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

## § 20203. Purposes

(a) GENERAL.—The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation and include—

(1) helping to maintain a highly dedicated and professional corps of enlisted personnel within the United States Air Force, including the United States Air Force Reserve, and the Air National Guard;

(2) supporting fair and equitable legislation and Department of the Air Force policies and influencing by lawful means departmental plans, programs, policies, and legislative proposals that affect enlisted personnel of the Regular Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, and the Air National Guard, its retirees, and other veterans of enlisted service in the Air Force;

(3) actively publicizing the roles of enlisted personnel in the United States Air Force;

(4) participating in civil and military activities, youth programs, and fundraising campaigns that benefit the United States Air Force;

(5) providing for the mutual welfare of members of the corporation and their families;

(6) assisting in recruiting for the United States Air Force;

(7) assembling together for social activities;

(8) maintaining an adequate Air Force for our beloved country;

(9) fostering among the members of the corporation a devotion to fellow airmen; and

(10) serving the United States and the United States Air Force loyally, and doing all else necessary to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

(b) CORPORATE FUNCTION.—The corporation shall function as an educational, patriotic, civic, historical, and research organization under the laws of the District of Columbia.

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3240.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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| 20203(a) ..... | 36 App.:5803. | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §§1503, 1508(f), 111 Stat. 1963, 1965. |
| 20203(b) ..... | 36 App.:5808(f). | |

## § 20204. 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 bylaws and articles of incorporation.

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

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3240.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| *Revised Section* | *Source (U.S. Code)* | *Source (Statutes at Large)* |
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| 20204(a) ..... | 36 App.:5805. | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §§1505, 1508(g) (related to membership), 111 Stat. 1964, 1965. |
| 20204(b) ..... | 36 App.:5808(g) (related to membership). | |

In subsection (a), the words ''Except as provided in this chapter'' are substituted for ''Except as provided in section 5808(g) 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 association'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word ''disability'' is substituted for ''handicap'' for consistency in the revised title.

## § 20205. Governing body

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

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

(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.

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3240.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| *Revised Section* | *Source (U.S. Code)* | *Source (Statutes at Large)* |
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| 20205(a) ..... | 36 App.:5806. | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §§1506, 1507, 1508(g) (related to directors and officers), 111 Stat. 1964, 1965. |
| 20205(b) ..... | 36 App.:5807. | |
| 20205(c) ..... | 36 App.:5808(g) (related to directors and officers). | |

In subsections (a) and (b), the words ''Except as provided in section 5808(g) of this title'' and ''and in conformity with the laws of the District of Columbia'' are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the words ''The requirements for serving as a director or officer'' are substituted for ''in determining the requirements for serving on the board of directors or as an officer of the association'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word ''disability'' is substituted for ''handicap'' for consistency in the revised title.

## § 20206. Powers

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

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3240.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| *Revised Section* | *Source (U.S. Code)* | *Source (Statutes at Large)* |
|---|---|---|
| 20206 ..... | 36 App.:5802. | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §1502, 111 Stat. 1963. |

The words ''each State in which it is incorporated'' are substituted for ''the District of Columbia'' for consistency in the revised title. The words ''and subject to the laws of the District of Columbia'' are omitted as unnecessary.

### § 20207. 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 or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

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

(d) 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.

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3241.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| *Revised Section* | *Source (U.S. Code)* | *Source (Statutes at Large)* |
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| 20207(a) ..... | 36 App.:5808(c). | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §1508(a)–(d), 111 Stat. 1964. |
| 20207(b) ..... | 36 App.:5808(a). | |
| 20207(c) ..... | 36 App.:5808(b). | |
| 20207(d) ..... | 36 App.:5808(d). | |

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

In subsection (b), the words ''This subsection does not'' are substituted for ''Nothing in this subsection may be construed to'' for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (d), the words ''by virtue of this chapter'' are omitted as unnecessary.

### § 20208. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

(b) 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.).

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3241.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| *Revised Section* | *Source (U.S. Code)* | *Source (Statutes at Large)* |
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| 20208(a) ..... | 36 App.:5808(e). | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §§1508(e), 1514 (related to duty to maintain status), 111 Stat. 1965, 1966. |
| 20208(b) ..... | 36 App.:5813 (related to duty to maintain status). | |

In subsection (a), the words ''organized and'' are omitted as unnecessary.

### § 20209. 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

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3241.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| *Revised Section* | *Source (U.S. Code)* | *Source (Statutes at Large)* |
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| 20209 ..... | 36 App.:5810. | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §1510, 111 Stat. 1965. |

The word ''records'' is substituted for ''books and records'' for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words ''This section may not be construed to contravene any applicable State law'' are omitted as unnecessary.

### § 20210. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3241.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| *Revised Section* | *Source (U.S. Code)* | *Source (Statutes at Large)* |
|---|---|---|
| 20210 ..... | 36 App.:5804. | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §1504, 111 Stat. 1964. |

The words ''each State in which it is incorporated'' are substituted for ''the District of Columbia'' for consistency in the revised title. The words ''in furtherance of its corporate purposes'' are omitted as unnecessary.

### § 20211. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

(Added Pub. L. 105–354, §1(4)(A), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3241.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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| 20211 ..... | 36 App.:5809. | Nov. 18, 1997, Pub. L. 105–85, title XV, §1509, 111 Stat. 1965. |

The words ''officers and agents'' are substituted for ''officers, directors, employees, and agents'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.