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§ 20901. 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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Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
20901	36:2113.	Aug. 10, 1982, Pub. L. 97–234, § 14, 96 Stat. 263.

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

§ 20902. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Ex-Prisoners of War (in this chapter, the ''corporation''), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the State of Washington, 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.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1290.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
20902(a)	36:2101.	Aug. 10, 1982, Pub. L. 97–234, §§1, 15 (last sentence), 17, 96 Stat. 261, 263, 264.
20902(b)	36:2114 (last sentence). 36:2116.	

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

§ 20903. Purposes

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

(1) encouraging fraternity for the common good;

(2) fostering patriotism and loyalty;

(3) assisting widows and orphans of deceased ex-prisoners of war;

(4) assisting ex-prisoners of war who have been injured or disabled as a result of their service;

(5) maintaining allegiance to the United States;

(6) preserving and defending the United States from all enemies; and

(7) maintaining historical records.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1290.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
20903	36:2103.	Aug. 10, 1982, Pub. L. 97–234, § 3, 96 Stat. 261.

Before clause (1), the words ''objects and'' are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (5), the words ''of America'' are omitted for consistency.

§ 20904. Membership

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.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1291.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
20904	36:2105.	Aug. 10, 1982, Pub. L. 97–234, § 5, 96 Stat. 262.

§ 20905. 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)*
20905(a)	36:2106.	Aug. 10, 1982, Pub. L. 97–234, §§6, 7, 96 Stat. 262.
20905(b)	36:2107.	

The words ''and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated'' in 36:2106 and ''and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated'' in 36:2107 are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 20906. Powers

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1291.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
20906	36:2102.	Aug. 10, 1982, Pub. L. 97–234, § 2, 96 Stat. 261.

The words ''and subject to the laws of such State or States'' are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 20907. Exclusive right to name and emblem

The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use the name ''American Ex-Prisoners of War'' and the official American Ex-Prisoners of War emblem or any colorable simulation of that emblem. This section does not affect any vested rights.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1291.)