

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title.

§ 170503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation. The corporation shall function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
170503	36:2503.	July 23, 1984, Pub. L. 98-372, § 3, 98 Stat. 1239.

The word "objects" is omitted as unnecessary.

§ 170504. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and by-laws of the corporation.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
170504(a)	36:2505 (words before 3d comma).	July 23, 1984, Pub. L. 98-372, § 5 (words before 3d comma, words after 3d comma related to discrimination in membership), 98 Stat. 1239.
170504(b)	36:2505 (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in membership).	

§ 170505. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
170505(a)	36:2506.	July 23, 1984, Pub. L. 98-372, §§ 5 (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in holding office), 6, 7, 98 Stat. 1239.
170505(b)	36:2507.	
170505(c)	36:2505 (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in holding office).	

In subsections (a) and (b), the words "and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated" in 36:2506 and "and in conformity with

the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated" in 36:2507 are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 170506. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
170506	36:2502.	July 23, 1984, Pub. L. 98-372, § 2, 98 Stat. 1239.

The words "and subject to the laws of such State or States" are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 170507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
170507(a)	36:2508(d).	July 23, 1984, Pub. L. 98-372, § 8, 98 Stat. 1240.
170507(b)	36:2508(c).	
170507(c)	36:2508(a).	
170507(d)	36:2508(b).	
170507(e)	36:2508(e).	

In subsection (a), the words "any shares of" are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the words "inure to the benefit of" are substituted for "inure to" for consistency in the revised title.

§ 170508. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

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