

more shall have the right to appear before the examining board and present his claims and be examined for an appointment in the regular navy. And any volunteer officers attached to vessels at sea or on foreign stations may be appointed to the regular navy, subject to the conditions contained in this section, after their return to the United States.

cers may appear before board.

Volunteer officers at sea or on foreign stations.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to retain, or to appoint under existing laws and regulations, such volunteer officers in the navy as the exigencies of the service may require.

Secretary of Navy may retain or appoint volunteer officers in the navy.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That lieutenant commanders may be assigned to duty as navigation and watch officers on board of vessels of war as well as first lieutenants of naval stations and of ships of war.

Lieutenant commanders; may be assigned to what duty.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the annual compensation of the admiral of the navy shall be ten thousand dollars a year, and he shall be entitled to the services of a secretary, who shall receive the annual sea pay of a lieutenant in the navy.

Pay of the admiral of the navy. His secretary.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That naval constructors and first and second assistant engineers in the navy shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and shall have naval rank and pay as officers of the navy.

Naval constructors and first and second assistant engineers.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent laws.

APPROVED, July 25, 1866.

CHAP. CCXXXII. — *An Act to revive the Grade of General in the United States Army.*

July 25, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the grade of "general of the army of the United States" be, and the same is hereby, revived; and that the President is hereby authorized, whenever he shall deem it expedient, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a general of the army of the United States, to be selected from among those officers in the military service of the United States most distinguished for courage, skill, and ability, who, being commissioned as general, may be authorized, under the direction and during the pleasure of the President, to command the armies of the United States.

Grade of general of the army of the United States revived.

Appointment, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the pay proper of the general shall be four hundred dollars per month; and his allowance for fuel and quarters, when his headquarters are in Washington, shall be at the rate of three hundred dollars per month, and his other allowances in all respects the same as are allowed to the lieutenant general by the second section of the act approved February twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act reviving the grade of lieutenant general in the United States army"; and the chief of staff to the lieutenant general shall be transferred and be the chief of staff to the general, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of a brigadier-general in the army of the United States; and the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, entitled "An act to provide for a chief of staff to the lieutenant general commanding the armies of the United States," is hereby repealed, and the said general may select from the regular army for service upon his staff such number of aides, not exceeding six, as he may judge proper, who during the term of such staff service shall each have the rank, pay, and emoluments of a colonel of cavalry. And it is hereby provided, that in lieu of the staff now allowed by law to the lieutenant general, he shall be entitled to two aides and one military secretary, each to have the rank, pay, and emoluments of a lieutenant colonel of cavalry, during the term of such staff service.

Pay and allowances of the general.

1864, ch. 14, § 2. Vol. xiii. p. 12.

Chief of staff.

Repeal of 1865, ch. 85. Vol. xiii. p. 500. Aides, their number, rank, and pay.

Staff of lieutenant general.

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