

## Public Law 771

## CHAPTER 683

July 24, 1956  
[H. R. 6729]

## AN ACT

To provide that the Secretary of the Navy shall appoint certain former members of the Navy and Marine Corps to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, as may be appropriate, and thereafter transfer such members to the appropriate retired list.

Navy and Marine  
Corps.  
Appointment to  
Fleet Reserve.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That upon application by any former member of the Navy or Marine Corps—

(1) who was discharged prior to August 10, 1946, under honorable conditions, and

(2) who, at the time of his discharge, had at least twenty years' active Federal service,

the Secretary of the Navy shall appoint such former member in the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, as may be appropriate, in the rank held by him at the time of such discharge.

Transfer to re-  
tired list.

SEC. 2. Each person appointed to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve under the first section of this Act shall be transferred to the appropriate retired list (1) on the first day of the first calendar month beginning after such appointment, if his last discharge occurred ten or more years prior to the date of such appointment, and (2) in the case of individuals appointed under such section before the expiration of ten years from their last discharge, on the first day of the first calendar month, beginning after the expiration of ten years from the date of such discharge.

Pay.

SEC. 3. Each former member transferred to a retired list under clauses (1) and (2) of section 2 shall receive retired pay at the annual rate of 2½ per centum of the annual base and longevity pay he was receiving at the time of his last discharge, multiplied by the number of his years of active Federal service at such time (not to exceed thirty), and adjusted to reflect the percentage increases made since such discharge in the retired pay of persons retired from the Armed Forces prior to October 12, 1949.

Active Federal  
service.

SEC. 4. For the purposes of this Act, all active service in the Army of the United States, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, or any component thereof, shall be deemed to be active Federal service.

Restriction.

SEC. 5. No pay shall accrue to the benefit of any person appointed under the provisions of this Act prior to the date such person is actually appointed under the provisions of this Act and in no event prior to the first day of the first month following enactment of this Act.

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July 24, 1956  
[H. R. 7190]

## AN ACT

Restoring to tribal ownership certain lands upon the Colville Indian Reservation, Washington, and for other purposes.

Colville Indian  
Reservation.  
Land restored.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the undisposed-of lands of the Colville Indian Reservation, Washington, dealt with by the Act of March 22, 1906 (34 Stat. 80), are hereby restored to tribal ownership to be held in trust by the United States to the same extent as all other tribal lands on the existing reservation, subject to any existing valid rights.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of effecting land consolidations between the Colville Indians and non-Indians in Ferry and Okanogan Counties, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, with the consent of the tribal council as evidenced by a resolution adopted in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the tribe, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to sell or exchange tribal lands in connection with the acquisition of lieu lands, and to acquire through purchase, exchange, or relinquishment, lands or any interest in lands, water rights, or surface rights. The acquisition of lands pursuant to this Act shall be limited to lands within the boundary of the reservation. Exchanges of lands, including improvements thereon, shall be made on the basis of approximate equal value. In carrying out the provisions of this Act, if non-Indian lands are involved the board of county commissioners of counties in which land is located shall by proper resolution consent before such non-Indian land is acquired for the tribe or an individual Indian. No lands or interests in lands owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation shall be subject to disposition hereafter without the consent of the duly authorized governing body of the tribes, and no lands or interests in lands shall be acquired for the tribes without the consent of the said governing body.

SEC. 3. Title to lands or any interest therein acquired pursuant to this Act shall be taken in the name of the United States of America in trust for the tribe or individual Indian and shall be nontaxable as other tribal and allotted trust Indian lands of the Colville Reservation.

SEC. 4. The agreement entered into by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and Okanogan and Ferry Counties of the State of Washington on April 21, 1954, is hereby ratified and approved.

SEC. 5. The Business Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation shall, in accordance with resolution numbered 1955-33, dated April 8, 1955, of the Colville Business Council, submit to the Secretary of the Interior within five years from the date of enactment of this Act proposed legislation providing for the termination of Federal supervision over the property and affairs of the Confederated Tribes and their members within a reasonable time after the submission of such proposed legislation.

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CHAPTER 685

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide recognition for meritorious service by members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia", approved March 4, 1929.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide recognition for meritorious service by members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia, approved March 4, 1929, is amended to read as follows:

"That for the official recognition of outstanding acts in the line of duty by the members of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia there shall be awarded annually one gold medal and one or more silver medals, appropriately inscribed, to those members of each department who have by outstanding or conspicuous services earned such awards."

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D. C. Police and  
Firemen.  
Medals.  
45 Stat. 1556.  
D. C. Code 4-701.