

veterans of those wars, campaigns, and actions and to give all Americans a greater understanding of and appreciation for the sacrifices of those who participated in them for all Americans;

(3) stimulate to the highest degree possible the interests of the entire Nation in the problems of veterans, their widows, and orphans;

(4) cooperate to the fullest extent and in a harmonious manner with all veterans' organizations in common projects designed to serve the interests of all veterans of all wars in which the United States has participated;

(5) collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to the wars, campaigns, and military actions of the United States;

(6) inculcate an enduring love of country, a deep and abiding sense of patriotism, and a profound commitment to Americanism among all the people of the United States;

(7) encourage, among the youth of our Nation, respect for our national flag, our anthem, and the traditions of America;

(8) preserve the freedoms of all the people, national peace, prosperity, tranquility, good will, the permanence of free institutions, and the defense of the United States;

(9) foster the association of veterans of the Catholic faith who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States;

(10) encourage morality in government, labor, management, economic, social, fraternal, and all other phases of American life;

(11) promote the realization that the family is the basic unit of society;

(12) increase our love, honor, and service to God and to our fellow man without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin; and

(13) function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1329; Pub. L. 109-284, § 5(6), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40103 .....	36:2603.	Aug. 17, 1984, Pub. L. 98-382, § 3, 98 Stat. 1343.

Before clause (1), the word "objects" is omitted as included in "purposes".

AMENDMENTS

2006—Par. (13). Pub. L. 109-284 substituted "laws of each State" for "laws of the each State".

§ 40104. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1330.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40104 .....	36:2605.	Aug. 17, 1984, Pub. L. 98-382, § 5, 98 Stat. 1344.

§ 40105. 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.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1330.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40105(a) .....	36:2606.	Aug. 17, 1984, Pub. L. 98-382, §§ 6, 7, 98 Stat. 1344.
40105(b) .....	36:2607.	

The words "and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated" in 36:2606 and "and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated" in 36:2607 are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 40106. 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. 1330.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40106 .....	36:2602.	Aug. 17, 1984, Pub. L. 98-382, § 2, 98 Stat. 1343.

The words "and subject to the laws of such State or States" are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 40107. 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 employee in an amount 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 AUTHORIZATION.—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. 1330.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
40107 .....	36:2608.	Aug. 17, 1984, Pub. L. 98-382, § 8, 98 Stat. 1344.

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.