

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided in this chapter” are substituted for “Except as provided in section 4008 of this title” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b), the words “The terms of membership” are substituted for “In establishing the conditions of membership in the corporation” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 154705. 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.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1438.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154705(a)	36:4006.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, §§ 6, 7, 8 (related to directors and officers), 102 Stat. 74.
154705(b)	36:4007.	
154705(c)	36:4008 (related to directors and officers).	

In subsections (a) and (b), the words “and in conformity with the laws of the State in which it is incorporated” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 154706. Powers

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1438.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154706	36:4002.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, § 2, 102 Stat. 73.

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

§ 154707. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names “The Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America”, “Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America”, “Non Commissioned Officers Association”, and “NCOA”, and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1438.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154707	36:4016.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, § 17, 102 Stat. 75.

The words “sole” and “may lawfully” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “This section does not affect any vested rights” are substituted for “Nothing in this section may be construed to conflict or interfere with established or vested rights” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 154708. Restrictions

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

(b) 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.

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

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—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. 1438.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154708	36:4009.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, § 9, 102 Stat. 74.

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

In subsection (b), the words “inure to the benefit of” are substituted for “inure to” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 154709. 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.).

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1438.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154709	36:4015 (1st sentence).	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, § 16 (1st sentence), 102 Stat. 75.

§ 154710. 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. 1439.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
154710	36:4011.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100-281, §11, 102 Stat. 74.

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.

§ 154711. 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. 1439.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
154711	36:4004.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100-281, §4, 102 Stat. 73.

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

§ 154712. 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. 1439.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
154712	36:4010.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100-281, §10, 102 Stat. 74.

§ 154713. 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. 1439.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
154713	36:4012.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100-281, §13, 102 Stat. 75.

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 205 of House Document No. 103-7.

CHAPTERS 1549 THROUGH 1599—RESERVED

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-237, §3(b)(14), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2838, substituted “CHAPTERS 1549 THROUGH 1599—RESERVED” for “CHAPTER 1601—[RESERVED]”.

CHAPTERS 1601 THROUGH 1699—RESERVED

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-237, §3(b)(14), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2838, added placeholder for chapters 1601 to 1699.

CHAPTER 1701—PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

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§ 170101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Paralyzed Veterans of America (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. 1439.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
170101(a)	36:1151.	Aug. 11, 1971, Pub. L. 92-93, §§1, 2, 4 (related to perpetual succession), 85 Stat. 317.
170101(b)	36:1152. 36:1154 (related to perpetual succession).	

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

Subsection (b) is substituted for “shall have perpetual succession” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 170102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to preserve the great and basic truths and enduring principles on which this Nation was founded;

(2) to form a national association for the benefit of individuals who have suffered injuries or diseases of the spinal cord;

(3) to acquaint the public with the needs and problems of paraplegics;

(4) to promote medical research in the several fields connected with injuries and diseases of the spinal cord, including research in neurosurgery and orthopedics and in genitourinary and orthopedic appliances; and

(5) to advocate and foster complete and effective reconditioning programs for paraplegics, including a thorough physical reconditioning program, physiotherapy, competent walking instructions, adequate guidance (both vocational and educational), academic and vocational education (both in hospitals and in educational institutions), psychological ori-