§ 100101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, ''State'' includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
100101	36:1713.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97–82, § 14, 95 Stat. 1093.

The words ''the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico'' are omitted as included in ''the territories and possessions of the United States''.

§ 100102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Italian American War Veterans of the United States (in this chapter, the ''corporation''), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
100102(a)	36:1701.	Nov. 20, 1981, Pub. L. 97–82, §§1, 15 (last sentence), 16, 95 Stat. 1091, 1093.
100102(b)	36:1714 (last sentence). 36:1715.	

In subsection (a), the words ''organized and'' and ''the Nonprofit Corporation Acts of the States of'' are omitted as unnecessary. The words ''is a federally chartered corporation'' are substituted for ''is hereby recognized as such and is granted a charter'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (b), the text of 36:1714 (last sentence) is omitted as included in 36:1715. The words ''restrictions or'' are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 100103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include—

(1) giving patriotic allegiance to the United States, fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and support to the security of civil liberty and permanence of free institutions;

(2) stimulating patriotism in the minds of Americans by encouraging the study of the history of the United States;

(3) ensuring the preservation and defense of the United States from all enemies without reservation;

(4) preserving the memories and records of patriotic service performed by men and women who served in the Armed Forces, by gathering, collating, editing, publishing, and exhibiting the memorabilia, information, records, military awards, decorations, and citations of those who served in the Armed Forces;

(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.