

(1) to provide a voluntary civilian agency through which the people of this Nation may, in peace or war, serve the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in the Armed Forces, within or without the territorial limits of the United States;

(2) to contribute to the maintenance of morale of men and women in the Armed Forces;

(3) to solicit funds to maintain the organization and accomplish its responsibility;

(4) to accept the cooperation of, and provide an organization and means through which, the National Board of Young Men's Christian Associations, the National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Travelers Aid-International Social Service of America, and other civilian agencies experienced in specialized types of related work, which may be needed adequately to meet the particular needs of the members of the Armed Forces, may carry on their historic work of serving the religious, spiritual, social, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in the Armed Forces and be afforded an appropriate means of participation and financial assistance;

(5) to coordinate their programs; and  
 (6) other consonant purposes.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1459.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
220102 .....	36:1302.	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96-165, § 2, 93 Stat. 1268.

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

In clause (4), the words "and to accept the cooperation of individual citizens in accomplishing its purposes" are omitted as unnecessary because of clause (1) of this section.

**§ 220103. Membership**

Except as provided in this chapter, the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws. The membership of the corporation consists of—

(1) nine individuals designated by the President; and

(2) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1459.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
220103 .....	36:1305(a).	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96-165, § 5(a), 93 Stat. 1270.

The text of 36:1305(a) (1st-3d sentences) and the word "Thereafter" are omitted as executed and obsolete.

**§ 220104. Governing body**

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of the corpora-

tion. The board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of the affairs and property of the corporation.

(2) The board shall be elected by the members of the corporation for the term and in the classes provided in the bylaws of the corporation. The board includes—

(A) six members appointed by the President;  
 (B) the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary's designee; and

(C) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the bylaws.

(3) The corporation may have other governing bodies or committees as provided in the bylaws.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The office of honorary chairman of the corporation shall be offered to the President. On acceptance, the honorary chairman shall be invited to preside at meetings of the corporation that the honorary chairman deems appropriate and convenient.

(2) The corporation may have other officers as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1460; Pub. L. 109-284, § 5(11), Sept. 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 1212.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
220104(a) .....	36:1305(b), (c).	Dec. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96-165, § 5(b)-(d), 93 Stat. 1270.
220104(b) .....	36:1305(d).	

In subsection (a)(1), the words "The board of governors is the governing body of the corporation" are substituted for "The management of the corporation shall be entrusted to a board of governors" for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (a)(2), the text of 36:1305(b) (2d sentence) and the word "Thereafter" are omitted as executed and obsolete.

In subsection (b)(1), the word "offered" is substituted for "tendered" to use a more common word.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 109-284 substituted "Defense" for "State".

**§ 220105. Powers**

The corporation has all the powers necessary and proper to carry out the purposes stated in section 220102 of this title, including the power—

(1) to adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) to adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) to adopt and alter emblems and marks;

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

(5) to choose officers, representatives, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(6) to make contracts;

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

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