

## [CHAPTER 99]

## AN ACT

May 25, 1943  
[H. R. 2486] •  
[Public Law 55]

To authorize the appointment as ensigns in the Coast Guard of all graduates of the Coast Guard Academy in 1945 and thereafter, and for other purposes.

Coast Guard Academy.  
Graduates, appointment as ensigns.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States is authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint as ensigns in the line of the Coast Guard all cadets who in 1945 and thereafter graduate from the Coast Guard Academy: *Provided,* That the number of cadets appointed annually to the Coast Guard Academy in 1943 and each year thereafter shall not exceed three hundred.

Maximum number of cadets.

Approved May 25, 1943.

## [CHAPTER 100]

## AN ACT

May 25, 1943  
[H. R. 2583]  
[Public Law 56]

To provide for the reorganization of the Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

Marine Corps.  
Reorganization.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following changes are hereby made in the organization of the Marine Corps:

Offices abolished.

(a) The Adjutant and Inspector's Department and the Office of the Adjutant and Inspector are hereby abolished.

Functions transferred.

(b) The administration and functions of the Adjutant and Inspector's Department are hereby transferred to the cognizance of a Director of Personnel, Marine Corps.

Director of Personnel.

(c) The Director of Personnel, Marine Corps, shall be a line officer on active duty in the Marine Corps, detailed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Authority of Commandant.

(d) In effectuating the transfer of administration and functions herein provided, the Commandant of the Marine Corps is authorized to make such distribution, changes, and reorganization in the functions and duties of the departments and offices of the Marine Corps as he deems necessary for the more efficient administration of the Marine Corps.

Funds transferred.

SEC. 2. The unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds available for use in connection with the exercise of any function herein transferred to the Director of Personnel, Marine Corps, are hereby transferred to the office of such Director for use in connection with the exercise of the functions so transferred.

SEC. 3. All laws or parts of laws so far as they are inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved May 25, 1943.

## [CHAPTER 101]

## AN ACT

May 25, 1943  
[H. R. 2587]  
[Public Law 57]

To amend sections 2 and 4 of the Act approved June 27, 1942, entitled "An Act to authorize the appointment of commissioned warrant and warrant officers to commissioned rank in the line and staff corps of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and for other purposes".

Regular Navy, warrant officers.  
Appointment to commissioned grade.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the appointment of commissioned warrant and warrant officers to commissioned rank in the line and staff corps of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and for other purposes", approved June 27, 1942 (56 Stat. 621), is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: "*Provided further,* That with respect to those officers who, because of service conditions, (a) are unable

56 Stat. 423.  
34 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 338a.  
Eligibility, time extension.

to apply for appointment or examination prior to June 27, 1943, or (b) who make such application but are not examined prior to said date, the foregoing limitation shall not apply until June 30 of the fiscal year following that in which the present war shall terminate”.

SEC. 2. That section 4 of said Act of June 27, 1942, is hereby amended by adding the following proviso: “*Provided*, That any officer described in the second proviso of section 2 of this Act shall, upon appointment, take rank with other officers in the order of seniority that would have been assigned had he been appointed prior to June 27, 1943.”

Approved May 25, 1943.

34 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 338c.  
Rank.

[CHAPTER 102]

AN ACT

To extend the period during which direct obligations of the United States may be used as collateral security for Federal Reserve notes.

May 25, 1943  
[S. 1041]  
[Public Law 58]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the second paragraph of section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words “until June 30, 1943” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “until June 30, 1945”.

Approved May 25, 1943.

Federal Reserve notes.  
Use of direct obligations as collateral security.  
55 Stat. 395.  
12 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 412.

[CHAPTER 103]

AN ACT

To amend sections 1 and 2 of the Act approved June 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 262), relating to the establishment of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia, and to grant the consent of Congress to such States to enter into a compact providing for the acquisition of property for such park.

May 26, 1943  
[H. R. 1896]  
[Public Law 59]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That sections 1 and 2 of the Act approved June 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 262; 16 U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 16, secs. 261, 262), relating to the establishment of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Tenn., Ky., and Va.

“That when title to such lands, structures, and other property in the Cumberland Gap-Cumberland Ford areas, being portions of the Warriors Path of the Indians and Wilderness Road of Daniel Boone, within Bell and Harlan Counties, Kentucky; Lee County, Virginia; and Claiborne County, Tennessee; as may be determined by the Secretary of the Interior as necessary or desirable for national historical park purposes, shall have been vested in the United States, such area or areas shall be, and they are hereby, established, dedicated, and set apart as a public park for the benefit and inspiration of the people and shall be known as the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park: *Provided*, That the United States shall not purchase by appropriation of public moneys any lands within the aforesaid areas.

Establishment provisions.

“Sec. 2. The total area of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, as determined pursuant to this Act, shall comprise not less than six thousand acres and shall not exceed fifty thousand acres, and lands may be added to the park following its establishment within the aforesaid limitations. The park shall not include any land within the city limits of Middlesboro and Pineville, Kentucky; Cumberland Gap, Tennessee; which the proper officials thereof shall indicate to the Secretary of the Interior prior to the establishment of said park are required for expansion of said cities.

Total area.

Lands excluded.