

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
22509 .....	36:102.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §12, 43 Stat. 968.

The words “precedent”, “herein”, and “or conferred” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “with the secretary of state or other designated official” are substituted for “in the office of the secretary of each State” for consistency in the revised title. The words “post-office” and “authorized” are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 22510. Annual report**

Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

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22510 .....	36:101.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §11, 43 Stat. 968; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88–504, §4(9), 78 Stat. 636.

The word “submit” is substituted for “make and transmit” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word “activities” is substituted for “proceedings” for consistency in the revised title.

## 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 197 of House Document No. 103–7.

**CHAPTER 227—AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS)**

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## AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107–241, §1(a)(2)(A), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496, substituted “AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS)” for “AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM)” in chapter heading.

**§ 22701. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—AMVETS (American Veterans) (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. 1306; Pub. L. 107–241, §1(a)(1), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496.)

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22701 .....	36:67.	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §1, 61 Stat. 403; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95–98, §1(a), 91 Stat. 830.
	36:67a.	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §§2, 4 (related to perpetual succession), 10(1), 61 Stat. 405, 406, 407.
	36:67c (related to perpetual succession). 36:67i(1).	

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

This text of 36:67a is omitted as executed and obsolete.

## AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107–241 substituted “AMVETS (American Veterans)” for “AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam)”.

**§ 22702. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to preserve for ourselves and our posterity the great and basic truths and enduring principles upon which this Nation was founded;

(2) to maintain a continuing interest in the welfare and rehabilitation of the disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era and to establish facilities for the assistance of all veterans and to represent them in their claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs and other organizations without charge;

(3) to dedicate ourselves to the service and best interests of the community, State, and Nation to the end that our country shall be and remain forever a whole, strong, and free Nation;

(4) to aid and encourage the abolition of prejudice, ignorance, and disease;

(5) to encourage universal exercise of the voting franchise to the end that there shall be elected and maintained in public office men and women who hold public office as a public trust administered in the best interests of all the people;

(6) to advocate the development and means by which all Americans may become enlightened and informed citizens and thus participate fully in the functions of our democracy;

(7) to encourage and support an international organization of all peace-loving nations to the end that not again shall any nation be permitted to breach their national peace;

(8) to continue to serve the best interests of our Nation in peace as in war;

(9) to develop to the utmost the human, mental, spiritual, and economical resources of our Nation;

(10) to perpetuate and preserve the friendships and comradeship born on the battle front and nurtured in the common experience of service to our Nation during time of war; and  
 (11) to honor the memory of those men and women who gave their lives that a free America and a free world might live by the creation of living memorials in the form of additional educational, cultural, and recreational facilities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1306.)

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22702 .....	36:67b(1), (3)–(10). 36:67b(2).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §3(1), (3)–(10), 61 Stat. 405. July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §3(2), 61 Stat. 405; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95–98, §1(b)(1), 91 Stat. 830; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102–54, §13(n)(1), 105 Stat. 278.

§ 22703. 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 bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote in the conduct of official business at the post level.

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1307.)

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22703(a) .....	36:67e (words before 3d comma).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §6 (words before 3d comma, words after 3d comma related to discrimination in membership), 61 Stat. 407; Dec. 28, 1950, ch. 1178, 64 Stat. 1122; July 26, 1955, ch. 383, 69 Stat. 375; Sept. 14, 1966, Pub. L. 89–576, 80 Stat. 772; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95–98, §1(b)(2), 91 Stat. 830; May 31, 1984, Pub. L. 98–304, 98 Stat. 220.
22703(b) .....	36:67f(1) (1st sentence).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §7(1) (1st sentence), 61 Stat. 407.
22703(c) .....	36:67e (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in membership).	

In subsection (b), the words “the right to” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 22704. Governing body

(a) DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.—Each post may elect delegates to national conventions of the corporation. The delegates each have one vote in the conduct of business of the convention to which they are elected.

(b) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The executive committee of the corporation consists of—

- (1) one member elected to represent each department; and
- (2) the officers of the corporation as ex officio members.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national commander, two national

vice commanders, a finance officer, a judge advocate, a chaplain, six national district commanders, and a provost marshal.

(2) The officers shall be elected by the delegates at the annual national convention.

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1307; Pub. L. 107–241, §1(b), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496.)

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22704(a) .....	36:67f(1) (last sentence).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §§5(3), 7(1) (last sentence), (2), 13, 61 Stat. 406, 407, 408.
22704(b) .....	36:67d(3).	
22704(c) .....	36:67f(2).	
22704(d) .....	36:67l. 36:67e (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in holding office).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §6 (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in holding office), 61 Stat. 407; Dec. 28, 1950, ch. 1178, 64 Stat. 1122; July 26, 1955, ch. 383, 69 Stat. 375; Sept. 14, 1966, Pub. L. 89–576, 80 Stat. 772; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95–98, §1(b)(2), 91 Stat. 830; May 31, 1984, Pub. L. 98–304, 98 Stat. 220.

In subsection (b), the text of 36:67d(3) is omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (c), the words “each official delegate casting one vote” are omitted as unnecessary because of subsection (a) of this section.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107–241 substituted “two national vice commanders, a finance officer, a judge advocate, a chaplain, six national district commanders,” for “seven national vice commanders, one of whom shall be a woman, a finance officer, an adjutant, a judge advocate.”

§ 22705. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

- (1) adopt bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (2) adopt seals, emblems, and badges;
- (3) choose officers, representatives, and agents as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (4) make contracts;
- (5) establish State and regional organizations and local posts;
- (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;
- (8) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consistent with the purposes of the corporation;
- (9) sue and be sued; and
- (10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(b) POWERS GRANTED TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—The provisions, privileges, and prerogatives granted before July 24, 1947, to other national veterans’ organizations because of their