TITLE 10 - ARMED FORCES
Subtitle A - General Military Law
PART I - ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL MILITARY POWERS
CHAPTER 7 - BOARDS, COUNCILS, AND COMMITTEES

§ 184. Regional Centers for Security Studies

(a) In General.— The Secretary of Defense shall administer the Department of Defense Regional Centers for Security Studies in accordance with this section as international venues for bilateral and multilateral research, communication, and exchange of ideas involving military and civilian participants.

(b) Regional Centers Specified.—

(1) A Department of Defense Regional Center for Security Studies is a Department of Defense institution that—

(A) is operated, and designated as such, by the Secretary of Defense for the study of security issues relating to a specified geographic region of the world; and

(B) serves as a forum for bilateral and multilateral research, communication, and exchange of ideas involving military and civilian participants.

(2) The Department of Defense Regional Centers for Security Studies are the following:

(A) The George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, established in 1993 and located in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

(B) The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, established in 1995 and located in Honolulu, Hawaii.

(C) The Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C.

(D) The Africa Center for Strategic Studies, established in 1999 and located in Washington, D.C.

(E) The Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, established in 2000 and located in Washington, D.C.

(3) No institution or element of the Department of Defense may be designated as a Department of Defense Regional Center for Security Studies for purposes of this section, other than the institutions specified in paragraph (2), except as specifically provided by law after October 17, 2006.

(c) Regulations.— The administration of the Regional Centers under this section shall be carried out under regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(d) Participation.— Participants in activities of the Regional Centers may include United States and foreign military, civilian, and nongovernmental personnel.

(e) Employment and Compensation of Faculty.— At each Regional Center, the Secretary may, subject to the availability of appropriations—

(1) employ a Director, a Deputy Director, and as many civilians as professors, instructors, and lecturers as the Secretary considers necessary; and

(2) prescribe the compensation of such persons, in accordance with Federal guidelines.

(f) Payment of Costs.—

(1) Participation in activities of a Regional Center shall be on a reimbursable basis (or by payment in advance), except in a case in which reimbursement is waived in accordance with paragraph (3).

(2) For a foreign national participant, payment of costs may be made by the participant, the participant’s own government, by a Department or agency of the United States other than the Department of Defense, or by a gift or donation on behalf of one or more Regional Centers accepted under section 2611 of this title on behalf of the participant’s government.
(3) The Secretary of Defense may waive reimbursement of the costs of activities of the
Regional Centers for foreign military officers and foreign defense and security civilian government
officials from a developing country if the Secretary determines that attendance of such personnel
without reimbursement is in the national security interest of the United States. Costs for which
reimbursement is waived pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid from appropriations available
to the Regional Centers.

(4) Funds accepted for the payment of costs shall be credited to the appropriation then currently
available to the Department of Defense for the Regional Center that incurred the costs. Funds so
credited shall be merged with the appropriation to which credited and shall be available to that
Regional Center for the same purposes and same period as the appropriation with which merged.

(5) Funds available for the payment of personnel expenses under the Latin American cooperation
authority set forth in section 1050 of this title are also available for the costs of the operation of
the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies.

(6) Funds available to carry out this section, including funds accepted under paragraph (4) and
funds available under paragraph (5), shall be available, to the extent provided in appropriations
Acts, for programs and activities under this section that begin in a fiscal year and end in the
following fiscal year.

(g) Support to Other Agencies.— The Director of a Regional Center may enter into agreements
with the Secretaries of the military departments, the heads of the Defense Agencies, and, with the
concurrence of the Secretary of Defense, the heads of other Federal departments and agencies for the
provision of services by that Regional Center under this section. Any such participating department
and agency shall transfer to the Regional Center funds to pay the full costs of the services received.

2011, 125 Stat. 1583.)

Amendments
2011—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 112–81 struck out subsec. (h) which required the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual
report on the operation of the Regional Centers for security studies during the preceding fiscal year.

2009—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 111–84 substituted “October 17, 2006” for “the date of the enactment of this section”.


2006—Pub. L. 109–364 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of
subsecs. (a) to (c) relating to notification to Congress of the establishment of new regional centers, annual report on
the operation of such centers, and definition of “regional center for security studies”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 109–163 substituted “under section 2611 of this title.” for “under any of the following provisions
of law:

“(A) Section 2611 of this title.

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2653; 10 U.S.C. 113 note ).”


in introductory provisions.
Effective Date of 2008 Amendment

Pub. L. 110–417, [div. A], title IX, § 941(a)(2), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4576, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 2008, and shall apply with respect to programs and activities under section 184 of title 10, United States Code (as so amended), that begin on or after that date.”

Temporary Waiver of Reimbursement of Costs of Activities for Nongovernmental Personnel


“(1) Authority for temporary waiver.—In fiscal years 2009 through 2012, the Secretary of Defense may, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, waive reimbursement otherwise required under subsection (f) of section 184 of title 10, United States Code, of the costs of activities of Regional Centers under such section for personnel of nongovernmental and international organizations who participate in activities of the Regional Centers that enhance cooperation of nongovernmental organizations and international organizations with United States forces if the Secretary of Defense determines that attendance of such personnel without reimbursement is in the national security interests of the United States.

“(2) Limitation.—The amount of reimbursement that may be waived under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year may not exceed $1,000,000.

“(3) Annual report.—The Secretary of Defense shall include in the annual report under [former] section 184 (h) of title 10, United States Code, in each year through 2013 information on the attendance of personnel of nongovernmental and international organizations in activities of the Regional Centers during the preceding fiscal year for which a waiver of reimbursement was made under paragraph (1), including information on the costs incurred by the United States for the participation of personnel of each nongovernmental or international organization that so attended.”