

**CHAPTER 71—ARMY AND NAVY UNION OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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§ 3901. Recognition as corporation and grant of Federal charter

The Army and Navy Union of the United States of America, organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, is hereby recognized as such and is granted a charter.

(Pub. L. 99-604, § 1, Nov. 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3446.)

§ 3902. Powers of corporation

The Army and Navy Union of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the “corporation”) shall have only those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State or States in which it is incorporated and subject to the laws of such State or States.

(Pub. L. 99-604, § 2, Nov. 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3446.)

§ 3903. Objects and purposes of corporation

The objects and purposes of the corporation are those provided in its articles of incorporation and shall also be—

(a) to hold true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution, laws, and institutions;

(b) to serve our Nation under God in peace as well as in war by fostering the ideals of faith and patriotism, loyalty, justice, and liberty; by inculcating in the hearts of young and old, through precept and practice, the spirit of true Americanism; by participating in civic activities for the good of our country and our community;

(c) to unite in fraternal fellowship those who have served honorably and those who are now serving honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; to protect and advance their civic, social, and economic welfare; to aid them in sickness and distress; to assist in the burial and commemoration of their dead; and to provide help for their widows and orphans; and

(d) to perpetuate the memory of patriotic deeds performed by the defenders of our country.

(Pub. L. 99-604, § 3, Nov. 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3446.)

§ 3904. Service of process

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

(Pub. L. 99-604, § 4, Nov. 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3446.)

§ 3905. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall be as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 99-604, § 5, Nov. 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3447.)

§ 3906. Board of directors

The board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities thereof shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 99-604, § 6, Nov. 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3447.)

§ 3907. Officers

The officers of the corporation, and the election of such officers shall be as is provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 99-604, § 7, Nov. 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3447.)

§ 3908. Restrictions

(a) Distribution of income or assets to members

No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall insure¹ to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such person during the life of this charter. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(b) Loans

The corporation shall not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

(c) Political activities

The corporation and any officer and director of the corporation, acting as such officer or director, shall not contribute to, support or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(d) Issuance of stock; dividends

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock nor to declare or pay any dividends.

(e) Claim of approval or authorization

The corporation shall not claim congressional approval or Federal Government authority for any of its activities.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “inure”.