

**SEC. 622. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES FOR ATTENDANCE AT YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION EVENTS.**

(a) Payment of Travel Costs Authorized-

(1) IN GENERAL- Chapter 7 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 411k the following new section:

- ` Sec. 411l. Travel and transportation allowances: attendance of members and other persons at Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program events

` (a) Allowances Authorized- (1) Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, a member of the uniformed services authorized to attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event may be provided travel and transportation allowances in order that the member may attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event.

` (2) Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, travel and transportation allowances may be provided for a person designated pursuant to subsection (b) in order for the person to accompany a member in attending a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event if the Secretary concerned determines that the presence of the person at the event may contribute to the purposes of the event for the member.

` (b) Designation of Persons Eligible for Allowance- A member of the uniformed services who is eligible to attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event may designate one or more persons, including another member of the uniformed services, for purposes of receiving travel and transportation allowances described in subsection (c) to attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event. The designation of a person for purposes of this section shall be made in writing and may be changed at any time.

` (c) Authorized Travel and Transportation- (1) The transportation authorized by subsection (a) is round-trip transportation between the home or place of business of the authorized person and the location of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event.

` (2) In addition to transportation under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned may provide a per diem allowance or reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses of the travel, or a combination thereof, but not to exceed the rates established under section 404(d) of this title.

` (3) The transportation authorized by paragraph (1) may be provided by any of the following means:

` (A) Transportation in-kind.

` (B) A monetary allowance in place of transportation in-kind at a rate to be prescribed by the Secretaries concerned.

` (C) Reimbursement for the commercial cost of transportation.

` (4) An allowance payable under this subsection may be paid in advance.

` (5) Reimbursement payable under this subsection may not exceed the cost of Government-procured commercial round-trip air travel.

` (d) Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Event Defined- In this section, the term `Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event' means an event authorized under section 582 of the National Defense

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 10 U.S.C. 10101 note).'

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT- The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item related to section 411k the following new item:

` 411l. Travel and transportation allowances: attendance of members and other persons at Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program events.'

(b) Applicability- No reimbursement may be provided under section 411l of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), for travel and transportation costs incurred before September 30, 2010.