

UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1926, AMOUNTING TO \$38,250,000

FEBRUARY 1, 1926.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 30, 1926.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations for the United States Veterans' Bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, amounting to \$38,250,000.

The details of these estimates, the necessity therefor, and the reason for their submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, January 30, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, supplemental

estimates of appropriations for the United States Veterans' Bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, amounting to \$38,250,000.

Military and naval compensation, Veterans' Bureau	\$11, 250, 000
Military and naval insurance, Veterans' Bureau	27, 000, 000
Total	38, 250, 000

The above estimate of appropriation for military and naval compensation is necessary to meet the additional expenditures occasioned by the increased rates and the broadening of compensable eligibility authorized in the World War veterans' act, approved June 7, 1924, as amended by the act approved March 4, 1925.

Prior to the passage of the World War veterans' act the decrease in active disability claims, for the period December, 1923, to May, 1924, averaged approximately 900 net per month. Immediately following the passage of that act there was a net monthly increase instead of reduction in the number of these claims, which for the period January 1 to June 30, 1925, totaled 21,343, an average net monthly increase of 3,500 active disability compensation awards.

For the period July 1 to December 31, 1925, the monthly increase in active death awards has been approximately 1,400.

These increases in the number of awards result from a review of all cases in the Veterans' Bureau which has been in process since the passage of the World War veterans' act and will probably be completed about March 31, 1926.

For the first six months of the current fiscal year \$76,321,948 have been expended in payment of compensation, and it is estimated \$79,678,052 will be expended for fiscal year 1926 accruals subsequent to January 1, 1926, a total of \$156,000,000, which is \$29,000,000 in excess of the appropriation made for the year.

The estimate herewith requests an additional appropriation of \$11,250,000 and that the unexpended balance of the appropriation "Military and naval compensation, 1925 and prior years," which on January 1, 1926, was \$17,756,235.78, shall be available for the fiscal year 1926 and prior years.

The above estimate of appropriation for "Military and naval insurance" is necessary to meet the lump-sum payments of insurance occasioned by the provision in section 303 of the act approved March 4, 1925, amending the World War veterans' act, approved June 7, 1924, that—

If no person within the permitted class be designated for yearly renewable term insurance by the insured * * *, or if the designated beneficiary does not survive the insured, or survives the insured and dies prior to receiving all of the 240 installments, or all such as are payable and applicable, * * * there shall be paid to the estate of the insured the present value of the monthly installments thereafter payable.

To December 31, 1925, there had been received in the Veterans' Bureau 5,191 claims for lump-sum payments of term insurance, claims being received in the last three months at the rate of 450 per month. To December 31, 1925, the bureau had approved for payment 2,719 of these claims at the value of \$14,411,390.95, an approximate average of \$5,300 each.

For the first six months of the current fiscal year \$71,353,666.33 have been expended in payment of term insurance, and the unexpended balance of \$46,505,463.24 available on January 1, 1926, for

term-insurance payments, plus the estimated premium payments increment of \$5,000,000 for the remainder of the year, appears insufficient to meet the needs of the appropriation subsequent to April, 1926.

These estimates of appropriations are required to meet contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1926, and their approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,

Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by the United States Veterans' Bureau

Detailed objects of expenditure	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926
Military and naval compensation, Veterans' Bureau: Compensation: For an additional amount required for the payment of military and naval compensation accruing during the fiscal year 1926 or in prior fiscal years for death or disability provided by the act approved Oct. 6, 1917, as amended, \$11,250,000: <i>Provided</i> , That the unexpended balance of the appropriation made for "Military and naval compensation, Veterans' Bureau, 1925 and prior years" in the act approved June 7, 1924, shall be available for the fiscal year 1926 and prior years (acts Oct. 6, 1917, vol. 40, p. 398; Aug. 9, 1921, vol. 42, p. 149; Feb. 13, 1923, vol. 42, p. 1243, sec. 1; June 7, 1924, vol. 43, p. 532; Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1210) -----	\$11,250,000	\$127,000,000
Military and naval insurance, Veterans' Bureau: For an additional amount required for military and naval insurance (acts Oct. 6, 1917, vol. 40, p. 398; Aug. 9, 1921, vol. 42, p. 149; Feb. 13, 1923, vol. 42, p. 1243, sec. 1; June 7, 1924, vol. 43, p. 533; Mar. 3, 1925, vol. 43, p. 1212) -----	27,000,000	98,000,000
Total -----	38,250,000	-----

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