

(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 AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1458.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
210308	36:3008.	Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98–565, § 8, 98 Stat. 2921.

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. The words “This subsection does not prevent” are substituted for “Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 210309. 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.).

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1458.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
210309	36:3014 (1st sentence).	Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98–565, § 15 (1st sentence), 98 Stat. 2922.

§ 210310. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- (1) correct and complete records of account;
- (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, the board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and
- (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1458.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
210310	36:3010.	Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98–565, § 10, 98 Stat. 2921.

The word “records” is substituted for “books and records” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 210311. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1458.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
210311	36:3004.	Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98–565, § 4, 98 Stat. 2920.

The words “in furtherance of its corporate purposes” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 210312. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1458.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
210312	36:3009.	Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98–565, § 9, 98 Stat. 2921.

§ 210313. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1458.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
210313	36:3011.	Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98–565, § 12, 98 Stat. 2922.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions in this section, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104–66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 207 of House Document No. 103–7.

CHAPTER 2201—UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, INCORPORATED

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§ 220101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United Service Organizations, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally chartered corporation.
 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1459.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220101	36:1301.	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96–165, § 1, 93 Stat. 1267.

This section is substituted for the source provision for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary and executed language.

§ 220102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

- (1) to provide a voluntary civilian agency through which the people of this Nation may, in peace or war, serve the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in the Armed Forces, within or without the territorial limits of the United States;
- (2) to contribute to the maintenance of morale of men and women in the Armed Forces;
- (3) to solicit funds to maintain the organization and accomplish its responsibility;
- (4) to accept the cooperation of, and provide an organization and means through which, the National Board of Young Men’s Christian Associations, the National Board of Young Women’s Christian Associations, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Travelers Aid-International Social Service of America, and other civilian agencies experienced in specialized types of related work, which may be needed adequately to meet the particular needs of the members of the Armed Forces, may carry on their historic work of serving the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in the Armed Forces and be afforded an appropriate means of participation and financial assistance;
- (5) to coordinate their programs; and
- (6) other consonant purposes.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1459.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220102	36:1302.	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96–165, § 2, 93 Stat. 1268.

Before clause (1), the word “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes”.

In clause (4), the words “and to accept the cooperation of individual citizens in accomplishing its purposes” are omitted as unnecessary because of clause (1) of this section.

§ 220103. Membership

Except as provided in this chapter, the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws. The membership of the corporation consists of—

- (1) nine individuals designated by the President; and
- (2) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1459.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220103	36:1305(a).	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96–165, § 5(a), 93 Stat. 1270.

The text of 36:1305(a) (1st–3d sentences) and the word “Thereafter” are omitted as executed and obsolete.

§ 220104. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of the affairs and property of the corporation.

(2) The board shall be elected by the members of the corporation for the term and in the classes provided in the bylaws of the corporation. The board includes—

- (A) six members appointed by the President;
- (B) the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary’s designee; and
- (C) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the bylaws.

(3) The corporation may have other governing bodies or committees as provided in the bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The office of honorary chairman of the corporation shall be offered to the President. On acceptance, the honorary chairman shall be invited to preside at meetings of the corporation that the honorary chairman deems appropriate and convenient.

(2) The corporation may have other officers as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1460; Pub. L. 109–284, § 5(11), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
220104(a)	36:1305(b), (c).	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96–165, § 5(b)–(d), 93 Stat. 1270.
220104(b)	36:1305(d).	

In subsection (a)(1), the words “The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation” are substituted for “The management of the corporation shall be entrusted to a board of governors” for consistency in the revised title.