

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 200 of House Document No. 103-7.

CHAPTER 503—DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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§ 50301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Disabled 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. 1343.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
50301(a)	36:90a.	June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §1, 47 Stat. 320; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, §1, 56 Stat. 659.
	36:90b.	June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §§2, 4 (related to perpetual succession), 47 Stat. 320, 321.
50301(b)	36:90d (related to perpetual succession).	

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

§ 50302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

- (1) to uphold and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States;
- (2) to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible to membership fought;
- (3) to advance the interests, and work for the betterment, of all wounded, injured, and disabled American veterans;
- (4) to cooperate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and advancing the condition, health, and interests of all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans;
- (5) to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness, and comradeship among all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans;
- (6) to serve our comrades, our communities, and our country; and
- (7) to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which will guard against future wars.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
50302	36:90c.	June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §3, 47 Stat. 320; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, §2, 56 Stat. 660; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-54, §13(n)(2), 105 Stat. 278.

§ 50303. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if the individual—

(1)(A) was wounded, gassed, injured, or disabled in the line of duty during time of war while in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States; and

(B) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or is still in active service in the Armed Forces of the United States; or

(2)(A) was disabled while serving with any of the Armed Forces of a country associated with the United States as an ally during any of its war periods;

(B) is a citizen of the United States; and

(C) was honorably discharged.

(b) NO HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS.—An honorary membership may not be granted.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
50303	36:90e.	June 17, 1932, ch. 268, §5, 47 Stat. 321; July 15, 1942, ch. 505, §3, 56 Stat. 660.

In subsection (a), before clause (1), the words “An individual” are substituted for “Any man or woman” and “Others” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. In clause (1), the words “either” and “of America” are omitted as unnecessary. In clause (2)(B), the words “citizen of the United States” are substituted for “American citizens” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

§ 50304. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

(5) establish State and territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations;

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

(7) publish a newspaper and other publications devoted to the purposes of the corporation;

(8) sue and be sued; and

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

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