

(i) There shall be no permanent grade promotions in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army to the grades of captain, major, or lieutenant colonel until the making of promotions to fill initial requirements in these grades in accordance with the provisions of subsection (j) of this section.

61 Stat. 910.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 559L.

(j) Permanent grade promotions to fill initial requirements in the Women's Army Corps promotion list in the grades of captain, major, and lieutenant colonel shall be made on that date which is fifteen months after the date of enactment of this title or at the earliest practicable time thereafter under provisions identical to those contained in section 518 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 except that the first two sentences of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) thereof shall not apply and in the remainder of said section, insofar as promotions in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army are concerned, wherever the date "July 1, 1948" appears and wherever the date "June 30, 1948" appears there shall be substituted in lieu thereof that date which is fifteen months after the date of enactment of this title and, insofar as promotions of officers of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army to the grade of lieutenant colonel are concerned, the provisions of subsection 518 (b) thereof shall not apply and, insofar as promotions in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army are concerned, the phrase "years' service" as used therein shall mean the amount of service credited to persons appointed in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of section 108 (b) of this title at time of appointment increased by the period of active commissioned service in the Regular Army performed by such persons subsequent to appointment.

"Years' service."

Post, p. 361.

Suspension of promotions to certain grades.

(k) After the making of promotions to fill initial requirements prescribed in subsection (j) of this section, all permanent grade promotions in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army to the grades of captain, major, and lieutenant colonel shall be suspended until that date which is twenty-four months after the date of enactment of this title and at that time section 509 and section 509A of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, as amended, shall become effective for permanent grade promotions of officers of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army to the grades of captain, major, and lieutenant colonel.

61 Stat. 894.  
10 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 559c.  
Ante, p. 358.

Warrant officers.

SEC. 105. (a) Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe, female citizens of the United States may be appointed warrant officers in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army in each of the several warrant officer grades under the provisions of law now or hereafter applicable to the appointment of male persons in such warrant officer grades in the Regular Army and all laws now or hereafter applicable to warrant officers of the Regular Army shall be applicable to such warrant officers.

Termination of appointment.

(b) The Secretary of the Army, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may terminate the appointment of any warrant officer appointed in the Women's Army Corps.

Original enlistments and reenlistments.

SEC. 106. (a) Original enlistments and reenlistments in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army, from among female persons who possess such qualifications as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe, may be accepted under applicable provisions of law which govern original enlistments and reenlistments in the Regular Army of male persons except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army: *Provided*, That no person shall be enlisted in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army who has not attained the age of eighteen years: *And provided further*, That no person under the age of twenty-one years

Age requirement.

Consent of parents or guardians.

shall be enlisted in such corps without the written consent of her parents or guardians, if any.

(b) The Secretary of the Army, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may terminate the enlistment of any enlisted woman in the Women's Army Corps, and each person whose enlistment is so terminated shall be discharged from the Army.

SEC. 107. Except as otherwise specifically provided, all laws now or hereafter applicable to male commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Regular Army; to former male commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Regular Army; and to their dependents and beneficiaries, shall in like cases be applicable, respectively, to commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted women of the Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, to former commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted women of the Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, and to their dependents and beneficiaries except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to the Women's Army Corps: *Provided*, That the husbands of women officers and enlisted personnel of the Regular Army shall not be considered dependents unless they are in fact dependent on their wives for their chief support, and the children of such officers and enlisted personnel shall not be considered dependents unless their father is dead or they are in fact dependent on their mother for their chief support.

SEC. 108. (a) At any time not later than a date two years following the date of enactment of this title, the President is authorized to appoint officers in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in the grades of second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain, and major, subject to the conditions and limitations hereinafter set forth. Persons appointed under the provisions of this section shall—

(1) be female citizens of the United States, at least twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, physically qualified for active military service, and have such other qualifications as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army; and shall

(2) have served honorably in the active Federal service as commissioned officers in the Women's Army Corps of the Army of the United States at some time between July 1, 1943, and the date of enactment of this title.

(b) Each person appointed as a commissioned officer of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of this section shall be credited, at the time of appointment, with service equivalent to the total period of active Federal service performed by her after attaining the age of twenty-one years as a commissioned officer in the Army of the United States from July 1, 1943, to the date of such appointment, or a period of service equal to the number of days, months, and years by which her age at the time of such appointment exceeds twenty-five years, whichever period is the greater: *Provided*, That in computing the total period of active commissioned Federal service of any such person who was honorably discharged or relieved from active service subsequent to May 12, 1945, there shall also be credited the period from the date of her discharge or relief from active service to the date of her appointment in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of this section.

(c) For the purpose of determining the grade in which each such person shall be originally appointed under the provisions of this section, a computation shall be made of the amount of service with which each such person would have been credited as of the date of enactment of this section under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section had she been appointed in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of this section on that date. The amount of service so computed for each such person is hereinafter referred to

Termination of enlistment.

Applicability of laws.

Dependents.

Appointment of officers in WAC of Regular Army.

Service credit.

"Enactment service."

