

(3) to preserve and strengthen a spirit of fellowship among blinded veterans so that they may give mutual aid and assistance to one another; and

(4) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to encourage loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the States in which they reside.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1317.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30302	36:853(1)-(3), (4) (less words between 1st comma and semicolon).	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §3(1)-(3), (4) (less words between 1st comma and semicolon), 72 Stat. 924.

In clause (1), the words “to operate as a not-for-profit corporation” are substituted for “To be organized and operated as a corporation not for profit . . . and such corporation is organized and shall be operated” in 36:853(4) to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 30303. Membership

(a) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.—An individual who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who, in the line of duty in that service, sustained a substantial impairment of sight or vision as defined by the bylaws of the corporation is eligible for general membership in the corporation.

(b) HONORARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.—In addition to general membership, the corporation shall have special classes of honorary and associate membership. Eligibility for, and the rights and obligations of, those special classes are as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1317.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30303	36:856.	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, § 6, 72 Stat. 925.

In subsection (a), the word “individual” is substituted for “person” for clarity and consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “served in” are substituted for “was enlisted, drafted, inducted, or commissioned in” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “from time to time” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the word “qualification” is omitted as included in “eligibility”. The words “All persons who are members of any class of Blinded Veterans Association, Incorporated, on August 27, 1958 shall be members of such class of the corporation” are omitted as executed.

§ 30304. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The number of directors of the corporation shall be at least three but not more than 15. The directors shall be divided into a specified number of classes. Each class shall hold office for a definite period of years as provided in the bylaws.

(2) A majority of the directors must be present at a meeting of directors to constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the directors present at a meeting at which there is a quorum is necessary for the transaction of business.

(3) A director may be removed at any time for just and proper cause by a majority vote of a quorum of directors present at a meeting called for that purpose.

(4) A vacancy in the office of director may be filled by a majority vote of a quorum of the remaining directors present at a meeting called for that purpose. A director elected to fill a vacancy serves until the next annual meeting of the corporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation and their manner of election, term of office, duties, and powers are as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1317.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30304(a)	36:857.	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §§ 7, 8, 72 Stat. 925.
30304(b)	36:858.	

In subsection (a)(1), the words “from time to time” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “except that the directors of Blinded Veterans Association, Incorporated, on August 27, 1958 shall be the first directors of the corporation” are omitted as executed and obsolete.

In subsection (a)(4), the word “duly” is omitted as unnecessary.

Subsection (b) is substituted for the source provision for consistency in the revised title. The words “consistent with this charter” in 36:858(b) are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 30305. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) charge and collect membership dues;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient 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) 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. 1318.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30305	36:854. 36:866.	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §§ 4, 16, 72 Stat. 924, 927.

In this section, the text of 36:866 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the words “apply, and alter” and “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State in which the corporation is to operate” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word “use” is omitted as unnecessary.

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