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the preparation of deck officers; Marine Engineering, for the preparation of engineering officers; and the Dual License Program, a combined course which leads to licenses in both specialties. All midshipmen who are citizens shall take naval science courses prescribed by the Department of the Navy. All curriculums include general education courses and electives.

(b) *Sea year.* Midshipmen spend one-half of their sophomore (third class) year and one-half of their junior (second class) year training at sea aboard one or more merchant vessels. In addition to practical shipboard assignments, midshipmen are required to complete written study assignments incorporating material from the major segments of the Academy curriculums.

§ 310.60 Training on subsidized vessels.

All operators of subsidized merchant vessels, in accordance with contractual arrangements, are required to employ for training at least two midshipmen, as assigned by the Superintendent of the Academy, which employment shall be in accordance with the following provisions.

(a) *Work assignments.* All practical work assignments for midshipmen shall be in accordance with courses prescribed by the Superintendent of the Academy.

(b) *Working hours.* In order to permit midshipmen to complete their academic assignments, vessel employers shall not require midshipmen to work more than 8 hours each day. Midshipmen shall devote at least 3 hours of their own time each day to study.

(c) *Pay.* Midshipmen shall receive pay while employed aboard merchant vessels directly from the steamship company employers at the same rate received by cadets and midshipmen at the other Federal academies. A change in the rate of pay for midshipmen at the Academy shall occur after a change in the rate of pay for cadets/midshipmen at the other Federal academies and shall be effective either on June 15th or on December 15th of the same calendar year, whichever occurs first. While aboard ship, they shall be berthed in single-occupancy rooms or in rooms with other midshipmen in

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that part of the vessel designated for licensed officers (or in first-class passenger quarters) and shall mess with the licensed officers. The steamship company employers shall also pay the midshipmen such subsistence and room allowance in port, transportation allowances, and other bonuses or allowances as are paid to the licensed officers of the vessel in which the midshipmen are employed.

(d) *Berthing and messing.* While aboard ship, midshipmen shall be berthed in single-occupancy rooms or in rooms with other midshipmen in that part of the vessel designated for licensed officers (or in first-class passenger quarters) and shall mess with the licensed officers.

(Secs. 204(b) and 1301-1308, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, (46 U.S.C. 1114(b); and 1295 through 1295g); Pub. L. 96-453; Pub. L. 97-31; 49 CFR 1.66 (46 FR 47458, Sept. 28, 1981); EO 12387 (47 FR 44981, Oct. 13, 1982)

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§ 310.61 Training on other vessels and by other facilities or agencies.

The Administrator may arrange for training of midshipmen on Government-owned vessels, in cooperation with other governmental and private agencies, and on other vessels documented under the laws of the United States if the owner of such vessel cooperates in such use. Midshipmen may be assigned for training in shipyards, plants, and industrial and educational organizations for instructional purposes only.

§ 310.62 Allowances and expenses; required deposit.

(a) *Items furnished.* Each midshipman shall receive: Free tuition, quarters and subsistence; limited medical and dental care; and certain travel expenses, in accordance with chapter 5, part A, of the Joint Travel Regulations For Members Of Uniform Services, Vol. 1 (U.S. Department of Defense publication, Serial No. 0516-LP-255-0265), while traveling under official Academy orders.

(b) *Required Deposit.* Prior to admission to the Academy, each midshipman shall make a specified deposit, as established by Academy regulations, to

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help defray the cost of items and services generally of a personal nature which are not provided by the Academy. Additional deposits, as prescribed in Academy regulations, are required to be made in subsequent years. Failure to make any required deposit will result in denial of admission, suspension or disenrollment.

§ 310.63 Uniforms and textbooks.

The Academy shall supply midshipmen uniforms and textbooks in accordance with Academy regulations.

§ 310.64 Privileges.

(a) Midshipmen may be granted a leave of absence of approximately four (4) weeks after completing each of the first, second and third years of training.

(b) Classes and exercises are suspended on New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and such other days as may be designated by the President as holidays for Federal employees.

(c) Midshipmen may be granted approximately 2 weeks leave during the period which includes Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

(d) Liberty and other privileges are granted to midshipmen meriting them under Academy regulations.

(e) Relatives and friends of midshipmen may visit at the Academy during such hours as the Superintendent may prescribe.

(f) There shall be a Ship's Service Store maintained as a non-appropriated fund activity at the Academy primarily to serve the needs of the midshipmen.

§ 310.65 Graduation.

(a) *Classes enrolled prior to April 1, 1982.* (1) A midshipman will be graduated from the Academy upon the successful attainment of the following requirements:

(i) Completion of the required course of study;

(ii) Fulfillment of the requirements for a license as an officer in the merchant marine of the United States;

(iii) Filing for a commission in the USNR (including the Merchant Marine Reserve, USNR); and

(iv) Compliance with the prescribed midshipman disciplinary and honor systems.

(2) Graduates receive the degree of Bachelor of Science and a U.S. Coast Guard license either as third officer or third assistant engineer or both. They also may be granted commissions as Ensign, USNR (including the Merchant Marine Reserve, USNR) by the Department of the Navy.

(3) In return for the education received at Government expense, each applicant shall sign an agreement to serve in one of the following categories immediately after graduation:

(i) Sail on his or her license at sea for not less than six (6) months each year for three (3) consecutive years; or

(ii) Sail on his or her license at sea for not less than four (4) months each year for four (4) consecutive years; or

(iii) Apply for and serve on active duty for training on board a U.S. Navy ship for a minimum period of thirty (30) consecutive days each year for a period of three (3) consecutive years, and be either employed ashore for the balance of each year in some phase of the maritime industry or engaged in full-time graduate studies related to the maritime field; or

(iv) Apply for and serve on full-time active duty as a commissioned officer in a uniformed service of the United States for a period of 3 consecutive years.

(b) *Classes enrolled after April 1, 1982.* (1) A midshipman will be graduated from the Academy upon the successful attainment of the following requirements:

(i) Completion of the required course of study;

(ii) Fulfillment of the requirements for a license as an officer in the merchant marine of the United States;

(iii) Application for an appointment, and acceptance if tendered of an appointment, as a commissioned officer in the USNR (including the Merchant Marine Reserve, USNR), the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, or any other Reserve component of an armed force of the United States; and,