Public Law 98-382
98th Congress

An Act

To recognize the organization known as the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated.

Aug. 17, 1984
[S. 1145]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

CHARTER

SECTION 1. The Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated, organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, is hereby recognized as such and is granted a charter.

Corporation.
36 USC 2601.

POWERS

SEC. 2. The Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated, (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.

36 USC 2602.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF CORPORATION

SEC. 3. The objects and purposes of the corporation are those provided in its articles of incorporation and shall include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

36 USC 2603.

(a) preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the several States;

(b) commemorate the wars, campaigns, and military actions of the United States in order to reflect profound respect, high honor, and great tribute on the glorious dead and the surviving veterans of those wars, campaigns, and actions and to give all Americans a greater understanding of and appreciation for the sacrifices of those who participated in them on behalf of all Americans;

(c) stimulate to the highest degree possible the interest of the entire Nation in the problems of veterans, their widows, and orphans;

(d) cooperate to the fullest extent and in a harmonious manner with all veterans' organizations in common projects designed to serve the interests of all veterans of all wars in which the United States of America has participated;

(e) collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to the wars, campaigns, and military actions of the United States of America;

(f) inculcate an enduring love of country, a deep and abiding sense of patriotism, and a profound commitment to Americanism among all the people of the United States;

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(g) encourage, among the youth of our Nation, respect for our national flag, anthem, and for the traditions of America;

(h) preserve the freedoms of all of the people, national peace, prosperity, tranquility, good will, the permanence of free institutions, and the defense of the United States;

(i) foster the association of veterans of the Catholic faith who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States;

(j) encourage morality in government, labor, management, economic, social, fraternal, and all other phases of American life;

(k) promote the realization that the family is the basic unit of society;

(l) increase our love, honor, service to God, and to our fellow man without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin; and

(m) function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of the State or States where it is incorporated.

SERVICE OF PROCESS

36 USC 2604. SEC. 4. 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.

MEMBERSHIP

36 USC 2605. SEC. 5. Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall be as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS; COMPOSITION; RESPONSIBILITIES

36 USC 2606. SEC. 6. 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.

OFFICERS OF CORPORATION

36 USC 2607. SEC. 7. 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.

RESTRICTIONS

36 USC 2608. SEC. 8. (a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure 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) The corporation shall not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

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

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

LIABILITY

SEC. 9. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority. 36 USC 2609.

BOOKS AND RECORDS; INSPECTION

SEC. 10. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of any proceeding of the corporation involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right of vote. All books and records of such corporation may be inspected by any member having the right to vote, or by any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law. 36 USC 2610.

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

SEC. 11. The first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law", approved August 30, 1964 (36 U.S.C. 1101), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(60) Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated.".

ANNUAL REPORT

SEC. 12. The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time as is the report of the audit required by section 11 of this Act. The report shall not be printed as a public document. 36 USC 2611.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL CHARTER

SEC. 13. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved to the Congress. Congress. 36 USC 2612.

DEFINITION OF "STATE"

SEC. 14. For purposes of this Act, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States. 36 USC 2613.

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

SEC. 15. The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in the Internal Revenue Code. If the corporation fails to maintain such status, the charter granted hereby shall expire. 36 USC 2614. 26 USC 1 *et seq.*

TERMINATION

36 USC 2615.

SEC. 16. If the corporation shall fail to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of this Act the charter granted hereby shall expire.

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