Grades.	as the amount of such person's "enactment service". Persons appointed in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army with less than three years "enactment service" shall be appointed in the grade of second lieutenant; persons with three or more years "enactment service", but less than seven years "enactment service", shall be appointed in the grade of first lieutenant; persons with seven or more years "enactment service", but less than fourteen years "enactment service", shall be appointed in the grade of captain; and persons with fourteen or more years "enactment service", but less than twenty-one years "enactment service", shall be appointed in the grade of major: <i>Provided</i> , That no person appointed in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of this title shall be entitled, by reason of such appointment, to any pay or allowances for any period prior to the date of acceptance of such appointment.
Restriction on appointment.	(d) No person with twenty-one or more years "enactment service" shall be appointed as a commissioned officer of the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of this section. (e) For the purpose of determining eligibility for promotion, each person appointed as a commissioned officer in the Women's Army Corps of the Regular Army under the provisions of this section shall be credited, as of the time of such appointment, with continuous commissioned service on the active list of the Regular Army equal to the period of service credited to her under subsection (b) of this section.
Officers' and Enlisted Reserve Corps.	SEC. 109. (a) Effective the date of enactment of this title, the appointment of women in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States and the enlistment of women in the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States shall be authorized.
Applicability of laws.	(b) Except as otherwise specifically provided, all laws now or hereafter applicable to male commissioned officers and former commissioned officers of the Officers' Reserve Corps, to enlisted men and former enlisted men of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and to their dependents and beneficiaries, shall in like cases be applicable, respectively, to female commissioned officers and former commissioned officers of the Officers' Reserve Corps, to enlisted women and former enlisted women of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and to their dependents and beneficiaries, except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to the female persons in the Officers' and Enlisted Reserve Corps: <i>Provided</i> , That the husbands of women officers and enlisted personnel of any of the Reserve components of the Army of the United States shall not be considered dependents unless they are in fact dependent on their wives for their chief support, and the children of such personnel shall not be considered dependents unless their father is dead or they are in fact dependent on their mother for their chief support.
Dependents.	(c) Appointments of women in the Officers' Reserve Corps may be made by the President in grades from lieutenant colonel to second lieutenant, inclusive, from female citizens of the United States who have attained the age of twenty-one years and who possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army: <i>Provided</i> , That any person who has served satisfactorily as the commanding officer (Director) of the Women's Army Corps established by Act of July 1, 1943 (57 Stat. 371), or as the Director of the Women's Army Corps created by this title, may, if otherwise qualified, be appointed in such Reserve Corps in the grade of colonel: <i>And provided further</i> , That women specialists (such as scientists and technical experts) who possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army may be initially appointed in the Officers' Reserve Corps in such grades as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army in accordance with regulations prescribed by him.
Appointments in Officers' Reserve Corps.	
Colonels.	
Specialists.	
Enlistments in Enlisted Reserve Corps.	(d) Enlistments of women in the Enlisted Reserve Corps may be accepted under the provisions of law now or hereafter applicable to

50 U. S. C. app.  
§§ 1551-1555; Supp. I,  
§§ 1551-1555 notes.

enlistments of male persons in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, under such regulations, in such grades or ratings, and for such periods of time as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army.

(e) The President may form any or all female members of the Officers' Reserve Corps and the Enlisted Reserve Corps into such organizations and units as he may prescribe.

SEC. 110. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2a of the Act of July 25, 1947 (Public Law 239, Eightieth Congress), neither (1) the Act of July 1, 1943 (57 Stat. 371), nor (2) the Act of September 22, 1941 (55 Stat. 728, ch. 414), as amended, insofar as it pertains to officers of the Women's Army Corps heretofore appointed thereunder, shall be repealed until that date which is twelve months after the date of enactment of this Act.

61 Stat. 451.  
50 U. S. C. app.  
§§ 1551-1555; Supp. I,  
§§ 1551-1555 notes.  
10 U. S. C. § 484  
note; Supp. I, § 484.

## TITLE II

### NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

SEC. 201. All laws or parts of laws which now or hereafter authorize enlistments in the Regular Navy and which now or hereafter authorize appointments of commissioned and warrant officers in the Regular Navy shall, subject to the provisions of this title, be construed to include authority to enlist and appoint women in the Regular Navy: *Provided*, That no woman shall be enlisted in the Regular Navy or Naval Reserve who has not attained the age of eighteen years: *And provided further*, That no woman under the age of twenty-one years shall be enlisted in the Regular Navy or Naval Reserve without the written consent of her parents or guardians, if any.

Age requirement.

Consent of parents  
or guardians.

SEC. 202. The number of enlisted women on the active list of the Regular Navy at any one time shall not exceed 2 per centum of the enlisted strength now or hereafter authorized for the active list of the Regular Navy, and the number of commissioned and warrant women officers on the active list of the Regular Navy at any one time shall not exceed 10 per centum of the authorized number of enlisted women of the Regular Navy: *Provided*, That for a period of two years immediately following the date of this Act, the actual number of women in the Regular Navy shall at no time exceed five hundred commissioned women officers, twenty warrant women officers, and six thousand enlisted women, and such number of commissioned women officers shall be appointed in increments of not to exceed 40 per centum, 20 per centum, 20 per centum, and 20 per centum at approximately equally spaced intervals of time during the said period of two years.

Number on active  
list.

Limitation on  
number for two years.

SEC. 203. Women commissioned in the Regular Navy under the provisions of this title shall not have permanent commissioned grade on the active list of the Regular Navy above that of commander. The number of women officers on the active list of the line of the Regular Navy in the permanent grades of commander and lieutenant commander shall not exceed 10 per centum and 20 per centum, respectively, of the number of women officers on the active list of the line of the Regular Navy above commissioned warrant grade at any one time. Computations to determine such numbers shall be made as of January 1 of each year. Whenever a final fraction occurs in any computation made pursuant to this section, the nearest whole number shall be taken, and if such fraction be one-half the next higher whole number shall be taken. Upon determining such numbers, the Secretary of the Navy may further determine the number, which may be a lesser number, of women officers on the active list of the line of the Regular Navy which may serve in each of such grades and the numbers so further determined shall be held and considered as the authorized numbers until subsequent computations and determinations are made. No woman officer of the Regular Navy shall be reduced in grade or pay,

Commanders and  
lieutenant com-  
manders.

Determination of  
numbers.

or be separated from the active list, as the result of any such computation or determination.

Original appointments.

