

(Added Pub. L. 111-95, §1(a), Nov. 6, 2009, 123 Stat. 3003.)

**§ 140409. Service of process**

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

(Added Pub. L. 111-95, §1(a), Nov. 6, 2009, 123 Stat. 3003.)

**§ 140410. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation is liable for any act of any officer or agent of the corporation acting within the scope of the authority of the corporation.

(Added Pub. L. 111-95, §1(a), Nov. 6, 2009, 123 Stat. 3003.)

**§ 140411. Annual report**

The corporation shall submit to Congress an annual report on the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101(b) of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

(Added Pub. L. 111-95, §1(a), Nov. 6, 2009, 123 Stat. 3003.)

**§ 140412. Definition**

In this chapter, the term “State” includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

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**CHAPTER 1405—MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**

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**§ 140501. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1381.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140501 .....	36:821.  36:822. 36:824(1).	Aug. 26, 1958, Pub. L. 85-761, §§1, 2, 4(1), 72 Stat. 854, 856.

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

**§ 140502. Principles and purposes**

(a) PRINCIPLES.—The principles underlying the corporation are patriotic allegiance to the United States, fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the security of civil liberty, and the permanence of free institutions.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the corporation are educational, fraternal, historical, and patriotic, perpetuating the principles of liberty and justice which have created the United States, by—

- (1) commemorating all national patriotic holidays;
- (2) maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United States and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;
- (3) preserving and strengthening comradeship and patriotism among its members;
- (4) assisting, comforting, and aiding all needy and distressed members and their dependents;
- (5) giving needed hospital and service work through its Department of Veterans Affairs certified service officers;
- (6) cooperating with other civic and patriotic organizations having worthy objectives;
- (7) keeping alive the achievements and memory of our country’s founders;
- (8) ever cherishing the memory of General George Washington, who founded the Purple Heart at his headquarters at Newburgh-on-the-Hudson on August 7, 1782;
- (9) influencing and teaching our citizenry, in a loyal appreciation of the heritages of American citizenship, with its responsibilities and privileges; and
- (10) preserving and defending the United States from all enemies.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1381.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
140502 .....	36:823.	Aug. 26, 1958, Pub. L. 85-761, §3, 72 Stat. 856; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-54, §13(n)(3), 105 Stat. 278.

In this section, the words “of America” are omitted for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b)(3), the word “among” is substituted for “amongst” to use more common terminology.

In subsection (b)(10), the word “whomsoever” is omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 140503. Membership**

(a) ACTIVE MEMBERS.—An individual is eligible for active membership in the corporation if the individual—