purchase, gift, grant, devise, and bequest, and to hold, mortgage, lease, transfer, and convey'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words ''real and personal'' are omitted as unnecessary. The words ''to carry out the purpose of the corporation'' are substituted for ''for the purposes of the said corporation'' and ''as may be deemed necessary for the wants or development of the corporation or any of them'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 21505. Charges for medical services

The corporation may charge a reasonable compensation for providing medical and surgical services or may provide those services without charge. Amounts received under this section shall be used to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1296.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
21505	36:4903 (''gratuitously or otherwise'' and words after 8th comma).	Jan. 30, 1913, ch. 21, §3 (''gratuitously or otherwise'' and words after 8th comma), 37 Stat. 654.

The words ''may charge'' are substituted for ''it shall be lawful for the said corporation to demand and receive'' to eliminate unnecessary words. The words ''medical and surgical services'' are substituted for ''such care, sustenance, professional treatment, and other services'' to eliminate unnecessary words. The words ''to carry out the purposes of the corporation'' are substituted for ''be applied to the uses and benefits of the said corporation'' for consistency.

§ 21506. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia. However, offices may be maintained and meetings of the board of governors and committees may be held elsewhere.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1296.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
21506	36:4904 (last sentence).	Jan. 30, 1913, ch. 21, §4 (last sentence), 37 Stat. 655.

§ 21507. Nonapplication of audit requirements

The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1296.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
21507	(no source).	

The section is added to except the American Hospital of Paris from the application of section 10101 of the revised title, restating 36:1101–1103, which imposes audit requirements on certain federally chartered corporations. The Hospital is not included in the list of corporations set out in 36:1101 to which the audit requirements apply.

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§ 21701. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American Legion (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. 1297.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
21701(a)	36:41. 36:42.	Sept. 16, 1919, ch. 59, §§1, 2, 41 Stat. 284.
21701(b)	36:44 (words before 4th semicolon related to perpetual succession).	Sept. 16, 1919, ch. 59, §4 (words before 4th semicolon related to perpetual succession), 41 Stat. 285; June 26, 1953, ch. 153, §1, 67 Stat. 82.

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

§ 21702. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States;

(2) to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the Earth;

(3) to preserve the memories and incidents of the 2 World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy;

(4) to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and

(5) to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service to their country.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1297.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
21702	36:43.	Sept. 16, 1919, ch. 59, §3, 41 Stat. 285; Oct. 29, 1942, ch. 633, §1, 56 Stat. 1012; July 26, 1955, ch. 386, §1, 69 Stat. 379; Sept. 1, 1966, Pub. L. 89–550, §1, 80 Stat. 371.

In clause (1), the words ''of America'' are omitted.

§ 21703. Membership

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the individual—

(1) has served in the Armed Forces of—

(A) the United States at any time during any period from—