34 U. S. C. §§ 272a, 151, 691, 153, 15, 16, 228a; Supp. I, §§ 2, 15. Qualifications.

SEC. 204. All original appointments of women to commissioned grade in the Regular Navy above the grade of commissioned warrant officer, other than appointments effected pursuant to the Act of April 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 92), as now or hereafter amended, shall be in the grade of ensign or lieutenant (junior grade) at the discretion of the President. Such appointees shall be female citizens of the United States who on July 1 of the year in which appointed are over twenty-one and under thirty years of age. No person shall be appointed pursuant to this section until she shall have established her mental, moral, educational, professional, and physical qualifications to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy.

Assistant to Chief of Naval Personnel.

SEC. 205. From the women officers serving in the grade of lieutenant commander or above, one woman officer may be detailed to duty in the Bureau of Naval Personnel as an assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel. She shall have the rank of captain while so serving, and shall be entitled to pay and allowances as are now or may be hereafter prescribed by law for a captain of the Regular Navy, and her regular status as a commissioned officer in the Navy shall not be disturbed by reason of such detail.

Applicability of laws.

SEC. 206. (a) The respective provisions of law now existing or hereafter enacted relating to the promotion by selection of line and staff officers of the Regular Navy not restricted in the performance of duty which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this title are hereby made applicable to women officers of the Regular Navy.

Promotion to lieutenant (jg).

(b) A woman officer of the grade of ensign in the Regular Navy shall be eligible for promotion to the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) on the third anniversary of the date of rank stated in her appointment to the grade of ensign.

Selection boards.

(c) Selection boards for the recommendation of women officers of the Regular Navy for promotion in grade shall consist of not less than six nor more than nine officers of the line or appropriate staff corps of the Regular Navy. The Secretary of the Navy shall determine the composition of such boards.

Line officers. Consideration for promotion.

(d) Women lieutenant commanders, lieutenants, and lieutenants (junior grade) of the line of the Regular Navy shall become eligible for consideration by a selection board for promotion to the next higher grade in the fiscal year on June 30 of which they will have completed four, four, and three years, respectively, of service in their grades and shall retain such eligibility until recommended for promotion in the approved report of a board on selection or until separated from the active list. In computing such service in grade, an officer appointed pursuant to the Act of April 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 92), as now or hereafter amended, shall be credited in the grade to which so appointed with all time from the date of rank stated in her appointment in that grade while an officer of the Naval Reserve, exclusive of time in such grade under a temporary appointment which, by its terms, was for a period of limited duration: *Provided*, That no such officer shall become eligible for consideration by a selection board unless all officers of the same grade senior in lineal rank are eligible for such consideration. In each other instance, service in grade shall be computed from the date of rank stated in the appointment to the grade concerned.

Service credit.

34 U. S. C. §§ 272a, 151, 691, 153, 15, 16, 228a; Supp. I, §§ 2, 15.

Running mates.

34 U. S. C. §§ 272a, 151, 691, 153, 15, 16, 228a; Supp. I, §§ 2, 15.

(e) Women officers of the Staff Corps of the Regular Navy shall have as their running mates women officers of the line of the Regular Navy, women staff officers appointed pursuant to the Act of April 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 92), shall, upon appointment, be assigned running mates as the Secretary of the Navy shall direct; in all other instances, running mates shall be assigned in the manner prescribed by law now

existing or hereafter enacted relating to the assignment of running mates to male staff officers of the Regular Navy.

(f) A woman staff officer of the Regular Navy shall become eligible for consideration for recommendation for promotion to the next higher grade when the President approves the report of a line selection board in which the running mate of such staff officer or a woman line officer junior to such running mate is recommended for promotion to the next higher grade above that held by the staff officer.

Staff officers.  
Consideration for  
promotion.

(g) The recommendations of the selection boards in the cases of women officers of the line of the Regular Navy shall be based upon their comparative fitness for the duties to which they are assigned in the line of the Regular Navy.

Basis of recommen-  
dations.

(h) The recommendations of the selection boards in the cases of women officers of each of the respective staff corps of the Regular Navy shall be based upon their comparative fitness for the duties to which they are assigned in each of the respective staff corps of the Regular Navy.

(i) The number to be furnished the appropriate selection board in respect to the promotion of women officers of the line of the Regular Navy to the grades of commander and lieutenant commander shall be determined by the Secretary of the Navy as of the date of the convening of the board and shall be equal to the number of vacancies existing for such officers in the grade concerned plus the estimated number of such vacancies which will occur during the ensuing twelve-month period and minus the number of such officers then on the promotion list.

Number in respect  
to promotion.

(j) The number to be furnished the appropriate selection board in respect to the promotion of women line officers of the Regular Navy to the grade of lieutenant shall be determined by the Secretary of the Navy as of the date of the convening of the board and shall be equal to the number of women line officers of the Regular Navy of the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) who are eligible for consideration by such board. The board shall recommend such of the eligible officers who, in the opinion of at least two-thirds of the members of the board, are qualified for promotion and shall so certify in its report. Women line officers recommended for promotion to the grade of lieutenant in the approved report of a board on selection shall become eligible for promotion to that grade on July 1 following the date of approval of the report of the board and, upon promotion, shall be entitled to the pay and allowances of the higher grade from the date of their eligibility for promotion.

(k) Each selection board appointed to recommend women staff officers of the Regular Navy for promotion to the grade of commander or lieutenant commander shall recommend for promotion to the grade concerned in the corps for which it was appointed such eligible officers, in number not to exceed the number furnished it by the Secretary of the Navy, who, in the opinion of at least two-thirds of the members of the board, are best fitted to assume the duties of the next higher grade. The number furnished the appropriate board for each such grade in each corps shall be a fraction of the number of women officers in the next lower grade of the corps concerned who in that fiscal year first become eligible for consideration for recommendation for promotion to the next higher grade; the numerator of such fraction shall be a number equal to the total number of women line officers recommended for promotion to the grade concerned in the approved report of the immediately preceding line selection board; the denominator shall be a number equal to the number of women line officers eligible in the fiscal year concerned for consideration for recommendation for promotion to the grade concerned, exclusive of those who were senior to the junior such officer recommended for promotion to the grade concerned in the

approved report of the second preceding line selection board and of those junior in lineal rank to the junior woman line officer recommended for promotion to that grade in the approved report of the immediately preceding line selection board; if the number so determined be a mixed number and the fraction thereof be one-half or greater, the fraction shall be regarded as a whole number; if such computation produces no whole number, the fraction shall be regarded as a whole number.

