

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1439.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
170101(a)	36:1151.	Aug. 11, 1971, Pub. L. 92-93, §§1, 2, 4 (related to perpetual succession), 85 Stat. 317.
170101(b)	36:1152. 36:1154 (related to perpetual succession).	

Subsection (a) is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary language.

Subsection (b) is substituted for “shall have perpetual succession” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 170102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to preserve the great and basic truths and enduring principles on which this Nation was founded;

(2) to form a national association for the benefit of individuals who have suffered injuries or diseases of the spinal cord;

(3) to acquaint the public with the needs and problems of paraplegics;

(4) to promote medical research in the several fields connected with injuries and diseases of the spinal cord, including research in neurosurgery and orthopedics and in genitourinary and orthopedic appliances; and

(5) to advocate and foster complete and effective reconditioning programs for paraplegics, including a thorough physical reconditioning program, physiotherapy, competent walking instructions, adequate guidance (both vocational and educational), academic and vocational education (both in hospitals and in educational institutions), psychological orientation and readjustment to family and friends, and occupational therapy (both functional and diversional).

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170102	36:1153.	Aug. 11, 1971, Pub. L. 92-93, § 3, 85 Stat. 317.

Before clause (1), the word “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes”.

§ 170103. Membership

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if the individual—

(1) is a citizen of the United States;

(2) was regularly enlisted, inducted, or commissioned, and was accepted for or on active duty, in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States or an ally of the United States;

(3)(A) was separated from service in the Armed Forces under conditions other than dishonorable; or

(B) is on active duty or must continue to serve after the cessation of hostilities; and

(4) has suffered a spinal cord injury or disease, whether or not service connected in origin.

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170103	36:1157.	Aug. 11, 1971, Pub. L. 92-93, § 7, 85 Stat. 318.

In clause (1), the words “citizen of the United States” are substituted for “American citizen” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

Clause (3)(A) is substituted for “Service with the Armed Forces must have been terminated by discharge or separation from service under conditions other than dishonorable” to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (3)(B) is substituted for “Provided, however, That persons otherwise eligible for membership who are on active duty or who must continue to serve after the cessation of hostilities are also eligible for membership” to eliminate unnecessary words.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

§ 170104. Powers

(a) SPECIFIC POWERS.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and by-laws;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal, emblems, and badges;

(3) choose officers, representatives, and agents as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(4) make contracts;

(5) accept gifts, legacies, and devises that will further the purposes of the corporation;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate State and regional organizations and local chapters or posts;

(9) establish and maintain offices to conduct the affairs of the corporation;

(10) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications;

(11) sue and be sued; and

(12) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(b) PRIVILEGES OF OTHER NATIONAL VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS.—Privileges granted to other national veterans’ organizations as a result of their being incorporated by Congress are also granted to the corporation.

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