

- (5) to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness, and comradeship among all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans;
- (6) to serve our comrades, our communities, and our country;
- (7) to educate the public about the sacrifices and needs of disabled veterans;
- (8) to educate disabled veterans about the benefits and resources available to them; and
- (9) to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which will guard against future wars.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1343; Pub. L. 114–135, §1(a), Mar. 18, 2016, 130 Stat. 300.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large)  |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 50302 .....     | 36:90c.            | June 17, 1932, ch. 268, § 3, 47 Stat. 320; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, § 2, 56 Stat. 660; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102–54, § 13(n)(2), 105 Stat. 278. |

AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114–135, §1(a)(1), substituted “The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The purposes of the corporation shall include” for “The purposes of the corporation are” in introductory provisions.

Pars. (7) to (9). Pub. L. 114–135, §1(a)(2)–(4), added pars. (7) and (8) and redesignated former par. (7) as (9).

§ 50303. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if the individual—

- (1)(A) was wounded, gassed, injured, or disabled in the line of duty during time of war while in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States; and
- (B) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or is still in active service in the Armed Forces of the United States; or
- (2)(A) was disabled while serving with any of the Armed Forces of a country associated with the United States as an ally during any of its war periods;
- (B) is a citizen of the United States; and
- (C) was honorably discharged.

(b) NO HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS.—An honorary membership may not be granted.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1344.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large)  |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 50303 .....     | 36:90e.            | June 17, 1932, ch. 268, § 5, 47 Stat. 321; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, § 3, 56 Stat. 660. |

In subsection (a), before clause (1), the words “An individual” are substituted for “Any man or woman” and “Others” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. In clause (1), the words “either” and “of America” are omitted as unnecessary. In clause (2)(B), the words “citizen of the United States” are substituted for “American citizens” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

§ 50304. Powers

The corporation may—

- (1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- (3) adopt emblems and badges;
- (4) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;
- (5) establish State and territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations;
- (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (7) publish a newspaper and other publications devoted to the purposes of the corporation;
- (8) sue and be sued; and
- (9) do any other act necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1344.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code)                             | Source (Statutes at Large)   |
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| 50304 .....     | 36:90d (less perpetual succession).<br>36:90g. | June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §§ 4 (less perpetual succession), 7, 47 Stat. 321. |

In this section, the text of 36:90g is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the words “at pleasure” are omitted for consistency in the revised title.

In clause (3), the words “adopt emblems and badges” are substituted for “to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may adopt” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In clause (4), the word “activities” is substituted for “business” for consistency in the revised title.

Clause (6) is substituted for “receive, hold, own, use, and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for its corporate purposes” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In clause (8), the words “in courts of law and equity” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (9), the words “and things as may be” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 50305. Exclusive right to name

The corporation and its State and local subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name “Disabled American Veterans”.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1344.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large)  |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 50305 .....     | 36:90h.            | June 17, 1932, ch. 268, § 8, 47 Stat. 321; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, § 5, 56 Stat. 660. |

The words “sole”, “have and”, and “in carrying out its purposes” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 50306. Restrictions

The corporation shall be nonpolitical and nonsectarian, and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1345.)