(l) Each selection board appointed to recommend women staff officers of the Regular Navy for promotion to the grade of lieutenant shall recommend such of the eligible officers who, in the opinion of at least two-thirds of the members of the board, are qualified for promotion and shall so certify in its report.

Disapproval by President.

(m) Should any women officers of the line or Staff Corps of the Regular Navy of the grade of lieutenant (junior grade), recommended in the report of a selection board for promotion, be not acceptable to the President when such report is presented to him for approval or disapproval, the board shall be so informed and the names of such officers shall be removed from the report of the board and no further selection of women officers shall be made at that time.

Commander or lieutenant commander.  
Pay and allowances.

(n) Upon promotion to the grade of commander or lieutenant commander, a woman officer of the line of the Regular Navy shall be entitled to the pay and allowances of such grade from the date of the occurrence of the vacancy to which she is promoted to fill.

Eligibility of staff officer for promotion.

(o) Each woman staff officer of the Regular Navy recommended for promotion in grade in the approved report of a board on selection shall become eligible for promotion to the grade for which recommended on the date that the line officer who is to be her running mate in such grade becomes eligible for promotion to that grade and, upon promotion, shall be entitled to the pay and allowances of the higher grade from the date upon which she becomes eligible for promotion thereto.

61 Stat. 798, 816.  
34 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§§ 4, 5.

(p) Women officers of the line or Staff Corps of the Regular Navy shall not increase the authorized number of commissioned officers of the line or Staff Corps concerned and such women officers shall be excluded from any computations made pursuant to sections 103 and 203 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947. Women officers of the Regular Navy of the grades of chief pay clerk, pay clerk, and acting pay clerk shall not increase the authorized number of officers of those grades.

Sea or foreign service.

(q) Any requirement of sea or foreign service in grade prescribed by law for promotion shall not apply to the promotion of women officers of the Regular Navy.

Warrant officers.

(r) The provisions of law now existing or hereafter enacted relating to the promotion of male warrant officers and to advancement to higher pay periods of male commissioned warrant officers shall apply in like manner to women warrant and commissioned warrant officers.

Applicability of retirement laws.

SEC. 207. (a) All provisions of law now existing or hereafter enacted relating to retired officers of the Regular Navy and to the retirement or separation from the active list of officers of the Regular Navy, except those provisions relating to the same subject matter provided for in the following subsections of this section and except those provisions of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, which relate to the retirement and discharge of officers for failure of selection for promotion, are hereby made applicable to women officers of the Regular Navy.

61 Stat. 795.  
34 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 3a note.

Commander or assistant to Chief of Naval Personnel.

(b) Each woman officer of the grade of commander in the Regular Navy, or a woman officer serving as an assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel with the rank of captain, who attains the age of fifty-five years or completes thirty years' active commissioned service in the

Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve, whichever is earlier, shall be retired by the President on the first day of the month following that in which she attains such age or completes such service, and except as otherwise provided by law, shall be placed on the retired list in the permanent grade held by her at the time of retirement: *Provided*, That a woman commander or lieutenant commander who serves as an assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel with the rank of captain and who attains the age of fifty years while so serving may be retired by the President on the first day of the month following that in which she ceases to serve as such assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel, and if so retired may be placed on the retired list in the rank authorized by subsection (d).

(c) Each woman officer of the Regular Navy who attains the age of fifty years while serving in the grade of lieutenant commander or below shall be retired by the President on the first day of the month following that in which she attains such age, and, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be placed on the retired list in the permanent grade held by her at the time of retirement: *Provided*, That this subsection shall not apply to an officer of the grade of lieutenant commander who is on a promotion list for the grade of commander or to one while serving as an assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel with the rank of captain.

(d) Any woman officer of the Regular Navy who may be retired for any reason while serving as an assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel under section 205 of this title, or who subsequent to such service may be retired for any reason while serving in a lower grade, may, if she shall have served two and one-half years or more as such assistant, be placed on the retired list, at the discretion of the President, in the rank held by her while serving as such assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel: *Provided*, That the commissioned officer first detailed to duty in the Bureau of Naval Personnel as an assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel, pursuant to this title, shall without limitation as to the time she shall serve in such capacity, upon retirement be retired with the rank held while so serving, and shall receive retired pay at the rate prescribed by law computed on the basis of the base and longevity pay she would have received if serving on active duty with such rank.

(e) Each woman officer of the Regular Navy who is placed on the retired list in her permanent grade pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section shall receive retired pay at the rate of 2½ per centum of the active-duty pay to which entitled at the time of retirement, multiplied by the number of years for which entitled to credit in the computation of her active-duty pay.

(f) Each woman officer of the Regular Navy retired because of physical disability incurred in line of duty shall, if placed on the retired list in a grade or rank higher than her permanent grade, receive retired pay equal to 75 per centum of the active-duty pay to which she would be entitled if serving, at the time of retirement, on active duty in the grade or rank in which placed upon the retired list.

(g) Each woman officer of the Regular Navy retired for other than physical disability incurred in the line of duty shall, if placed on the retired list in a grade or rank higher than her permanent grade, receive retired pay equal to 2½ per centum of the active-duty pay to which she would be entitled if serving, at the time of retirement, on active duty in the grade or rank in which placed upon the retired list, multiplied by the number of years for which entitled to credit in the computation of her active duty pay, not to exceed a total of 75 per centum of said active-duty pay.

(h) In any instance in which retired pay is computed pursuant to subsections (e) and (g) of this section, a fractional year of six months

Lieutenant commander.

