

(4) promulgating and teaching American history, particularly the history of the Civil War period, through the establishment of scholarship programs at the national and State levels, the presentation of American flags to youth groups and newly naturalized citizens, and the sponsorship of contests of educational merit;

(5) caring for veterans of all wars through volunteer programs in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and in homes and other institutions maintained by the States for the welfare of American veterans; and

(6) participating, in a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity, in programs with other societies devoted to American history, veterans' affairs, or community interests.

(c) VETERANS' AND PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION.—The corporation shall function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1341.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50103	36:3703.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 3, 99 Stat. 1020; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102–54, § 13(n)(8), 105 Stat. 278.

The word “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes” and for consistency in the revised title.

§ 50104. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1342.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50104	36:3705.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 5, 99 Stat. 1021.

§ 50105. 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.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1342.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50105(a)	36:3706.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, §§ 6, 7, 99 Stat. 1021.
50105(b)	36:3707.	

The words “and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 50106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50106	36:3702.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 2, 99 Stat. 1020.

The words “and subject to the laws of such State or States” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 50107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1342.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50107(a)	36:3708(d).	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 8, 99 Stat. 1021.
50107(b)	36:3708(c).	
50107(c)	36:3708(a).	
50107(d)	36:3708(b).	
50107(e)	36:3708(e).	

This subsection is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 50108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.). If the corporation does not maintain that status, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1343.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50108	36:3714.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 15, 99 Stat. 1022.

§ 50109. 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 entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, 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. 1343.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
50109	36:3710.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 10, 99 Stat. 1022.

The word “records” is substituted for “books and records” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 50110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1343.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
50110	36:3704.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 4, 99 Stat. 1021.

The words “in furtherance of its corporate purposes” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 50111. 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. 1343.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
50111	36:3709.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 9, 99 Stat. 1022.

§ 50112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1343.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
50112	36:3711.	Dec. 9, 1985, Pub. L. 99–172, § 12, 99 Stat. 1022.

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 200 of House Document No. 103–7.

CHAPTER 503—DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114–135, § 1(c), Mar. 18, 2016, 130 Stat. 300, added item 50309.

§ 50301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Disabled American Veterans (in this chapter, the “corporation”) 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. 1343.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
50301(a)	36:90a.	June 17, 1932, ch. 268, § 1, 47 Stat. 320; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, § 1, 56 Stat. 659.
	36:90b.	June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §§ 2, 4 (related to perpetual succession), 47 Stat. 320, 321.
50301(b)	36:90d (related to perpetual succession).	

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words.

§ 50302. Purposes

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The purposes of the corporation shall include—

- (1) to uphold and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States;
- (2) to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible to membership fought;
- (3) to advance the interests, and work for the betterment, of all wounded, injured, and disabled American veterans;
- (4) to cooperate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and advancing the condition, health, and interests of all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans;