(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.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

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''.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22505	36:100.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §10, 43 Stat. 968.

The words ''to have'' are omitted as included in ''to use''. The words ''in carrying out its business purposes'' are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 22506. Restrictions

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation shall be nonprofit, nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan, and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

(b) OWNERSHIP AND USE OF PROPERTY.—The corporation may not accept, own, or hold, directly or indirectly, any property not reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22506(a)	36:98.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §8, 43 Stat. 968; June 26, 1953, ch. 152, 67 Stat. 81.
22506(b)	36:96 (last sentence).	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §6 (proviso), 43 Stat. 968.

In subsection (a), words ''as an organization'' are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words ''real or personal'' are omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title. The words ''not reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation'' are substituted for ''except such as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of its creation as defined in this chapter'' to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 22507. Tax-exempt status

The personal property and funds of the corporation, whether principal or income, so long as held or used only to carry out the purposes of the corporation, are exempt from taxation by the United States Government, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22507	36:96 (1st sentence).	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §6 (less proviso), 43 Stat. 967.

The words ''so long as held or used only to carry out the purposes of the corporation'' are substituted for ''held or used for the purposes hereof, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter . . . so long as the same shall be so used'' to eliminate unnecessary words. The words ''the United States Government, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States'' are substituted for ''the United States or any Territory or District thereof'' for clarity.

§ 22508. Meetings

The corporation may hold its meetings at any place the corporation decides.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22508	36:94.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, §4, 43 Stat. 967.

§ 22509. Service of process

As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22509	36:102.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 12, 43 Stat. 968.

The words ''precedent'', ''herein'', and ''or conferred'' are omitted as unnecessary. The words ''with the secretary of state or other designated official'' are substituted for ''in the office of the secretary of each State'' for consistency in the revised title. The words ''post-office'' and ''authorized'' are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 22510. Annual report

Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1305.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22510	36:101.	Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 303, § 11, 43 Stat. 968; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88–504, § 4(9), 78 Stat. 636.

The word ''submit'' is substituted for ''make and transmit'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word ''activities'' is substituted for ''proceedings'' for consistency in the revised title.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions in this section, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104–66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 197 of House Document No. 103–7.

CHAPTER 227—AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS)

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AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107–241, § 1(a)(2)(A), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496, substituted ''AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS)'' for ''AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM)'' in chapter heading.

§ 22701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—AMVETS (American Veterans) (in this chapter, the ''corporation'') is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1306; Pub. L. 107–241, § 1(a)(1), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22701	36:67.	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, § 1, 61 Stat. 403; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95–98, § 1(a), 91 Stat. 830.
	36:67a.	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §§ 2, 4 (related to perpetual succession), 10(1), 61 Stat. 405, 406, 407.
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	36:67i(1).	

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

This text of 36:67a is omitted as executed and obsolete.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107–241 substituted ''AMVETS (American Veterans)'' for ''AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam)''.

§ 22702. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to preserve for ourselves and our posterity the great and basic truths and enduring principles upon which this Nation was founded;

(2) to maintain a continuing interest in the welfare and rehabilitation of the disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam era and to establish facilities for the assistance of all veterans and to represent them in their claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs and other organizations without charge;

(3) to dedicate ourselves to the service and best interests of the community, State, and Nation to the end that our country shall be and remain forever a whole, strong, and free Nation;

(4) to aid and encourage the abolition of prejudice, ignorance, and disease;

(5) to encourage universal exercise of the voting franchise to the end that there shall be elected and maintained in public office men and women who hold public office as a public trust administered in the best interests of all the people;

(6) to advocate the development and means by which all Americans may become enlightened and informed citizens and thus participate fully in the functions of our democracy;

(7) to encourage and support an international organization of all peace-loving nations to the end that not again shall any nation be permitted to breach their national peace;

(8) to continue to serve the best interests of our Nation in peace as in war;

(9) to develop to the utmost the human, mental, spiritual, and economical resources of our Nation;