Assistant to Chief of Naval Personnel. *Ante*, p. 364.

Retired pay.

Physical disability.

Retirement for other than physical disability.

or more shall be considered a full year in computing the number of years by which the rate of 2½ per centum is multiplied.

Lieutenant commanders.

(i) Women officers of the grade of lieutenant commander in the Regular Navy whose names, on June 30 of the fiscal year in which they complete twenty years' active commissioned service in the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve, are not then on a promotion list for promotion to the next higher grade shall be placed on the retired list on that date.

Lieutenants and lieutenants (jg).

(j) Women officers of the grades of lieutenant and lieutenant (junior grade) in the Regular Navy whose names on June 30 of the fiscal year in which they complete thirteen and seven years' active commissioned service, respectively, in the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve are not then on a promotion list for promotion to the next higher grade shall be honorably discharged from the Navy on that date with a lump-sum payment computed on the basis of two months active-duty pay at the time of their discharge for each year of commissioned service, but not to exceed a total of two years' pay: *Provided*, That for the purpose of this subsection a fractional year of six months or more shall be considered a full year in computing the number of years' commissioned service upon which to base such lump-sum payment.

Retired pay.

(k) The retired pay of a woman officer of the Regular Navy who is commissioned in the Regular Navy pursuant to the Act of April 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 92), as now or hereafter amended, shall not be less than 50 per centum of her active-duty pay at the time of retirement.

34 U. S. C. §§ 272a, 151, 691, 153, 15, 16, 228a; Supp. I, §§ 2, 15.

SEC. 208. All provisions of law now existing or hereafter enacted relating to male personnel of the Navy, except those provisions relating to the same subject matter specifically provided for in this title, shall, where applicable, be construed to include women: *Provided*, That so much of subsection 5 (a) of the Act of April 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 92), as amended, which reads "but no such person shall be appointed to a grade or rank higher than the highest grade or rank in which he served on active duty" shall not apply to any woman who may be appointed pursuant to that Act if she would have attained a higher grade or rank had she remained on active duty until the date of this Act.

34 U. S. C. § 15 (a).

Clothing and equipment.

SEC. 209. The Secretary of the Navy may prescribe the quantity and kind of clothing and equipment which shall be furnished annually to enlisted women of the Regular Navy, including that required upon their first reporting for duty, and the amount of a cash allowance to be paid to such enlisted women in any case in which such clothing and equipment is not so furnished to them.

Military duty, etc.

SEC. 210. The Secretary of the Navy may prescribe the manner in which women shall be trained and qualified for military duty in the Regular Navy, the military authority which they may exercise, and the kind of military duty to which they may be assigned: *Provided*, That they shall not be assigned to duty in aircraft while such aircraft are engaged in combat missions nor shall they be assigned to duty on vessels of the Navy except hospital ships and naval transports.

Pay, leave, and allowances.

SEC. 211. All provisions of law relating to pay, leave, money allowances for subsistence and rental of quarters, mileage and other travel allowances, or other allowances, benefits, or emoluments, of male personnel of the Regular Navy are hereby made applicable to women personnel of the Regular Navy: *Provided*, That the husbands of women officers and enlisted personnel of the Regular Navy shall not be considered dependents unless they are in fact dependent on their wives for their chief support, and the children of such officers and enlisted personnel shall not be considered dependents unless their father is dead or they are in fact dependent on their mother for their chief support.

Dependents.

34 U. S. C. §§ 857-857g.

SEC. 212. Title V of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938 (56 Stat. 730),

as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the present caption and sections 501 to 508, inclusive, thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

## "TITLE V

### "WOMEN IN THE NAVAL RESERVE

"SEC. 501. Women may be enlisted or appointed in the Naval Reserve under the provisions of this Act, as now or hereafter amended, in such appropriate ratings or grades as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy in the same manner and, except as otherwise provided in this title, under the same circumstances and conditions as men are enlisted or appointed in the Naval Reserve.

Enlistment or appointment.

"SEC. 502. The Secretary of the Navy may prescribe the manner in which women enlisted or appointed in the Naval Reserve shall be trained and qualified for military duty, the military authority they may exercise, and the kind of military duty to which they may be assigned: *Provided*, That they shall not be assigned to duty in aircraft while such aircraft are engaged in combat missions nor shall they be assigned to duty on vessels of the Navy except hospital ships and naval transports.

Military duty, etc.

"SEC. 503. The provisions of this Act, as now or hereafter amended, which relate to pay, leave, money allowances for subsistence and rental of quarters, mileage and other travel allowances, or other allowances, benefits, or emoluments, for male personnel of the Naval Reserve, shall also apply to women personnel of the Naval Reserve: *Provided*, That the husbands of women personnel of the Naval Reserve shall not be considered dependents unless they are in fact dependent on their wives for their chief support, and the children of such personnel shall not be considered dependents unless their father is dead or they are in fact dependent on their mother for their chief support.

Pay, leave, and allowances.

Dependents.

"SEC. 504. The Secretary of the Navy may prescribe the quantity and kind of clothing and equipment to be furnished annually to enlisted women of the Naval Reserve, including that required upon their first reporting for active duty, and he may prescribe the amount of cash allowance to be paid to such enlisted women in any case in which such clothing and equipment is not so furnished to them.

Clothing and equipment.

"SEC. 505. All members of the Women's Reserve enlisted or appointed under the Act of July 30, 1942 (56 Stat. 730), as amended, are hereby transferred to the appropriate components of the Naval Reserve in the same temporary and permanent ratings or grades, with the same effective dates and dates of precedence, which they held in the Women's Reserve on the effective date of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, and such transfer of enlisted personnel shall be for a period to be determined by the Secretary of the Navy but not longer than twelve months after the effective date of the Act last cited in this section."

Transfer to Naval Reserve.  
34 U. S. C. §§ 857-857g.

*Ante*, p. 356.

