

[CHAPTER 579]

AN ACT

December 13, 1944
[S. 1710]
[Public Law 481]

To authorize the sale and conveyance of certain property of the estate of Jackson Barnett, deceased Creek Indian.

Jackson Barnett,
estate.
Sale and conveyance of certain property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to sell and convey any or all of the property hereinafter described, upon such terms and conditions as he shall prescribe: Lot 2 of tract numbered 8553, as shown on map recorded in book 105, pages 22 and 23 of maps, and the southerly forty feet of lot 20 and all of lot 21 of tract numbered 3446, as shown on map recorded in book 37, page 84 of maps, in the office of the county recorder of Los Angeles County, California, together with all improvements thereon, and all furniture, fixtures, and personal property, belonging to the estate of Jackson Barnett, located in or on said real property.

Approved December 13, 1944.

[CHAPTER 580]

AN ACT

December 14, 1944
[S. 2019]
[Public Law 482]

To establish the grade of Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy; to establish the grade of General of the Army, and for other purposes.

Fleet Admiral of
U. S. Navy.
Grade established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the grade of Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy is hereby established on the active list of the line of the Regular Navy as the highest grade in the Navy. Appointments to said grade shall be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among line officers on the active list and retired line officers on active duty serving in the rank of admiral in the Navy at the time of such appointment. The number of officers of such grade on the active list at any one time shall not exceed four.

General of the
Army.
Grade established.

SEC. 2. The grade of General of the Army is hereby established. Appointments to said grade shall be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from officers of the Army who, at the time of such appointment, are serving in the grade of general officer in the Army. The number of officers holding the grade of General of the Army on active duty shall not exceed four. The officers appointed under the provisions of this section shall take rank above all other officers on the active list of or on active duty in the Army and shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, benefits, pay, and allowances provided by this Act, notwithstanding any provisions of the Act of February 23, 1929 (45 Stat. 1255), or any other law.

Rank, privileges,
etc.

SEC. 3. Appointments under authority of this Act shall be made without examination and shall continue in force, during such period as the President shall determine. The permanent or temporary status of officers of the active list of the Navy or of the Army appointed to a higher grade pursuant to section 1 or section 2 hereof shall not be vacated solely by reason of such appointment, nor shall such appointees be prejudiced in regard to promotion, in accordance with the laws relating to the Navy or the Army. An officer appointed from the retired list to the grade of Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy on the active list or General of the Army as provided herein shall, upon the termination of such appointment, revert to the status held by him prior to such appointment, except as otherwise provided herein.

10 U. S. C. § 22a.
Manner and tenure
of appointments.

Status of appointees.

Appointments from
retired list.

SEC. 4. Appointees under this Act shall, while on active duty, receive the same pay and allowances as a rear admiral of the upper half, plus a personal money allowance of \$5,000 per annum.

SEC. 5. In the discretion of the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, each officer who shall have served in the grade or rank of Fleet Admiral or General of the Army by virtue of an appointment under the provisions of this Act shall, upon retirement or reversion to the retired list, as the case may be, have on the retired list the highest grade or rank held by him on the active list or on active duty: *Provided*, That each such officer shall be entitled to retired pay equal to 75 per centum of the active-duty pay provided herein for an officer appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Act: *Provided further*, That no officer of the naval or military service on the active or retired list shall be appointed or advanced to the grade or rank of Fleet Admiral or General of the Army except as provided in this Act.

SEC. 6. The officers appointed under the provisions of this Act shall take rank among themselves while on active duty according to dates of appointment.

SEC. 7. Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of the Act of September 3, 1919 (41 Stat. 283; 10 U. S. C. 671a), or any other law relating to the office of General of the Armies of the United States.

SEC. 8. This Act shall be effective only until six months after the termination of the wars in which the United States is now engaged as proclaimed by the President, or such earlier date as the Congress, by concurrent resolution, may fix.

Approved December 14, 1944.

Pay and allowances.

Grade or rank upon retirement or reversion to retired list.

Retired pay.

Restriction.

Precedence.

General of the Armies of the U. S.

Effective period.

[CHAPTER 581]

AN ACT

To provide Government protection to widows and children of deceased World War I veterans, and for other purposes.

December 14, 1944
[H. R. 1744]
[Public Law 483]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, June 28, 1934, as amended, is hereby amended by repealing subsections (a) and (b) thereof and substituting the following:

Pensions for widows and children of World War I veterans.
48 Stat. 1281; 53 Stat. 1068.
38 U. S. C. § 503 (a), (b).

“SEC. 1. (a) The surviving widow, child, or children of any deceased person who served in World War I before November 12, 1918, or if the person was serving with the United States military forces in Russia before April 2, 1920, and who was discharged or released from active service under conditions other than dishonorable after having served ninety days or more or for disability incurred in the service in line of duty, or who at time of death was receiving or entitled to receive compensation, pension, or retirement pay for service-connected disability, shall, upon filing application and such proofs in the Veterans' Administration as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may prescribe, be entitled to receive pension as provided by this Act.”

SEC. 2. That section 2 of Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

48 Stat. 1281.
38 U. S. C. § 504.

“SEC. 2. (a) That the monthly rates of pension shall be as follows: Widow but no child, \$35; widow and one child, \$45 (with \$5 for each additional child); no widow but one child, \$18; no widow but two children, \$27 (equally divided); no widow but three children, \$36 (equally divided) with \$4 for each additional child (the total amount to be equally divided).

Monthly rates.