

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5282

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## AN ACT

To provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Corps of Engineers and other Federal  
4 agencies are required to preserve and catalogue arti-  
5 facts and other items of national historical signifi-  
6 cance that are uncovered during the course of their  
7 work.

8 (2) Uncatalogued artifacts within the care of  
9 Federal agencies are stored in hundreds of reposi-  
10 tories and museums across the Nation.

11 (3) In October 2009, the Corps of Engineers,  
12 Center of Expertise for Curation and Management  
13 of Archeological Collections, used \$3,500,000 in  
14 temporary funds made available in the American Re-  
15 covery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law  
16 111–5) to begin the Veterans’ Curation Program to  
17 employ and train Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in  
18 archaeological processing.

19 (4) The Veterans’ Curation Program employs  
20 veterans and members of the Armed Forces in the  
21 sorting, cleaning, and cataloguing of artifacts man-  
22 aged by the Corps of Engineers.

23 (5) Employees of the Veterans’ Curation Pro-  
24 gram gain valuable work skills, including computer  
25 database management, records management, photo-  
26 graphic and scanning techniques, computer software

1 proficiency, vocabulary and writing skills, and inter-  
2 personal communication skills, as well as knowledge  
3 and training in archaeology and history.

4 (6) Experience in archaeological curation  
5 gained through the Veterans' Curation Program is  
6 valuable training and experience for the museum,  
7 forensics, administrative, records management, and  
8 other fields.

9 (7) Veterans' Curation Program participants  
10 may assist the Corps of Engineers in developing a  
11 more efficient and comprehensive collections man-  
12 agement program and also may provide the work-  
13 force to meet the records management needs at  
14 other agencies and departments, including the De-  
15 partment of Veterans Affairs.

16 **SEC. 2. TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS AND**  
17 **MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES IN CURATION**  
18 **AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

19 (a) TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.—The Secretary of  
20 the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall  
21 develop a Veterans' Curation Program to hire veterans  
22 and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Secretary  
23 in carrying out curation and historic preservation activi-  
24 ties.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

3 (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

4 (2) \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

5 (3) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;

6 (4) \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2014; and

7 (5) \$9,000,000 for fiscal year 2015.

Passed the House of Representatives September 15,  
2010.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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