

(Sept. 16, 1919, ch. 59, § 9, 41 Stat. 285; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88-504, § 4(3), 78 Stat. 636.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1964—Pub. L. 88-504 struck out “, including a full and complete report of its receipts and expenditures” after “calendar year”.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Printing of proceedings of national encampments as House documents, see section 1332 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

#### § 50. Agents for service of process

As a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred the American Legion shall file in the office of the secretary of state of each State the name and post-office address of an authorized agent in such State upon whom legal process or demands against the American Legion may be served.

(Sept. 16, 1919, ch. 59, § 9½, 41 Stat. 285.)

#### § 51. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to repeal, alter, or amend this chapter at any time is expressly reserved.

(Sept. 16, 1919, ch. 59, § 10, 41 Stat. 285.)

### CHAPTER 3A—UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

#### §§ 56 to 56h. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Sections 56 to 56h related to United Spanish War Veterans, the corporate existence of which terminated pursuant to former section 56g of this title.

Section 56, acts Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 1, 54 Stat. 152; July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title II, § 205(a), 61 Stat. 501, created a corporation known as United Spanish War Veterans, specified individuals eligible for membership, and specified the powers of the corporation.

Section 56a, act Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 2, 54 Stat. 153, defined objects and purposes of corporation.

Section 56b, act Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 3, 54 Stat. 153, provided for principal office, place for holding annual meetings, and possession of property.

Section 56c, act Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 4, 54 Stat. 153, provided for supreme governing authority of corporation.

Section 56d, act Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 5, 54 Stat. 153, provided that governing body determine membership, except as limited by provision of section 56 of this title.

Section 56e, act Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 6, 54 Stat. 153, provided that activities of corporation be carried on through certain agencies.

Section 56f, act Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 7, 54 Stat. 154, provided corporation exclusive right to name.

Section 56g, act Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 8, 54 Stat. 154, provided that corporate existence of United Spanish War Veterans terminate when the last of its members dies.

Section 56h, acts Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 130, § 9, 54 Stat. 154; June 25, 1948, ch. 646, § 32(b), 62 Stat. 991; May 24, 1949, ch. 139, § 127, 63 Stat. 107, provided for disposition and future ownership of property and archives.

### CHAPTER 3B—MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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#### § 57. Corporation created

Major General John A. Lejeune, United States Marine Corps, retired, honorary national commandant; Maurice A. Illch, national commandant; Roy S. Taylor, senior national vice commandant; Kenneth B. Collings, junior national vice commandant; Alexander F. Ormsby, national judge advocate; Reverend John H. Clifford, national chaplain; Edward A. Walker, national sergeant at arms; John B. Hinckley, Junior, national adjutant and paymaster; John E. Brock, national chief of staff, are created a body corporate of the name “Marine Corps League.”

(Aug. 4, 1937, ch. 564, § 1, 50 Stat. 558.)

#### § 57a. Purposes of corporation

The purposes of this corporation shall be (a) to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps; (b) to band those who were on August 4, 1937, serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; (c) to fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms; (d) to hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation; (e) to foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic; (f) to maintain true allegiance to American institutions; (g) to create a bond of comradeship between those in service and those who have returned to civil life; (h) to aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all marines and former marines as well as to their widows and orphans; (i) to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to marines.

(Aug. 4, 1937, ch. 564, § 2, 50 Stat. 558.)

#### § 57b. Powers of corporation

The corporation (a) shall have perpetual succession; (b) may charge and collect membership dues and receive contributions of money or property to be devoted to carrying out the purposes of the organization; (c) may sue or may be sued; (d) may adopt a corporate seal and alter it at pleasure; (e) may adopt and alter bylaws not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States or of any State; (f) may establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; (g) may appoint or elect officers and agents; (h) may choose a board of trustees, consisting of not more than fifteen persons nor less than five persons, to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation; (i) may acquire, by purchase, devise, bequest, gift, or otherwise, and hold, encumber, convey, or otherwise dispose of such real and personal property as may be necessary or appropriate for its corporate purposes; and (j) generally may do any

and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is created.

