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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80501	36:1613.	Dec. 4, 1980, Pub. L. 96–497, § 14, 94 Stat. 2597.

The word ''includes'' is substituted for ''means'' for consistency in the revised title. The word ''several'' is omitted as unnecessary. The words ''the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico'' are omitted as included in ''the territories and possessions of the United States''.

§ 80502. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Gold Star Wives of America (in this chapter, the ''corporation''), incorporated in New York, 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. 1363.)

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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80502(a)	36:1601.	Dec. 4, 1980, Pub. L. 96–497, §§1, 15 (last sentence), 94 Stat. 2595, 2597.
80502(b)	36:1614 (last sentence).	

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

§ 80503. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to operate in the public interest, as a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization, solely for patriotic, charitable, literary, educational, scientific, or civic improvement purposes; and

(2) the purposes stated in its articles of incorporation that are not inconsistent with the purposes described in clause (1) of this section.

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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80503	36:1603 (less discrimination).	Dec. 4, 1980, Pub. L. 96–497, § 3 (less discrimination), 94 Stat. 2595.

Before clause (1), the words ''purposes of the corporation are'' are substituted for ''objects and purposes of the corporation shall be, solely, that it is'' for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. In clause (1), the words ''to operate in the public interest, as a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization, solely for'' are substituted for ''(a) organized and operated in the public interest, as a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization . . . (b) organized and operated solely for'' to eliminate unnecessary words and because the prohibition on discrimination in 36:1603(a) is restated in sections 80504 and 80505 of the revised title.

§ 80504. 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 articles of incorporation and bylaws.

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

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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80504(a)	36:1605.	Dec. 4, 1980, Pub. L. 96–497, §§3 (related to discrimination in membership), 5, 94 Stat. 2595.
80504(b)	36:1603 (related to discrimination in membership).	

§ 80505. 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.

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1363.)

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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80505(a)	36:1606.	Dec. 4, 1980, Pub. L. 96–497, §§3 (related to discrimination in holding office), 6, 7, 94 Stat. 2595, 2596.
80505(b)	36:1607.	
80505(c)	36:1603 (related to discrimination in holding office).	

In subsections (a) and (b), the words ''and in conformity with the laws of the State or States where incorporated'' in 36:1606 and 36:1607 are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 80506. Powers

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1363.)

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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80506	36:1602.	Dec. 4, 1980, Pub. L. 96–497, § 2, 94 Stat. 2595.

§ 80507. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the