

**§ 230502. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1486.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
230502(a) .....	36:3801.	May 23, 1986, Pub. L. 99–318, §§ 1, 18, 100 Stat. 474, 477.
230502(b) .....	36:3817.	

In subsection (a), the words “incorporated in New York” are substituted for “organized under the laws of the State of New York”, and the words “is a federally chartered corporation” are substituted for “is hereby recognized as such and is granted a charter”, for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b), the word “restrictions” is omitted as included in “any provision of this chapter”.

**§ 230503. Purposes**

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

- (1) to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States;
- (2) to foster improvement of the condition of Vietnam-era veterans;
- (3) to promote the social welfare (including educational, economic, social, physical, and cultural improvement) of Vietnam-era veterans and other veterans in the United States by encouraging their growth, development, readjustment, self-respect, self-confidence, and usefulness;
- (4) to improve conditions for Vietnam-era veterans and develop channels of communication to assist Vietnam-era veterans;
- (5) to conduct and publish research, on a nonpartisan basis, pertaining to—
  - (A) the relationship between Vietnam-era veterans and American society;
  - (B) the Vietnam war experience;
  - (C) the role of the United States in securing peaceful coexistence for the world community; and
  - (D) other matters that affect the educational, economic, social, physical, or cultural welfare of Vietnam-era veterans, other veterans, and their families;
- (6) to assist disabled Vietnam-era veterans and other veterans in need of assistance and the dependents and survivors of those veterans; and
- (7) to consecrate the efforts of the members of the corporation, and Vietnam-era veterans generally, to mutual helpfulness and service to their country.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
230503 .....	36:3803.	May 23, 1986, Pub. L. 99–318, § 3, 100 Stat. 474.

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

**§ 230504. 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 constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(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. 1486.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
230504(a) .....	36:3805.	May 23, 1986, Pub. L. 99–318, §§ 5, 8 (related to membership), 100 Stat. 475.
230504(b) .....	36:3808 (related to membership).	

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided in this chapter” are substituted for “Except as provided in section 3808 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.

**§ 230505. Governing body**

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(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. 1487.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
230505(a) .....	36:3806.	May 23, 1986, Pub. L. 99–318, §§ 6, 7, 8 (related to directors and officers), 100 Stat. 475.
230505(b) .....	36:3807.	
230505(c) .....	36:3808 (related to directors and officers).	

In subsections (a) and (b), the words “Except as provided in section 3808 of this title” are omitted because the prohibition on discrimination is restated in this section. The words “and in conformity with the laws of the State in which it is incorporated” are omitted as unnecessary.