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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 220712 | 36:1811. | Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97-83, §12, 95 Stat. 1096. |

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.

CHAPTERS 2209 THROUGH 2299—RESERVED

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-237, §3(b)(19), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2839, added placeholder for chapters 2209 to 2299.

CHAPTER 2301—VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

- Sec. 230101. Organization.
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§ 230101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a national association of veterans who as soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen served this Nation in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters, 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. 1481; Pub. L. 113-199, §1(a), Dec. 4, 2014, 128 Stat. 2058.)

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| 230101(a) | 36:111. 36:112. | May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §1, 49 Stat. 1390; May 29, 1953, ch. 85, §1, 67 Stat. 40. May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §§2, 4 (words before 4th semicolon related to perpetual succession), 49 Stat. 1390, 1391. |
| 230101(b) | 36:114 (words before 4th semicolon related to perpetual succession). | |

Subsection (a) is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary and executed words.

In subsection (b), the words “perpetual existence” are substituted for “perpetual succession” for consistency in the revised title.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-199 substituted “veterans” for “men”.

§ 230102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational, and are—

- (1) to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members;
- (2) to assist worthy comrades;
- (3) to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans;
- (4) to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;
- (5) to foster true patriotism;
- (6) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
- (7) to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1481; Pub. L. 107-242, §2, Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1497; Pub. L. 113-199, §1(b), Dec. 4, 2014, 128 Stat. 2058.)

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| 230102 | 36:113. | May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §3, 49 Stat. 1391. |

AMENDMENTS

2014—Par. (3). Pub. L. 113-199 substituted “surviving spouses” for “widows”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-242 inserted “charitable,” before “and educational,” in introductory provisions.

§ 230103. Membership

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the individual served honorably as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States—

- (1) in a foreign war, insurrection, or expedition in service that—
 - (A) has been recognized as campaign-medal service; and
 - (B) is governed by the authorization of the award of a campaign badge by the United States Government;
- (2) on the Korean peninsula or in its territorial waters for at least 30 consecutive days, or a total of 60 days, after June 30, 1949; or
- (3) in an area which entitled the individual to receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger under section 310 or 351 of title 37.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1481; Pub. L. 107-242, §1(a), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1497; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, §618(g), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2160.)

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| 230103 | 36:115. | May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §5, 49 Stat. 1391; May 29, 1953, ch. 85, §2, 67 Stat. 40; Mar. 7, 1995, Pub. L. 104-3, 109 Stat. 47. |

The words “is eligible for membership . . . only if” are substituted for “may not be a member . . . unless”