

(3) Members of female cultural support teams served honorably, demonstrated commendable courage, overcame such intelligence gaps, engaged in direct action, and suffered casualties during the Global War on Terror.

(4) The Federal Government has a duty to recognize members and veterans of female cultural support teams who volunteered to join the Armed Forces, to undergo arduous training for covered service, and to execute dangerous and classified missions in the course of such covered service.

(5) Members who performed covered service have sought treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs for traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress, and disabling physical trauma incurred in the course of such covered service, but have been denied such care.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Congress that individuals who performed covered service performed exceptional service to the United States.

(c) MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS; CALCULATION OF RETIRED PAY.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary concerned shall—

(1) ensure that the performance of covered service is included in—

(A) the military service record of each individual who performed covered service; and

(B) the computation of retired pay for each individual who performed covered service; and

(2) transmit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a list of each veteran who performed covered service whose military service record was modified pursuant to paragraph (1).

(d) CLAIMS FOR VETERANS BENEFITS ARISING FROM COVERED SERVICE.—

(1) DETERMINATION OF SERVICE CONNECTION.—Upon the filing of a claim by an individual described in paragraph (3)(C) for service-connected disability or death incurred or aggravated in the course of covered service, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall treat such claims as claims based on participation in special operations incidents (as defined in section A of chapter 9 of subpart IV of part VIII of the M21-1 Manual of the Department, or successor).

(2) TREATMENT OF COVERED SERVICE.—In the consideration of a claim under this subsection, the Secretary shall treat covered service as special operations (as defined in section A of chapter 9 of subpart IV of part VIII of the M21-1 Manual of the Department, or successor).

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE OF AWARD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subparagraph (B), the effective date of an award under this subsection shall be determined in accordance with section 5110 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (g) of such section, the Secretary shall determine the effective date of an award based on a claim under this subsection for an individual described in subparagraph (C) by treating the date on which the individual filed the initial claim specified in clause (1) of such subparagraph as the date on which the individual filed the claim so awarded under this section.

(C) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—An individual described in this subparagraph is an individual who performed covered service, or a survivor of such an individual—

(i) who, before the date of the enactment of this Act, submitted a claim for service-connected disability or death of such individual;

(ii) whose such claim was denied by reason of the claim not establishing that the disability or death was service-connected;

(iii) who submits a claim during the period of three years beginning on the date of the

enactment of this Act, for the same condition covered by the prior claim under clause; and

(iv) whose such claim is approved pursuant to this subsection.

(4) PROCESSING OF CLAIMS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall improve training and guidance for employees who may process a claim under this subsection.

(5) OUTREACH.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct outreach to inform individuals who performed covered service (and survivors of such individuals) that they may submit supplemental claims for service-connected disability or death incurred or aggravated in the course of covered service.

(B) ELEMENTS.—Outreach conducted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

(i) Contact individuals described in subparagraph (A), especially individuals who are veterans included in the list transmitted pursuant to subsection (c)(2) and survivors of such veterans, directly to inform them of the treatment of covered service described in subsection (d)(2) and that they may submit supplemental claims as described in such subparagraph.

(ii) Publishing on the internet website of the Department a notice that such individuals may elect to file a supplemental claim.

(iii) Notifying, in writing or by electronic means, veterans service organizations of the ability of such individuals to file a supplemental claim.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED SERVICE.—The term “covered service” means service—

(A) as a member of the Armed Forces;

(B) in a female cultural support team;

(C) with the personnel development skill identifier of R2J or 5DK, or any other validation methods, such as valid sworn statements, officer and enlisted performance evaluations, training certificates, or records of an award from completion of tour with a cultural support team; and

(D) during the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on August 31, 2021.

(2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.

(3) SERVICE-CONNECTED.—The term “service-connected” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

(4) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

**SA 949.** Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ACCESS TO COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES FOR REMARRIED SPOUSES.**

(a) BENEFITS.—Section 1062 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary of Defense” and inserting the following:

“(a) CERTAIN UNREMARIED FORMER SPOUSES.—The Secretary of Defense”;

(2) by striking “commissary and exchange privileges” and inserting “use commissary stores and MWR retail facilities”;

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) CERTAIN REMARRIED SURVIVING SPOUSES.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to provide that a surviving spouse of a deceased member of the armed forces, regardless of the marital status of the surviving spouse, is entitled to use commissary stores and MWR retail facilities to the same extent and on the same basis as an unremarried surviving spouse of a member of the uniformed services.”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) MWR RETAIL FACILITIES DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘MWR retail facilities’ has the meaning given that term in section 1063(e) of this title.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section 1062 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 1062. Certain former spouses and surviving spouses”.**

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 54 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1062 and inserting the following new item:

“1062. Certain former spouses and surviving spouses.”.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall publish the regulations required under section 1062(b) of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a)(3), by not later than October 1, 2025.

**SA 950.** Ms. ERNST (for herself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

**SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_ . DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS PERFORMING RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

(a) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—Section 4001 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—Whenever issuing a statement, press release, request for proposals, bid solicitation, or other document describing a project or program that is funded in whole or in part with Federal funding, a person performing a research or development project under paragraph (1) or (5) of subsection (b) shall clearly state the following:

“(1) The percentage of the total costs of the program or project financed with Federal funding.

“(2) The dollar amount of Federal funds obligated for the project or program.

“(3) The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed from nongovernmental sources.”.

(b) COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS UNDER STEVENSON-WYDLER TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION ACT OF 1980.—Section 4026 of such title is amended—