(10) to perpetuate and preserve the friendships and comradeship born on the battle front and nurtured in the common experience of service to our Nation during time of war; and

(11) to honor the memory of those men and women who gave their lives that a free America and a free world might live by the creation of living memorials in the form of additional educational, cultural, and recreational facilities.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1306.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22702	36:67b(1), (3)–(10).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §3(1), (3)–(10), 61 Stat. 405.
	36:67b(2).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §3(2), 61 Stat. 405; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95–98, §1(b)(1), 91 Stat. 830; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102–54, §13(n)(1), 105 Stat. 278.

§ 22703. 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 bylaws of the corporation.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote in the conduct of official business at the post level.

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1307.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22703(a)	36:67e (words before 3d comma).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §6 (words before 3d comma, words after 3d comma related to discrimination in membership), 61 Stat. 407; Dec. 28, 1950, ch. 1178, 64 Stat. 1122; July 26, 1955, ch. 383, 69 Stat. 375; Sept. 14, 1966, Pub. L. 89–576, 80 Stat. 772; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95–98, §1(b)(2), 91 Stat. 830; May 31, 1984, Pub. L. 98–304, 98 Stat. 220.
22703(b)	36:67f(1) (1st sentence).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §7(1) (1st sentence), 61 Stat. 407.
22703(c)	36:67e (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in membership).	

In subsection (b), the words ''the right to'' are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 22704. Governing body

(a) DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.—Each post may elect delegates to national conventions of the corporation. The delegates each have one vote in the conduct of business of the convention to which they are elected.

(b) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The executive committee of the corporation consists of—

(1) one member elected to represent each department; and

(2) the officers of the corporation as ex officio members.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national commander, two national vice commanders, a finance officer, a judge advocate, a chaplain, six national district commanders, and a provost marshal.

(2) The officers shall be elected by the delegates at the annual national convention.

(d) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1307; Pub. L. 107–241, §1(b), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
22704(a)	36:67f(1) (last sentence).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §§5(3), 7(1) (last sentence), (2), 13, 61 Stat. 406, 407, 408.
22704(b)	36:67d(3).	
	36:67f(2).	
22704(c)	36:67*l*.	
22704(d)	36:67e (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in holding office).	July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §6 (words after 3d comma related to discrimination in holding office), 61 Stat. 407; Dec. 28, 1950, ch. 1178, 64 Stat. 1122; July 26, 1955, ch. 383, 69 Stat. 375; Sept. 14, 1966, Pub. L. 89–576, 80 Stat. 772; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95–98, §1(b)(2), 91 Stat. 830; May 31, 1984, Pub. L. 98–304, 98 Stat. 220.

In subsection (b), the text of 36:67d(3) is omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (c), the words ''each official delegate casting one vote'' are omitted as unnecessary because of subsection (a) of this section.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107–241 substituted ''two national vice commanders, a finance officer, a judge advocate, a chaplain, six national district commanders,'' for ''seven national vice commanders, one of whom shall be a woman, a finance officer, an adjutant, a judge advocate,''.

§ 22705. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt seals, emblems, and badges;

(3) choose officers, representatives, and agents as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(4) make contracts;

(5) establish State and regional organizations and local posts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consistent with the purposes of the corporation;

(9) sue and be sued; and

(10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(b) POWERS GRANTED TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—The provisions, privileges, and prerogatives granted before July 24, 1947, to other national veterans' organizations because of their