SEC. 213. (a) Women may be enlisted or appointed in the Regular Marine Corps under the provisions of this title, and the provisions of this title (except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to the Marine Corps) are hereby made applicable to women enlisted or appointed in the Regular Marine Corps in the same manner as such provisions apply to women enlisted or appointed in the Regular Navy.

Marine Corps.  
Enlistment or appointment.

(b) The number of enlisted women on the active list of the Regular Marine Corps at any one time shall not exceed 2 per centum of the enlisted strength now or hereafter authorized for the active list of the Regular Marine Corps: *Provided*, That for a period of two years immediately following the date of this Act, the actual number of enlisted women in the Regular Marine Corps shall at no time exceed one thousand.

Authorized number.

Limitation on number for two years.

Commissioned and warrant officers.

Limitation on number for two years.

Detail to office of Commandant of Marine Corps.

Rank, pay, etc.

Ante, p. 366.

Termination of commission or warrant.

Termination of enlistment.

61 Stat. 829,  
34 U. S. C., Supp.  
I, § 3a note.  
61 Stat. 798, 815.

Temporary appointments.

Appointment in Regular Navy.

34 U. S. C. §§ 350-350j; Supp. I, § 350g.

Nonapplicability.

(c) The number of commissioned and warrant women officers on the active list of the Regular Marine Corps at any one time shall not exceed 10 per centum of the authorized number of enlisted women of the Regular Marine Corps: *Provided*, That for a period of two years immediately following the date of this Act, the actual number of women officers in the Regular Marine Corps shall at no time exceed one hundred commissioned women officers and ten warrant women officers, and such number of commissioned women officers shall be appointed in increments of not to exceed 40 per centum, 20 per centum, 20 per centum, and 20 per centum at approximately equally spaced intervals of time during the said period of two years.

(d) From the women officers serving in the grade of major or above in the Marine Corps, one officer may be detailed to duty in the office of the Commandant of the Marine Corps to assist the Commandant in the administration of women's affairs. She shall have the rank of colonel while so serving, and shall be entitled to the pay and allowances as are now or may be hereafter prescribed by law for a colonel of the Regular Marine Corps, and her regular status as a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps shall not be disturbed by reason of such detail. The provisions of section 207 of this title relative to the retirement of women officers detailed as assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel shall apply in the same manner and under the same relative conditions to women officers of the Marine Corps detailed to duty in the office of the Commandant of the Marine Corps as provided in this subsection.

SEC. 214. (a) The Secretary of the Navy, under the circumstances and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President, may terminate the commission or warrant of any woman officer in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps.

(b) The Secretary of the Navy, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may terminate the enlistment of any enlisted woman in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps, and each such person whose enlistment is so terminated shall be discharged from the service.

SEC. 215. The provisions of title III of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 shall not be applicable to women officers of the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve and those provisions of titles I and II of the said Act which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be operative with regard to women officers of the Regular Navy from the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 216. Women officers of the Naval Reserve who on the date of approval of this Act are serving under temporary appointments in grades above commissioned warrant officer may continue to serve under such temporary appointments until such appointments are terminated by the President, or until such officers are appointed in the Regular Navy, but no such temporary appointment may continue in effect later than six months after June 30 of the fiscal year following that in which the present war shall end or the first day of the twelfth month following the effective date of this Act, whichever may be earlier: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, women officers of the Naval Reserve who at the time of appointment in the Regular Navy are serving under temporary appointments which by their terms are for a period of limited duration, may, on appointment in the Regular Navy, be given temporary appointments pursuant to the provisions of the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 603), as amended, which shall be under the same conditions, in the same grade, and with the same precedence as those temporary appointments held by such officers in the Naval Reserve at the time of their appointment in the Regular Navy.

SEC. 217. The provisions of this title shall not be construed to apply to women officers of the Navy Nurse Corps.

## TITLE III

## AIR FORCE

SEC. 301. All laws or parts of laws which now or hereafter authorize enlistments, and appointments of commissioned and warrant officers in the Regular Air Force shall, subject to the provisions of this title, be construed to include authority to enlist and appoint women in the Regular Air Force.

Enlistments and appointments.

SEC. 302. The authorized commissioned, warrant, and enlisted strengths of female persons in the Regular Air Force shall, from time to time, be determined by the Secretary of the Air Force, within the authorized commissioned, warrant, and enlisted strengths of the Regular Air Force, but shall not exceed 2 per centum of such authorized Regular Air Force strengths, respectively: *Provided*, That for a period of two years immediately following the date of this Act, the actual number of women in the Regular Air Force shall at no time exceed three hundred commissioned officers, forty warrant officers and four thousand enlisted women, and such number of commissioned female officers shall be appointed in increments of not to exceed 40 per centum, 20 per centum, 20 per centum, and 20 per centum at approximately equally spaced intervals of time during the said period of two years.

Determination of authorized strength.

Limitation on number for two years.

SEC. 303. (a) Commissioned female officers of the Regular Air Force shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from female citizens of the United States who have attained the age of twenty-one years and who possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

Appointment by President.

(b) Except as modified or otherwise provided in this title or by other express provisions of law, original appointments of female officers of the Regular Air Force shall be made in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law for male persons in the Regular Air Force except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to such female officers.

Original appointments.

(c) Female officers shall be permanently commissioned in the Regular Air Force in grades from second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel, inclusive. The authorized number in permanent grade of lieutenant colonel shall be such as the Secretary of the Air Force shall from time to time prescribe but shall not exceed 10 per centum of the total authorized female commissioned strength.

Grades.

