

erative action is required for the furtherance of their common interests.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154703	36:4003.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, § 3, 102 Stat. 73.

§ 154704. 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 constitution and by-laws of the corporation.

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

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154704(a)	36:4005.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, §§ 5, 8 (related to membership), 102 Stat. 73, 74.
154704(b)	36:4008 (related to membership).	

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided in this chapter” are substituted for “Except as provided in section 4008 of this title” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b), the words “The terms of membership” are substituted for “In establishing the conditions of membership in the corporation” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 154705. 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 serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154705(a)	36:4006.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, §§ 6, 7, 8 (related to directors and officers), 102 Stat. 74.
154705(b)	36:4007.	
154705(c)	36:4008 (related to directors and officers).	

In subsections (a) and (b), the words “and in conformity with the laws of the State in which it is incorporated” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 154706. Powers

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

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154706	36:4002.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, § 2, 102 Stat. 73.

The words “and subject to the laws of such State” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 154707. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names “The Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America”, “Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America”, “Non Commissioned Officers Association”, and “NCOA”, and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154707	36:4016.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, § 17, 102 Stat. 75.

The words “sole” and “may lawfully” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “This section does not affect any vested rights” are substituted for “Nothing in this section may be construed to conflict or interfere with established or vested rights” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 154708. Restrictions

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

(b) 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 charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
154708	36:4009.	Apr. 6, 1988, Pub. L. 100–281, § 9, 102 Stat. 74.

In subsection (a), the words “any shares of” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words “inure to the benefit of” are substituted for “inure to” for consistency in the revised title.