

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERIOD OF EXISTENCE.—The corporation may continue to exist until there are no individuals who qualify for membership.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
22501	36:91. 36:92. 36:95 (words between colon and 1st comma). 36:103. 36:105.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §§1, 2, 5 (words between colon and 1st comma), 13, 15, 43 Stat. 966, 967, 968.

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

The text of 36:92, 103, and 105 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

§ 22502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

- (1) to keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted world service;
- (2) to maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service and to assist and further any patriotic work;
- (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.

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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.

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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.

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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”.