(Aug. 4, 1937, ch. 564, §3, 50 Stat. 559.)

#### § 58. Annual report

The corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, transmit to Congress a report of its proceedings and activities for the preceding calendar year. Such reports shall not be printed as public documents.

(Aug. 4, 1937, ch. 564, §4, 50 Stat. 559; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88-504, §4(5), 78 Stat. 636.)

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#### § 59. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter at any time is expressly reserved.

(Aug. 4, 1937, ch. 564, §5, 50 Stat. 559.)

### CHAPTER 4—BELLEAU WOOD MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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#### § 61. Corporation created

Ira E. Bennett, Tasker H. Bliss, Nathalie Boynton, Marie Moore Forrest, Elizabeth Van Rensselaer Frazer, James E. Freeman, Margaret Overman Gregory, Harry V. Haynes, John A. LeJeune, A. L. McClellan, Wendell C. Neville, Frank B. Noyes, John Barton Payne, Augusta Reath, Alice Hay Wadsworth, John Walsh, and their associates and successors, are created a body corporate by the name of “Belleau Wood Memorial Association.”

(Mar. 3, 1923, ch. 228, §1, 42 Stat. 1441.)

#### § 62. Purposes of corporation

The purposes of the corporation shall be: (a) To acquire and maintain the whole or any portion of Belleau Wood, Department of Aisne, France, for memorial purposes; (b) to erect such buildings and monuments and establish such institutions thereon as it may deem appropriate as a memorial to the men of the American Expeditionary Forces who participated in the Battle of Belleau Wood, France, and vicinity during the World War; (c) to solicit and obtain members; (d) to charge and collect membership dues, and to solicit and receive contributions of money to be devoted to carrying out such purposes; and (e) to care for and maintain such memorial.

(Mar. 3, 1923, ch. 228, §2, 42 Stat. 1441.)

#### § 63. Powers of corporation

The corporation (a) shall have perpetual succession; (b) may sue and be sued; (c) may adopt

a corporate seal and alter it at pleasure; (d) may adopt and alter bylaws not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States or of any State; (e) may establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; (f) may appoint officers and agents; (g) may choose a board of trustees consisting of not more than fifteen persons nor less than five persons, to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation; (h) may acquire, by purchase, devise, bequest, gift, or otherwise, and hold, encumber, convey, or otherwise dispose of, such real and personal property as may be necessary or appropriate for its corporate purposes, and especially the whole or any portion of Belleau Wood, Department of Aisne, France, to the extent that it may be or become consistent with, or permitted by, the laws of the French Republic; and (i) generally may do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is created.

(Mar. 3, 1923, ch. 228, §3, 42 Stat. 1441.)

#### § 64. Acquisition of assets and liabilities of existing corporation

The Belleau Wood Memorial Association, a corporation heretofore incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, is authorized to transfer to the corporation created by this chapter all of its property, rights, and assets, and such corporation is authorized to receive all of such property, rights, and assets. Upon such transfer, such association shall thereby be dissolved, and such corporation shall be liable for all the obligations of, and claims against, such association, and all of such obligations and claims may be enforced against the corporation.

(Mar. 3, 1923, ch. 228, §4, 42 Stat. 1441.)

#### § 65. Annual report

The corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, transmit to Congress a report of its proceedings and activities for the preceding calendar year. Such reports shall not be printed as public documents.

(Mar. 3, 1923, ch. 228, §5, 42 Stat. 1441; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88-504, §4(6), 78 Stat. 636.)

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#### § 66. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter at any time is expressly reserved.

(Mar. 3, 1923, ch. 228, §6, 42 Stat. 1441.)

### CHAPTER 4A—AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM)

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- 67. Corporation created.
- 67a. Adoption of constitution, bylaws, and declaration of principles; election of officers.
- 67b. Purposes of corporation.
- 67c. Powers of corporation.