

acquire, in his discretion, certain lands located in the State of Arizona known as the Montezuma Well property, containing approximately one hundred and eighty acres and situated within section 36, township 15 north, range 5 east, and section 31, township 15 north, range 6 east, Gila and Salt River meridian. Such lands, when acquired, shall become a detached unit of Montezuma Castle National Monument.

Addition of lands.

(b) Effective on the date of the acquisition of such property, the south half of the northwest quarter of section 31, township 15 north, range 6 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, containing eighty acres of land owned by the United States, shall also become a part of such national monument.

SEC. 2. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to such national monument shall be applicable with respect to the lands described in the first section of this Act upon the addition of such lands to such national monument. The title to real property acquired pursuant to this Act shall be satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior.

Administration.

SEC. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary but not to exceed \$25,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

Approved October 19, 1943.

[CHAPTER 269]

AN ACT

To amend section 11 of the Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942.

October 21, 1943

[S. 1113]

[Public Law 165]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 11 of the Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942 (56 Stat. 738; 34 U. S. C. 850j), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows: "When first commissioned pursuant to this Act officers shall be paid a uniform allowance of \$150 if commissioned as ensigns in the Naval Reserve, and of \$250 if commissioned as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve: *Provided*, That any officer who has heretofore received the cash uniform gratuity of \$150 provided in section 302 of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1180) shall not be entitled to this uniform allowance."

Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942, amendment.
34 U. S. C., Supp. 11, § 850j.
Uniform allowance.

34 U. S. C. § 855a.

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective as of August 4, 1942.

Approved October 21, 1943.

[CHAPTER 270]

AN ACT

Authorizing the conveyance to the State of Virginia, for highway purposes only, of a portion of the Naval Mine Depot Reservation at Yorktown, Virginia.

October 21, 1943

[S. 1170]

[Public Law 166]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to convey to the State of Virginia, for highway purposes only, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to a strip or parcel of land of the Naval Mine Depot Reservation at Yorktown, York County, Virginia, containing eight and three one-hundredths acres, more or less, metes and bounds description of which is on file in the Navy Department.

State of Virginia.
Conveyance of land.

Approved October 21, 1943.

[CHAPTER 271]

AN ACT

October 21, 1943

[S. 1350]

[Public Law 167]

To establish the grades of commissioned warrant officer and warrant officer in the United States Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

Marine Corps, warrant officers.
Establishment of certain grades.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the grades of chief marine gunner, chief quartermaster clerk, chief pay clerk, marine gunner, quartermaster clerk, and pay clerk in the United States Marine Corps are abolished, and in lieu thereof there are hereby established the commissioned warrant and warrant grades of commissioned warrant officer and warrant officer.

"Commissioned warrant officers."

SEC. 2. From and after the approval of this Act, and without the issuance of new commissions or warrants, all Marine Corps personnel in the commissioned warrant grades of chief marine gunner, chief quartermaster clerk, and chief pay clerk shall be known and entered upon the Naval Register as "commissioned warrant officers", and all Marine Corps personnel in the warrant grades of marine gunner, quartermaster clerk, and pay clerk shall be known and entered upon the Naval Register as "warrant officers".

"Warrant officers."

Status, pay, etc.

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this Act shall change or modify in any respect the permanent or temporary status of any officer, nor the rank, precedence, rights, benefits, privileges, pay, allowances, or emoluments to which he is, or may hereafter be, entitled.

Approved October 21, 1943.

[CHAPTER 273]

AN ACT

October 23, 1943

[H. R. 3029]

[Public Law 168]

To authorize the adoption of a report relating to seepage and drainage damages on the Illinois River, Illinois.

Illinois River, Ill.
Post, p. 631.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following report is hereby adopted and authorized to be prosecuted under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers:

Illinois River, Illinois; in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered 711, Seventy-seventh Congress, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document.

Approved October 23, 1943.

[CHAPTER 275]

AN ACT

October 25, 1943

[H. R. 3230]

[Public Law 169]

To amend section 12 of the Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942.

Naval Aviation Cadet Act of 1942, amendment.
34 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 850k.
Payment on death of officer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 of the Aviation Cadet Act of 1942 (56 Stat. 738, 34 U. S. C. 850k) is hereby amended by inserting after the comma following the word "Navy", in line 6, the following: "or, if no beneficiary has been specially designated, the widow of such officer, and if there be no widow, his child or children, and if there be neither widow nor child, the representative of the officer's estate,".

SEC. 2. This Act shall be effective from August 4, 1942.

Approved October 25, 1943.