

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
130101	36:78. 36:78a. 36:78c(1).	June 17, 1959, Pub. L. 86-47, §§ 1, 2, 4(1), 73 Stat. 76, 77.

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words. The text of 36:78a is omitted as executed and obsolete.

§ 130102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

- (1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865;
- (2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;
- (3) to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have served our country patriotically in any way;
- (4) to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag;
- (5) to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, destroy, or impair our constitutional Union; and
- (6) to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

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130102	36:78b.	June 17, 1959, Pub. L. 86-47, § 3, 73 Stat. 77.

In clause (5), the words “destroy, or impair” are substituted for “make for the destruction or impairment of” to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 130103. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—(1) Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(2) Eligibility for membership is limited to female blood relatives of an individual who—

- (A) served at any time during the period April 12, 1861, through April 9, 1865, as a soldier or sailor in—
 - (i) the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue-Cutter Service; or
 - (ii) a State regiment that was called into active service and was subject to orders of United States general officers during that period; and

(B) was honorably discharged from, or died in, that service.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

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130103	36:78d.	June 17, 1959, Pub. L. 86-47, § 5, 73 Stat. 78.

In subsection (a)(1), the words “are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation” are substituted for “shall . . . be determined as the constitution and bylaws of the corporation may provide” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (a)(2)(A), the words “at any time” are added for clarity.

§ 130104. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large.

(3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) OFFICERS.—The titles, manner of selection, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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130104(a)	36:78e.	June 17, 1959, Pub. L. 86-47, §§ 6, 7, 73 Stat. 78.
130104(b)	36:78f.	

In subsection (a)(2), the words “several”, “always”, “thereof”, and “the hands of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “State, territory, or possession of the United States” are substituted for “State or Territory” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

§ 130105. Powers

The corporation may—

- (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;
- (4) make contracts;
- (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;
- (7) sue and be sued; and
- (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.