

- (1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- (3) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;
- (4) make contracts;
- (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (6) establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate State and territorial subdivisions and local chapters or posts;
- (7) publish a magazine and other publications;
- (8) sue and be sued; and
- (9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1481.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
230104	36:114 (words before 4th semicolon less perpetual succession, words after 5th semicolon).	May 28, 1936, ch. 471, § 4 (words before 4th semicolon less perpetual succession, words after 5th semicolon), 6, 49 Stat. 1391.
	36:116.	

In this section, the text of 36:116 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the words “apply, and administer” are omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the words “at pleasure” are omitted for consistency in the revised title.

In clause (3), the word “activities” is substituted for “business” for consistency in the revised title.

Clauses (4) and (5) are substituted for “to receive, hold, own, use, and dispose of such real estate, personal property, money, contract, rights, and privileges as shall be deemed necessary and incidental for its corporate purposes” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In clause (8), the words “in courts of law and equity” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (9), the words “do any other act” are substituted for “generally to do any and all such acts and things” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 230105. Exclusive right to name, seal, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States” and its corporate seal and to manufacture and use emblems and badges the corporation adopts.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1482.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
230105	36:114 (words between 4th and 5th semicolons).	May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §§ 4 (words between 4th and 5th semicolons), 7, 49 Stat. 1391.
	36:117.	

The words “sole”, “to have and”, and “in carrying out its purposes” in 36:117 are omitted as unnecessary.

The words “as may be deemed necessary in the fulfillment of the purposes of the corporation” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 230106. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1482.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
230106	36:119.	May 28, 1936, ch. 471, § 9, Stat. 1391.

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 State” for consistency in the revised title. The words “post-office” and “authorized” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 230107. 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 fiscal year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1482.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
230107	36:118.	May 28, 1936, ch. 471, § 8, 49 Stat. 1391; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88–504, § 4(10), 78 Stat. 637.

The word “submit” is substituted for “make and transmit” 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 207 of House Document No. 103–7.

CHAPTER 2303—VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

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§ 230301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Veterans of World War I of the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1482.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
230301	36:761. 36:762. 36:764(1).	July 18, 1958, Pub. L. 85–530, §§ 1, 2, 4(1), 72 Stat. 370, 371.

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

§ 230302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, fraternal, historical, and educational, in the service and for the benefit of veterans of World War I, and are—

(1) to provide for the veterans of World War I an organization for their mutual benefit, pleasure, and amusement which will afford them opportunities and means for personal contact with each other to keep alive friendships and memories of World War I and to venerate the memory of their honored dead;

(2) to cooperate to the fullest extent and in a harmonious manner with all veterans’ organizations so that the best interests of all veterans of all wars in which the United States has participated, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans of those wars, may best be served;

(3) to stimulate communities and political subdivisions into taking more interest in veterans of World War I, the widows and orphans of those deceased veterans, and the problems of those veterans and their widows and orphans;

(4) to collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to World War I;

(5) to fight vigorously to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States as well as the individual States of the Union and to foster the spirit and practice of true Americanism;

(6) to fight unceasingly for our national security to protect Americans from enemies within our borders, as well as those from without, so that our American way of life is preserved;

(7) to fight to the utmost all those alien forces, particularly forces such as communism, whose objectives are to deny our very existence as a free people; and

(8) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1482.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
230302	36:763.	July 18, 1958, Pub. L. 85–530, § 3, 72 Stat. 371.

§ 230303. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, an individual who did not serve honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States during the period beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11, 1918, is not eligible for all classes of membership.

(b) VOTING.—Each member of the corporation (except an associate or honorary member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members of the corporation except the national convention.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1483.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
230303(a)	36:765.	July 18, 1958, Pub. L. 85–530, §§ 5, 6(b), 72 Stat. 372.
230303(b)	36:766(b).	

In subsection (a), the words “is not eligible for all classes of membership” are substituted for “in no case shall eligibility for all classes of membership include” to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 230304. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large. Each elected representative is entitled to one vote at the national convention.

(3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION.—(1) During the intervals between the national convention, the board of administration is the governing board of the corporation and is responsible for the general policies, program, and activities of the corporation.

(2) The board shall consist of at least 7 members elected in the manner and for the term provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national commander, a national senior vice commander, a national junior vice commander, a national quartermaster, a national