

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

**§ 190303. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and bylaws and include—

- (1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;
- (2) promoting health, prosperity, and scholarship among its members and their dependents and survivors through benevolent programs;
- (3) assisting veterans and their dependents and survivors through a service program established for that purpose;
- (4) improving conditions for retired enlisted service members, veterans, and their dependents and survivors; and
- (5) fostering fraternal and social activities among its members in recognition that cooperative action is required for the furtherance of their common interests.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
190303 .....	36:5103.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102-484, title XVIII, §1823, 106 Stat. 2584.

The word “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes”.

**§ 190304. Membership**

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

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership 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. 1450.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
190304(a) .....	36:5105.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102-484, title XVIII, §1825, 106 Stat. 2584.
190304(b) .....	36:5108 (related to membership).	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102-484, title XVIII, §1828 (related to membership), 106 Stat. 2585; Nov. 30, 1993, Pub. L. 103-160, title XI, §1182(c)(6), 107 Stat. 1772.

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided in this chapter” are substituted for “Except as provided in section 5108 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.

**§ 190305. 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. 1450.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
190305(a) .....	36:5106.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102-484, title XVIII, §§1826, 1827, 106 Stat. 2584.
190305(b) .....	36:5107.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102-484, title XVIII, §1828 (related to directors and officers), 106 Stat. 2585; Nov. 30, 1993, Pub. L. 103-160, title XI, §1182(c)(6), 107 Stat. 1772.
190305(c) .....	36:5108 (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.

In subsection (c), the words “The requirements for serving as a director or officer” are substituted for “in determining the requirements for serving on the board of directors or as an officer of the corporation” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

**§ 190306. 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)
190306 .....	36:5102.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102-484, title XVIII, §1822, 106 Stat. 2584.

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

**§ 190307. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names “The Retired Enlisted Association, Incorporated”, “The Retired Enlisted Association”, “Retired Enlisted Association”, and “TREA” 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. 1450.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
190307 .....	36:5115.	Oct. 23, 1992, Pub. L. 102-484, title XVIII, §1836, 106 Stat. 2586.

The words “sole” and “lawfully” are omitted as unnecessary. The last sentence is substituted for “Noth-