

Existing law creates the La. Naval War Memorial Commission under the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to operate, maintain, and exhibit the U.S.S. Kidd. Existing law further provides for a seventeen-member commission.

Prior law provided that the director of veterans affairs was a member of the commission. New law clarifies that the secretary, rather than the director, of veterans affairs shall be a member of the commission. New law further authorizes the secretary to appoint a designee to the commission.

Prior law provided that four members of the commission be appointed from East Baton Rouge Parish and 11 members be appointed from across the state so as to yield statewide representation. New law removes this residency requirement.

Existing law authorizes the reimbursement of commission members for expenses they incur in the performance of their duties. Prior law required that such expenses be paid only out of self-generated funds of the commission. New law removes this requirement.

Prior law prohibited the use of state funds for the upkeep and operation of the commission. New law removes this prohibition.

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(Amends R.S. 25:1001(A) and (D))