

NAVY PENSION FUND MARINE CORPS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

PROPOSED DRAFT OF LEGISLATION AFFECTING AN EXISTING APPROPRIATED FUND, THE "NAVY PENSION FUND" UNDER CONTROL OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS THEREOF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$349.86 TO THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF DECEASED MEN OF THE MARINE CORPS

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 26, 1926.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a proposed draft of legislation affecting an existing appropriated fund, the "Navy pension fund" under control of the Navy Department, authorizing payments therefrom in the amount of \$349.86 to the legal representatives of deceased men of the Marine Corps, in accordance with the act of March 29, 1918, providing for the disposition of effects of deceased persons in the naval service.

The details of this proposed legislation and the necessity therefor are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, January 26, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, a proposed draft of legislation affecting an existing appropriated fund, as follows:

Proposed draft of legislation

The Navy pension fund is hereby made available for the payment of the following claims, allowed by the General Accounting Office in accordance with the provisions of the act of Mar. 29, 1918 (40 Stat. 499):

John J. Knuck, administrator of the estate of Anthony P. Knuck, private, U. S. Marine Corps, deceased.....	\$190. 83
Mary M. Daugherty and Katherine E. Daugherty, sisters of Philip J. Daugherty, private, U. S. Marine Corps, deceased.....	63. 61
Evelyn G. Varley, sister of James J. Gibbons, sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps, deceased.....	95. 42
In all.....	349. 86

The act of March 29, 1918, providing for the disposition of effects of deceased persons in the naval service, directs that all moneys and articles of value belonging to such persons and not claimed by their legal heirs or next of kin shall be sold and the proceeds thereof, with the moneys above mentioned, deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the "Navy pension fund"; and that claims for the return of such moneys to the legal heirs may be presented at any time within five years from the date of such deposit in the Treasury, and when supported by competent proof in each case shall be certified to Congress for its consideration.

The claims above mentioned have been examined and allowed by the General Accounting Office as payable from the Navy pension fund, but authorization by Congress is necessary before payment may be made.

Further details with regard to these claims are set forth in the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 22, 1926.

The DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET.

SIR: Pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat. p. 254), there is presented herewith for your consideration with a view to its submission to Congress a statement covering certain claims allowed by the General Accounting Office as payable under the "Navy pension fund," under certificates of settlement transmitted to the Treasury Department for payment.

The authorization for the adjustment and settlement of these claims and their certification to Congress is contained in the act of March 29, 1918, "An act to provide for the disposition of the effects of deceased persons in the naval service," which provides as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter all moneys, articles of value, papers,

keepsakes, and other similar effects belonging to deceased persons in the naval service not claimed by their legal heirs or next of kin shall be deposited in safe custody, and if any such moneys, articles of value, papers, keepsakes, or other similar effects so deposited have been, or shall hereafter be, unclaimed for a period of two years from the date of death of such person, such articles and effects shall be sold and the proceeds thereof, together with the moneys above mentioned, shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the Navy pension fund: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to make diligent inquiry in every instance after the death of such person to ascertain the whereabouts of his heirs or next of kin and to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing provisions: *Provided further*, That claims may be presented hereunder at any time within five years after such moneys or proceeds have been so deposited in the Treasury and, when supported by competent proof in any case after such deposit in the Treasury, shall be certified to Congress for consideration.

If, after consideration of these claims by Congress as provided in the above cited act, it is the desire of Congress that the claims shall be paid, it is suggested (a) that an item of legislation be incorporated in the deficiency bill authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the claims included in the attached statement from the "Navy pension fund," to which fund the proceeds of the sale of effects of the decedents shown by the certificates of settlement have been deposited in accordance with the provisions of the act of March 29, 1918, *supra*; or (b) that the amount necessary to meet the payment of the claims, \$349.86, be appropriated under the Navy Department in the usual manner as other certified claims.

Respectfully,

A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Statement of claims allowed by the General Accounting Office as payable from the "Navy pension fund," under provisions of acts of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat. 254) and March 29, 1918 (40 Stat. 499)

Certificate No.	Name of claimant	Amount of claim
069371-N*	John J. Knuck, administrator of the estate of Anthony P. Knuck, private, U. S. Marine Corps, deceased.....	\$190. 83
079641-N	Mary M. Daugherty and Katherine E. Daugherty, sisters of Philip J. Daugherty, private, U. S. Marine Corps, deceased.....	63. 61
095032-N	Evelyn G. Varley, sister of James J. Gibbons, sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps, deceased.....	95. 42
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