(5) promoting peace, prosperity, and good will between the peoples of the United States and Italy; and

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

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
100103	36:1703.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97–82, § 3, 95 Stat. 1091.

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

§ 100104. Membership

A citizen of the United States who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces is eligible for membership in the corporation. Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
100104	36:1705.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97–82, § 5, 95 Stat. 1091.

§ 100105. 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.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
100105(a)	36:1706.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97–82, §§ 6, 7, 95 Stat. 1092.
100105(b)	36:1707.	

The words ''and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated'' in 36:1706 and ''and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated'' in 36:1707 are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 100106. Powers

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

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
100106	36:1702.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97–82, § 2, 95 Stat. 1091.

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

§ 100107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) 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 reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
100107(a)	36:1708(d).	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97–82, § 8, 95 Stat. 1092.
100107(b)	36:1708(c).	
100107(c)	36:1708(a).	
100107(d)	36:1708(b).	
100107(e)	36:1708(e).	

In subsection (a), the words ''any shares of'' are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words ''as such'' are substituted for ''acting as such officer or director'' for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (c), the words ''inure to the benefit of'' are substituted for ''inure to'' for consistency in the revised title. The words ''This subsection does not'' are substituted for ''Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 100108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
100108	36:1714 (1st sentence).	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97–82, § 15 (1st sentence), 95 Stat. 1093.

§ 100109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and