

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21101 .....	36:2413.	June 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-314, §14, 98 Stat. 239.

The words “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” are omitted as included in “the territories and possessions of the United States”.

**§ 21102. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in the District of Columbia, 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.

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21102(a) .....	36:2401.	June 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-314, §§1, 15 (last sentence), 16, 98 Stat. 237, 239.
21102(b) .....	36:2414 (last sentence). 36:2415.	

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

**§ 21103. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

- (1) keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted world services;
- (2) maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service, and assist and further all patriotic work;
- (3) inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State, and Nation;
- (4) assist veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and other strategic areas and their dependents in the presentation of claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and aid in any way in their power the men and women who served and died or were wounded or incapacitated during hostilities;
- (5) perpetuate the memory of those whose lives were sacrificed in our wars;
- (6) maintain true allegiance to the United States;
- (7) inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country in the communities in which we live;
- (8) inspire respect for the Stars and Stripes in the youth of America;
- (9) extend needful assistance to all Gold Star Mothers and, when possible, to their descendants; and
- (10) promote peace and good will for the United States and all other Nations.

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21103 .....	36:2403.	June 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-314, §3, 98 Stat. 237; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-54, §13(n)(6), 105 Stat. 278.

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

In clause (6), the words “of America” are omitted for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

**§ 21104. 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 by-laws.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

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21104(a) .....	36:2405 (words before 3d comma).	June 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-314, §5 (words before 3d comma, words after 3d comma related to discrimination in membership), 98 Stat. 238.
21104(b) .....	36:2405 (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in membership).	

**§ 21105. 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 holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

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<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21105(a) .....	36:2406.	June 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-314, §§5 (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in holding office), 6, 7, 98 Stat. 238.
21105(b) .....	36:2407.	
21105(c) .....	36:2405 (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in holding office).	

The words “and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated” in 36:2406 and “and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated” in 36:2407 are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 21106. Powers**

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.