(d) The provisions of section 509 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 shall not be applicable to promotion of female officers to the grade of lieutenant colonel. Female officers shall be appointed in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel only when a vacancy exists in the number of lieutenant colonels authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force for female officers and only when selected and recommended for that grade by a selection board under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

61 Stat. 894,  
10 U. S. C., Supp.  
I, § 559c.  
*Ante*, p. 358.  
Lieutenant colonels.

(e) As soon as practicable after completion of the appointments provided for in section 308 of this title, the name of each such female commissioned officer shall be entered on the Air Force promotion list in such position among officers of her grade as may be determined by a board of general officers appointed for this purpose by the Secretary of the Air Force and under such regulations as he may prescribe: *Provided*, That all such female officers shall be placed on the Air Force promotion list without change among themselves in their relative positions then held on the interim promotion list established under the provisions of section 309 of this title.

Promotion list.  
*Post*, p. 373.

(f) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force, any selection board convened to consider and recommend female offi-

*Post*, p. 374.

cers of the Regular Air Force for promotion to any grade may contain female officers senior in permanent grade and temporary rank to any female officer being considered by such selection board for promotion.

Colonels.

(g) At any given time there may be one, but not more than one, female Air Force officer on duty serving in the temporary grade of colonel: *Provided*, That any female officer retired in the grade of colonel and recalled to active duty in such grade shall not be considered within this limitation. Appointment of a female Air Force officer on active duty to the temporary grade of colonel, if not sooner terminated, shall terminate on that date which is four years after the date of appointment to such temporary grade.

Retirement of officers.

(h) Female officers of the Regular Air Force shall be eliminated from the active list and retired or separated, as the case may be, under the provisions of law now or hereafter applicable to male officers generally of the Air Force promotion list, and they shall receive retired pay or severance pay, whichever is applicable, computed as provided under such law: *Provided*, That any female officer in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Air Force, be retained on the active list until that date which is thirty days after the date upon which thirty "years' service" is completed: *Provided further*, That any female officer in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel, who is serving in the temporary grade of colonel, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Air Force, be retained on the active list while serving in such temporary grade: *Provided further*, That any female Regular Air Force officer who shall have served two and one-half years on active duty in the temporary grade of colonel may, upon retirement, at the discretion of the President, be retired in such higher temporary grade and with retired pay at the rate prescribed by law computed on the basis of the base and longevity pay which she would receive if serving on active duty in such grade, and if thereafter recalled to active duty shall be recalled in such grade: *Provided further*, That female officers in the permanent grade of major shall not be eliminated from the active list by reason of not having been selected for promotion to the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel: *Provided further*, That on and after June 30, 1953, each female officer in the permanent grade of major who is not retired or separated at an earlier date under other provisions of law shall be eliminated from the active list on that date which is thirty days after the date upon which she completes twenty-five "years' service" unless she is appointed in the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel in the Regular Air Force before that date: *And provided further*, That in its application to female officers of the Regular Air Force the term "years' service" as used in section 514 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, and as used in this paragraph, shall be defined as the period of service credited to a female officer on appointment into the Regular Air Force, increased by the period of her active commissioned service in the Regular Air Force subsequent to such appointment.

"Years' service."

61 Stat. 902.  
10 U. S. C., Supp.  
I, §§ 941a, 971b.  
*Ante*, p. 359.

Warrant officers.

SEC. 304. Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe, female citizens of the United States may be appointed warrant officers in the Regular Air Force in each of the several warrant officer grades under the provisions of law now or hereafter applicable to the appointment of male persons in such warrant officer grades in the Regular Air Force.

Enlistments and reenlistments.

SEC. 305. Original enlistments and reenlistments in the Regular Air Force from among female persons who possess such qualifications as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe may be accepted under applicable provisions of law which govern original enlistments and reenlistments in the Regular Air Force of male persons except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to such female persons: *Provided*, That no woman shall be enlisted in the Regular Air Force who

Age requirement.

has not attained the age of eighteen: *And provided further*, That no woman under the age of twenty-one years shall be enlisted in the Regular Air Force without the written consent of her parents or guardians, if any.

Consent of parents  
or guardians.

SEC. 306. Except as otherwise specifically provided, all laws now or hereafter applicable to male commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Regular Air Force; to former male commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Regular Air Force; and to their dependents and beneficiaries, shall in like cases be applicable, respectively, to female commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted women of the Regular Air Force, to former female commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted women of the Regular Air Force, and to their dependents and beneficiaries except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to such female persons: *Provided*, That the husbands of such female persons shall not be considered dependents unless they are in fact dependent on their wives for their chief support, and the children of such female persons shall not be considered dependent unless their father is dead or they are in fact dependent on their mother for their chief support.

Applicability of  
laws.

Dependents.

SEC. 307. (a) The Secretary of the Air Force shall prescribe the military authority which female persons of the Air Force may exercise, and the kind of military duty to which they may be assigned: *Provided*, That they shall not be assigned to duty in aircraft while such aircraft are engaged in combat missions.

Military duty, etc.

(b) The Secretary of the Air Force, under the circumstances and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President, may terminate the commission, warrant, or enlistment of any female person in the Regular Air Force.

Termination of  
commission, etc.

SEC. 308. (a) At any time not later than two years following the date of enactment of this title, the President is authorized to appoint female officers in the Regular Air Force, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in the grades of second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain, and major, subject to the conditions and limitations hereinafter set forth. Persons appointed under the provisions of this section shall (1) be female citizens of the United States, at least twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, physically qualified for active military service, and have such other qualifications as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force; and (2) have served honorably in the active Federal service as commissioned officers in the armed forces of the United States, at some time between July 1, 1943, and the date of enactment of this Act.

Appointment of  
officers.

(b) Each woman appointed as a commissioned officer in the Regular Air Force under the provisions of this section shall be credited, at the time of appointment, with service equivalent to the total period of active Federal service performed by her after attaining the age of twenty-one years as a commissioned officer in the armed forces of the United States from July 1, 1943, to the date of such appointment, or a period of service equal to the number of days, months, and years by which her age at the time of such appointment exceeds twenty-five years, whichever period is the greater: *Provided*, That in computing the total period of active Federal commissioned service of any such person who was honorably discharged or relieved from active service subsequent to May 12, 1945, there shall also be credited the period from the date of her discharge or relief from active service to the date of her appointment in the Regular Air Force under the provisions of this section.

