

- (1) bona fide expenses of officers of the corporation in amounts approved by the board of directors; or
- (2) appropriate aid to blinded veterans or their widows or children in carrying out the purposes of the corporation.

(d) **LOANS.**—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors and officers who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

(e) **IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.**—Members and private individuals are not liable for the obligations 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)
30307(a)	36:862.	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §§3(4) (words between 1st comma and semicolon), 9, 10, 12, 72 Stat. 924, 926.
30307(b)	36:860.	
30307(c)	36:853(4) (words between 1st comma and semicolon). 36:859(a) (1st sentence words before last comma, last sentence).	
30307(d)	36:859(b).	
30307(e)	36:859(a) (1st sentence words after last comma).	

In subsection (a), the words “any shares of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the words “inure to the benefit of” are substituted for “inure to” for consistency in the revised title. The text of 36:853(4) (words between 1st comma and semicolon) is omitted as unnecessary.

§ 30308. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.
(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1318.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30308	36:855(a).	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §5(a), 72 Stat. 925.

The word “various” is omitted as unnecessary. The word “States” is added for clarity and consistency in the revised title.

§ 30309. Records and inspection

- (a) **RECORDS.**—The corporation shall keep—
- (1) correct and complete records of account;
 - (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and
 - (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members, directors, and officers.

(b) **INSPECTION.**—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1319.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30309	36:863.	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §13, 72 Stat. 926.

The word “records” is substituted for “books and records” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

§ 30310. Service of process

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1319.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30310	36:855(b).	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §5(b), 72 Stat. 925.

The words “at all times”, “authorized”, and “deemed” are omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title. The words “service of process” are substituted for “service and process” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 30311. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1319.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30311	36:861.	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §11, 72 Stat. 926.

§ 30312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be transferred to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be applied to the care and comfort of blinded veterans.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1319.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
30312	36:865.	Aug. 27, 1958, Pub. L. 85-769, §15, 72 Stat. 927; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-54, §13(n)(4), 105 Stat. 278.

The word “satisfaction” is omitted as included in “discharge”, and the word “obligations” is omitted as included in “liabilities”. The word “outstanding” is

omitted as unnecessary. The words “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” are substituted for “Department of Veterans Affairs” because under 38:303 the Secretary is the head of the Department.

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§ 30501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, “Armed Forces” includes the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marines, United States Air Force, United States Coast Guard, National Guard, United States Army Reserves, United States Navy Reserves, United States Marine Reserves, United States Air Force Reserves, United States Coast Guard Reserves, United States Naval Militia, merchant marines, and armed home guards who have served on active duty.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1319.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
30501	36:945 (last sentence).	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86–653, § 5 (last sentence), 74 Stat. 516.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

§ 30502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (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. 1320.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
30502	36:941. 36:942. 36:944(1).	July 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86–653, §§ 1, 2, 4(1), 74 Stat. 515, 516.

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—