

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words. The last sentence of section 1 of the Act of July 14, 1960 (Public Law 86-653, 74 Stat. 515), is omitted as executed.

**§ 30503. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, educational, social, and for service, and include—

- (1) perpetuating the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., and the memory of all the men and women who have served our country as members of the Armed Forces;
- (2) maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United States;
- (3) educating members of the corporation and others not to divulge military, naval, or other Government information;
- (4) assisting in veterans' ceremonies;
- (5) attending patriotic rallies and meetings;
- (6) fostering true democracy;
- (7) caring for unsupported mothers who gave their sons to the service of the Nation;
- (8) aiding in bringing about recognition of the need for permanent civilian defense in each community and the need to be always alert against invasion of un-American activities;
- (9) upholding the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights; and
- (10) defending the United States from all enemies.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1320.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
30503 .....	36:943.	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86-653, § 3, 74 Stat. 515.

Before clause (1), the words “The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, educational, social, and for service, and include” are substituted for “The purposes of the corporation shall be” and “the further object of this organization shall be patriotic, educational, social, and for service” for clarity.

In clause (3), the words “members of the corporation” are substituted for “our members” for clarity.

In clause (8), the words “the need for” are substituted for “the need of”, and the words “in each community” are substituted for “for each community”, for clarity. The words “the need” are added for clarity. The words “to be always alert” are substituted for “to ever be alert” for clarity.

**§ 30504. Membership**

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if—

- (1) she is a mother (meaning a woman who filled the role of birthmother, adoptive mother, step-mother, foster-mother, grandmother, or legal guardian) of a person who—
  - (A) is serving in the Armed Forces; or
  - (B) has served in, or has been honorably discharged from, the Armed Forces; and
- (2) she is living in the United States or is a citizen of the United States living outside the United States.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1320; Pub. L. 112-65, § 1, Dec. 13, 2011, 125 Stat. 767.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
30504 .....	36:945 (1st sentence).	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86-653, § 5 (1st sentence), 74 Stat. 516.

In clause (1), before subclause (A), the words “(who has given a mother’s care at least since the stepchild was age 13)” are substituted for “(a stepmother eligible for membership in the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., can claim that eligibility only if she has given a mother’s care to the stepchild from the age of thirteen or under)” for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Par. (1). Pub. L. 112-65, § 1(1)(A), substituted “she is a mother (meaning a woman who filled the role of birthmother, adoptive mother, step-mother, foster-mother, grandmother, or legal guardian) of a person who—” for “she is a mother, adoptive mother, or step-mother (who has given a mother’s care at least since the stepchild was age 13) of a son or daughter who—” in introductory provisions.

Par. (1)(B). Pub. L. 112-65, § 1(1)(B), struck out “in World War II or the Korean hostilities” after “Armed Forces”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 112-65, § 1(2), inserted “or is a citizen of the United States living outside the United States” before period at end.

**§ 30505. 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 by-laws. 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.

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

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

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1320.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
30505(a) .....	36:946.	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86-653, §§ 6, 7, 74 Stat. 516.
30505(b) .....	36:947.	

In subsection (a)(2), the words “several”, “always”, and “thereof . . . the hands of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “State, territory, or possession of the United States” are substituted for “State or Territory” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

Subsection (b) is substituted for the source provision for consistency in the revised title.

**§ 30506. Powers**

The corporation may—