Service credit.

(c) For the purpose of determining the grade in which each such person shall be originally appointed under the provisions of this section, a computation shall be made of the amount of service with

- “Enactment service.”  
Grades.
- Restriction on appointment.
- Interim promotion list.  
*Ante*, p. 373.
- Vacancies.
- Selection for promotion.
- 61 Stat. 910.  
10 U. S. C., Supp.  
I, § 559i.
- Officers' and Enlisted Section of Air Force Reserve.
- Applicability of laws.
- which each such person would have been credited as of the date of enactment of this section under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section had she been appointed in the Regular Air Force under the provisions of this section on that date. The amount of service so computed for each such person is hereinafter referred to as the amount of such person's "enactment service". Persons with less than three years "enactment service" shall be appointed in the grade of second lieutenant; persons with three or more years "enactment service", but less than seven years "enactment service", shall be appointed in the grade of first lieutenant; persons with seven or more years "enactment service", but less than fourteen years "enactment service", shall be appointed in the grade of captain; and persons with fourteen or more years "enactment service", but less than twenty-one years "enactment service", shall be appointed in the grade of major.
- (d) No woman with twenty-one or more years' "enactment service" shall be appointed as a commissioned officer in the Regular Air Force under the provisions of this section.
- (e) For the purpose of determining eligibility for promotion, each person appointed as a commissioned officer of the Regular Air Force under the provisions of this section shall be credited, as of the time of such appointment, with continuous commissioned service on the active list of the Regular Air Force equal to the period of service credited to her under subsection (b) of this section.
- SEC. 309 (a) Upon appointment of female officers in the Regular Air Force under the provisions of section 308 of this title, the names of all female commissioned officers of the Regular Air Force shall be carried on an interim Air Force promotion list for female officers and shall on each such officer's appointment be placed thereon next below the officer of her grade on such list having the same or next greater amount of service credit for promotion purposes.
- (b) The Secretary of the Air Force following enactment of this Act shall reserve such portion of the vacancies existing on the Air Force promotion list as he may deem necessary in the grades of captain, major, and lieutenant colonel for promotion thereto of qualified female officers. There shall be no permanent grade promotion appointments of female officers of the Regular Air Force to the grades of captain, major, and lieutenant colonel until that date which is fifteen months after the date of enactment of this title; such promotions shall be made on such date or at the earliest practicable time thereafter: *Provided*, That selection of such female officers for promotion shall be governed by regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force, which regulations, except where inconsistent with this section, shall be in general similar to the provisions prescribed for promotion of officers on the Air Force promotion list set out in section 518 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947: *Provided further*, That in prescribing regulations for promotion of female officers to the grade of lieutenant colonel, the provisions of section 518 (b) thereof shall not be followed: *And provided further*, That the promotion of female officers hereunder shall be made upon the interim promotion list described in this section.
- SEC. 310. (a) Effective on the date of enactment of this title, the appointment and enlistment of women in the Officers' and Enlisted Section of the Air Force Reserve shall be authorized.
- (b) Except as otherwise specifically provided, all laws now applicable to male commissioned officers and former commissioned officers of the Officers' Reserve Corps, to enlisted men and former enlisted men of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and to their dependents and beneficiaries, shall be applicable, respectively, to female commissioned officers and former commissioned officers, to enlisted women and former enlisted women, of the Air Force Reserve, and to their depend-

ents and beneficiaries, except as may be necessary to adapt said provisions to such female persons: *Provided*, That the husbands of such female persons shall not be considered dependents unless they are in fact dependent on their wives for their chief support, and the children of such female persons shall not be considered dependents unless their father is dead or they are in fact dependent on their mother for their chief support.

(c) Appointments of women to commissioned grade in the Air Force Reserve may be made by the President alone in grades from lieutenant colonel to second lieutenant, inclusive, from female citizens of the United States who have attained the age of twenty-one years and who possess such other qualifications as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force: *Provided*, That any person who has served satisfactorily in the temporary grade of colonel in the Women's Army Corps established by Act of July 1, 1943 (57 Stat. 371), or in the temporary grade of colonel in the Regular Air Force, may, if otherwise qualified, be appointed in the grade of colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

(d) Enlistments of women in the Air Force Reserve may be accepted under the provisions of law now applicable to enlistments of male persons in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, under such regulations, in such grades or ratings, and for such periods of time as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(e) The President may form any or all such female persons of the Air Force Reserve into such organizations and units as he may prescribe.

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[CHAPTER 450]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force to proceed with construction at military installations, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force are hereby authorized to establish or develop military installations and facilities by the construction, installation, or equipment of temporary or permanent public works, including buildings, facilities, appurtenances, and utilities; or by the completion of such construction, installation, or equipment specifically approved by the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force and heretofore undertaken as follows:

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

Alamogordo Army Airfield, New Mexico: Family quarters, rocket-firing facilities, and utilities; \$1,622,720.

Andrews Field, Maryland: Family quarters and utilities; \$3,143,630.

Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas: Family quarters, barracks, and utilities; \$852,100.

Army and Navy Medical Procurement Office, Engineering and Development Division, Fort Totten, New York: Medical equipment laboratory; \$390,000.

Anniston Ordnance Depot, Alabama: Waste disposal facilities; \$60,000.

Fort Belvoir, Virginia: Family quarters and utilities; \$792,380.

Fort Benning, Georgia: Family quarters and utilities; \$1,466,050.

Bergstrom Field, Texas: Family quarters and utilities; \$1,501,970.

Fort Bliss, Texas: Family quarters and utilities; \$1,113,000.

Dependents.

Appointments in Air Force Reserve.

50 U. S. C. app. §§ 1551-1555; Supp. I, §§ 1551-1555 notes.

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