

- (3) to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State, and Nation;
- (4) to work for the welfare of the Army and Navy;
- (5) to assist, in any way in their power, men and women who served and were wounded or incapacitated in World War I; and
- (6) to foster and promote friendship and understanding between America and the Allies in World War I.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1304.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22502 .....	36:93.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 3, 43 Stat. 967.

In clauses (5) and (6), the words “World War I” are substituted for “the World War” for clarity.

§ 22503. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation is limited to women—

- (1) who are citizens of the United States; and
- (2) whose natural son or daughter, legally adopted son or daughter, or stepson or stepdaughter—
  - (A) served in the Armed Forces of the United States or its allies in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, or any subsequent war or conflict involving the United States; and
  - (B) was honorably discharged from that service or continues in the service.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1304.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22503 .....	36:97.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 7, 43 Stat. 968; Sept. 26, 1942, ch. 563, 56 Stat. 758; June 26, 1953, ch. 152, 67 Stat. 81; Apr. 12, 1974, Pub. L. 93-267, 88 Stat. 85.

In clause (2), before subclause (A), the word “natural” is substituted for “of her blood” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “or sons”, “or daughters”, “or stepsons”, and “or stepdaughters” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 22504. Powers

The corporation may—

- (1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;
- (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- (3) adopt emblems and badges;
- (4) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;
- (5) establish State, territorial, and local subdivisions;
- (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation, subject to section 22506(b) of this title;
- (7) publish a magazine and other publications;
- (8) sue and be sued; and
- (9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out its purposes.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22504 .....	36:95 (less words between colon and 1st comma). 36:99.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §§ 5 (less words between colon and 1st comma), 9, 43 Stat. 967, 968.

In this section, the text of 36:99 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

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

In clause (2), the words “at pleasure” are omitted as unnecessary.

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. The words “subject to section 22506(b) of this title” are added to alert the reader to the restriction in that section.

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

In clause (9), the word “things” is omitted as included in “act”.

§ 22505. Exclusive right to name

The corporation and its State, territorial, and local subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name “American War Mothers”.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22505 .....	36:100.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 10, 43 Stat. 968.

The words “to have” are omitted as included in “to use”. The words “in carrying out its business purposes” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 22506. Restrictions

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation shall be non-profit, nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and non-partisan, and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

(b) OWNERSHIP AND USE OF PROPERTY.—The corporation may not accept, own, or hold, directly or indirectly, any property not reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22506(a) .....	36:98.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 8, 43 Stat. 968; June 26, 1953, ch. 152, 67 Stat. 81.
22506(b) .....	36:96 (last sentence).	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 6 (proviso), 43 Stat. 968.

In subsection (a), words “as an organization” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words “real or personal” are omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title. The words “not reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation” are substituted for “except such as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of its creation as defined in this chapter” to eliminate unnecessary words.

**§ 22507. Tax-exempt status**

The personal property and funds of the corporation, whether principal or income, so long as held or used only to carry out the purposes of the corporation, are exempt from taxation by the United States Government, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22507 .....	36:96 (1st sentence).	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 6 (less proviso), 43 Stat. 967.

The words “so long as held or used only to carry out the purposes of the corporation” are substituted for “held or used for the purposes hereof, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter . . . so long as the same shall be so used” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “the United States Government, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States” are substituted for “the United States or any Territory or District thereof” for clarity.

**§ 22508. Meetings**

The corporation may hold its meetings at any place the corporation decides.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22508 .....	36:94.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 4, 43 Stat. 967.

**§ 22509. Service of process**

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22509 .....	36:102.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 12, 43 Stat. 968.

The words “precedent”, “herein”, and “or conferred” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “with the secretary of state or other designated official” are substituted for “in the office of the secretary of each State” for consistency in the revised title. The words “post-office” and “authorized” are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 22510. Annual report**

Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22510 .....	36:101.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 11, 43 Stat. 968; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88-504, § 4(9), 78 Stat. 636.

The word “submit” is substituted for “make and transmit” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word “activities” is substituted for “proceedings” for consistency in the revised title.

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 197 of House Document No. 103-7.

**CHAPTER 227—AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS)**

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AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-241, § 1(a)(2)(A), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496, substituted “AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS)” for “AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM)” in chapter heading.

**§ 22701. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—AMVETS (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. 1306; Pub. L. 107-241, § 1(a)(1), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22701 .....	36:67.	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, § 1, 61 Stat. 403; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95-98, § 1(a), 91 Stat. 830.
	36:67a.	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, § 2, 4 (related to perpetual succession), 10(1), 61 Stat. 405, 406, 407.