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§ 140701. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140701	36:5016.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102–484, title XVIII, §1817, 106 Stat. 2584.

The words “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands” are omitted as included in “the territories and possessions of the United States”.

§ 140702. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Military Order of the World Wars (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—The charter granted by this chapter expires if the corporation fails to comply with any provision of—

- (1) its bylaws or articles of incorporation;
- (2) this chapter; or
- (3) the laws of the District of Columbia that apply to corporations such as the corporation recognized under this chapter.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140702(a)	36:5001.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102–484, title XVIII, §§1801, 1815 (last sentence), 1816, 106 Stat. 2581, 2583.
140702(b)	36:5014 (last sentence). 36:5015.	

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

In subsection (b), the words “restriction or other” in 36:5015 are omitted as unnecessary. The text of 36:5014 (last sentence) is omitted as unnecessary because of clause (2) of the revised subsection.

§ 140703. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws and include—

- (1) promoting military service associations;
- (2) promoting patriotic education and military, naval, and air science;
- (3) defending the honor and integrity of the United States Government and the Constitution;

(4) fostering fraternal relations among all branches of the Armed Forces;

(5) encouraging the adoption of a suitable policy of national security; and

(6) encouraging the commemoration of military service and the establishment of war memorials.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140703	36:5003.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102–484, title XVIII, §1803, 106 Stat. 2582.

The word “objects” is omitted as unnecessary.

§ 140704. 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 articles of incorporation and bylaws.

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

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140704(a)	36:5005.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102–484, title XVIII, §§1805, 1808 (related to membership), 106 Stat. 2582.
140704(b)	36:5008 (related to membership).	

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided in this chapter” are substituted for “Except as provided in section 5008 of this title” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b), the words “The terms of membership” are substituted for “In establishing the conditions of membership in the corporation” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 140705. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140705(a)	36:5006.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102–484, title XVIII, §§1806, 1807, 1808 (related to directors and officers), 106 Stat. 2582.
140705(b)	36:5007.	
140705(c)	36:5008 (related to directors and officers).	