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Title 3 - The President

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9981

**ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE
ON EQUALITY OF TREATMENT AND OPPOR-
TUNITY IN THE ARMED SERVICES**

WHEREAS it is essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of democracy, with equality of treatment and opportunity for all those who serve in our country's defense:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States, and as Commander in Chief of the armed services, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. This policy shall be put into effect as rapidly as possible, having due regard to the time required to effectuate any necessary changes without impairing efficiency or morale.

2. There shall be created in the National Military Establishment an advisory committee to be known as the President's Opportunity in the Armed Services, which shall be composed of seven members to be designated by the President.

3. The Committee is authorized on behalf of the President to examine into the rules, procedures and practices of the armed services in order to determine in what respect such rules, procedures and practices may be altered or improved with a view to carrying out the policy of this order. The Committee shall confer and advise with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, and shall make such recommendations to the President and to said Secretaries as in the judgment policy thereof.

4. All executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Committee in its work, and to furnish the Committee such information or the services of such persons as the Committee may require in the performance of its duties.

5. When requested by the Committee to do so, persons in the armed services

or in any of the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government shall testify before the Committee and shall make available for the use of the Committee such documents and other information as the Committee may require.

6. The Committee shall continue to exist until such time as the President shall terminate its existence by Executive order.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE White HOUSE,
July 26, 1948.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9982

**EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE
ORDER No. 9870 OF JULY 8, 1947, PRE-
SCRIBING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO
THE GRANTING OF AND ACCOUNTING FOR
CERTAIN FOREIGN SERVICE ALLOWANCES
AND ALLOTMENTS**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 999) and by section 202 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (5 U. S. C. 156), the provisions of Executive Order No. 9870 of July 8, 1947,¹ prescribing regulations pertaining to the granting of and accounting for certain foreign service allowances and allotments, are hereby extended and continued in effect to and including June 30, 1949.

This order shall be effective as of July 1, 1948.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE House,
July 29, 1948.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9983

[Exemption of Garland S. Ferguson From Compulsory Retirement for Age: Aug. 2, 1948; not published]

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9984

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FURNISHING
OF CLOTHING IN KIND OR PAYMENT OF
CASH ALLOWANCES IN Lieu THEREOF TO
ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE NAVY,
COAST GUARD, NAVAL RESERVE, AND COAST
GUARD RESERVE**

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 10 of the Pay Readjustment Act of June 16, 1942 (56 Stat. 359, 363). I hereby prescribe the following regulations governing the fur-

¹3 CFR, 1947 Supp.