

Public Law 103-32
103d Congress

An Act

May 25, 1993
[S. 214]

To authorize the construction of a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II and to commemorate United States participation in that conflict.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The American Battle Monuments Commission (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Commission”) is authorized to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II and to commemorate the participation of the United States in that war.

(b) **COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMORATIVE WORKS.**—The establishment of the memorial shall be in accordance with the Act entitled “An Act to provide standards for placement of commemorative works on certain Federal lands in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes” approved November 14, 1986 (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

(c) **HANDICAPPED ACCESS.**—The plan, design, construction, and operation of the memorial pursuant to this section shall provide for accessibility by, and accommodations for, the physically handicapped.

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SEC. 2. ADVISORY BOARD.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD.**—There is hereby established a World War II Memorial Advisory Board, consisting of 12 members, who shall be appointed by the President from among veterans of World War II, historians of World War II, and representatives of veterans organizations, historical associations, and groups knowledgeable about World War II.

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(b) **APPOINTMENTS.**—Members of the Board shall be appointed not later than 3 months after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall serve for the life of the Board. The President shall make appointments to fill such vacancies as may occur on the Board.

(c) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD.**—The Board shall—

(1) in the manner specified by the Commission, promote establishment of the memorial and encourage donation of private contributions for the memorial; and

(2) upon the request of the Commission, advise the Commission on the site and design for the memorial.

(d) SUNSET.—The Board shall cease to exist on the last day of the third month after the month in which the memorial is completed or the month of the expiration of the authority for the memorial under section 10(b) of the Act referred to in section 1(b), whichever first occurs.

SEC. 3. PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The American Battle Monuments Commission shall solicit and accept private contributions for the memorial.

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SEC. 4. FUND IN THE TREASURY FOR THE MEMORIAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby created in the Treasury a fund which shall be available to the American Battle Monuments Commission for the expenses of establishing the memorial. The fund shall consist of—

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(1) amounts deposited, and interest and proceeds credited, under subsection (b);

(2) obligations obtained under subsection (c); and

(3) the amount of surcharges paid to the Commission for the memorial under the World War II 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coins Act.

(b) DEPOSITS AND CREDITS.—The Chairman of the Commission shall deposit in the fund the amounts accepted as contributions under section 3. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the proceeds from sale or redemption of, obligations held in the fund.

(c) OBLIGATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest any portion of the fund that, as determined by the Chairman of the Commission, is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in an interest bearing obligation of the United States or an obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States that, as determined by the Chairman of the Commission, has a maturity suitable for the fund.

(d) ABOLITION.—Upon the final settlement of the accounts of the fund, the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit to the Congress a draft of legislation (including technical and conforming provisions) recommended by the Secretary for the abolition of the fund.

SEC. 5. DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.

If, upon payment of all expenses of the establishment of the memorial (including the maintenance and preservation amount provided for in section 8(b) of the Act referred to in section 1(b)), or upon expiration of the authority for the memorial under section 10(b) of that Act, there remains a balance in the fund created

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by section 4, the Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission shall transmit the amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit in the account provided for in section 8(b)(1) of that Act.

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