

CHAP. 398.—Joint Resolution Establishing a commission for the participation of the United States in the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, authorizing an appropriation to be utilized in connection with such observance, and for other purposes.

March 2, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 318.]
[Pub. Res., No. 57.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Bunker Hill Sesquicentennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission) and to be composed of eleven commissioners, as follows: Three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, four Senators by the President of the Senate, and four Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Bunker Hill Sesquicentennial Commission.
Creation and composition of.

No compensation.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to be expended by the commission for actual and necessary traveling expenses and subsistence while discharging its official duties outside the District of Columbia.

Amount authorized for traveling, etc., expenses.
Post, p. 1324.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000 to be utilized in the discretion of the commission for the appropriate participation on the part of the United States in the celebration and observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill to be commemorated on or about June 17, 1925.

Amount authorized for participating in celebration.
Post, p. 1324.

SEC. 4. The Postmaster General is hereby authorized and directed to issue a special series of postage stamps, in such denominations and of such designs as he may determine, commemorative of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill and of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of such other major events of the Revolutionary War as he may deem appropriate.

Special commemorative postage stamps to be issued.

Approved, March 2, 1925.

CHAP. 411.—An Act To define the status of retired officers of the Regular Army who have been detailed as professors and assistant professors of military science and tactics at educational institutions, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1925.
[S. 2865.]
[Public, No. 529.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authority for detail of retired officers of the Regular Army contained in section 40b and section 55c of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, shall, in either case, be construed to include authority to so detail retired officers of the Philippine Scouts.

Army.
Details of retired officers for school duties extended to Philippine Scouts.
Vol. 41, pp. 777, 780.

SEC. 2. Duty performed by retired officers of the Regular Army and duty performed by retired officers of the Philippine Scouts, pursuant to War Department orders issued under section 40b or section 55c, respectively, of said National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, including in either case, temporary duty for attendance on any course of preparatory instruction required by such order, shall be construed to be active duty for the purpose of increase of longevity pay of such retired officers within the meaning of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, and the Act of May 12, 1917, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes," and the Act of June 10, 1922, entitled "An Act to readjust the pay and allowances of the com-

Duty performed at schools, etc., construed as active for increase of longevity pay.

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missioned and enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service."

School details heretofore of retired Philippine Scout officers, construed active duty for increase of longevity pay.

SEC. 3. Duty heretofore performed by retired officers of the Philippine Scouts, pursuant to War Department orders purporting to have been issued under section 40b or section 55c, respectively, of said National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, including, in either case, temporary duty for attendance on any course of preparatory instruction required by such order, shall be construed to be active duty for the purpose of increase of longevity pay of such retired officers, within the meaning of the aforesaid Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, and the aforesaid Act of May 12, 1917, and the aforesaid Act of June 10, 1922.

Details of retired officers for schools, etc., prior to July, 1922, to be construed as active duty.

SEC. 4. Duty performed prior to July 1, 1922, by retired officers of the Regular Army and duty performed prior to June 10, 1922, by retired officers of the Philippine Scouts, pursuant to War Department orders issued or purporting to have been issued under section 40b or section 55c, respectively, of said National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, including, in either case, temporary duty for attendance on any course of preparatory instruction required by such order, shall be construed to be active duty for the purpose of promotion of such retired officers on the retired list, within the meaning of the aforesaid Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, and the aforesaid Act of June 10, 1922.

Administrative action by department as to such details, ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 5. Any administrative action heretofore taken by the War Department dependent for validity upon the above-mentioned constructions of the indicated statutes, or a like construction of any other statute authorizing the detail of retired officers of the Army to educational institutions, is hereby ratified and confirmed; and that any pay otherwise due to any retired officers of the Regular Army or the Philippine Scouts but heretofore withheld by reason of a construction of any of the indicated statutes inconsistent with those foregoing shall be considered due and payable.

Withheld pay considered due and payable.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

March 3, 1925.
[S. 3824.]

[Public, No. 530.]

CHAP. 412.—An Act To provide for the appointment of a leader of the Army band.

Army.
Appointment of warrant officer as leader of Army band.

Pay, etc.

Returned to former status if relieved.

Retired pay, etc.

Provisos.
No back pay, etc.

No effect on number of officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to appoint a warrant officer of the Regular Army leader of the Army band, who, while holding such appointment, shall receive, in lieu of any and all pay and allowances as warrant officer, the base pay and the allowances of a captain of the Regular Army in the third pay period and shall be entitled to longevity pay provided for an officer for each three years of service under such appointment plus any previous active commissioned service under a Federal appointment which the appointee may have had, but shall not be entitled to pass to a higher pay period. The leader of the Army band may be relieved from his appointment as such and returned to his former status at the discretion of the Secretary of War. Upon retirement he shall be retired as a warrant officer and shall receive the retired pay to which he would have been entitled had he not been appointed and received the pay and allowances of leader of the Army band: *Provided*, That no back pay or allowances shall be allowed to the leader of the Army band by reason of the passage of this Act: *And provided further*, That nothing