

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107-241 substituted “two national vice commanders, a finance officer, a judge advocate, a chaplain, six national district commanders,” for “seven national vice commanders, one of whom shall be a woman, a finance officer, an adjutant, a judge advocate.”.

§ 22705. Powers

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

- (1) adopt bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (2) adopt seals, emblems, and badges;
- (3) choose officers, representatives, and agents as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (4) make contracts;
- (5) establish State and regional organizations and local posts;
- (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) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consistent with the purposes of the corporation;
- (9) sue and be sued; and
- (10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(b) POWERS GRANTED TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—The provisions, privileges, and prerogatives granted before July 24, 1947, to other national veterans’ organizations because of their incorporation by Congress are granted to the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1307.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Revised Section</i> | <i>Source (U.S. Code)</i> | <i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 22705(a) | 36:67c (less perpetual succession). | July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §§ 4 (less perpetual succession), 8, 10(2)–(5), 61 Stat. 406, 407. |
| 22705(b) | 36:67g. 36:67i(2)–(5). 36:67r. | July 23, 1947, ch. 298, § 19, 61 Stat. 408; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95-98, § 1(a), 91 Stat. 830. |

In this section, the text of 36:67g is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In subsection (a)(1), the word “adopt” is substituted for “ordain and establish” for clarity and consistency in the revised title. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(2), the words “adopt seals, emblems, and badges” are substituted for “to use in carrying out its purposes such seals, emblems, and badges as it may lawfully adopt” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (a)(4), the words “make contracts” are substituted for “contract and be contracted with” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

Subsection (a)(6) is substituted for “take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest any prop-

erty, real or personal, necessary for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation” in 36:67c and “Transfer and convey all real or personal property” in 36:67i(4) for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State” in 36:67c are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(7), the words “instruments of indebtedness” are substituted for “bonds” for consistency in the revised title. The words “secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property” are substituted for “secure same by mortgage” for consistency in the revised title. The words “for the purposes of the corporation”, “therefor”, and “subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal or State laws” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words “before July 24, 1947” are substituted for “heretofore” for clarity. The words “and accrue” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 22706. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its State, regional, and local subdivisions have the exclusive right to use the name “AMVETS (American Veterans)” and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1308; Pub. L. 107-241, § 1(a)(1), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1496.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Revised Section</i> | <i>Source (U.S. Code)</i> | <i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 22706 | 36:67p. | July 23, 1947, ch. 298, § 17, 61 Stat. 408; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95-98, § 1(a), 91 Stat. 830. |

The words “sole and” and “have and” are omitted as unnecessary. The word “adopts” is substituted for “may lawfully adopt” to eliminate unnecessary words.

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2002—Pub. L. 107-241 substituted “AMVETS (American Veterans)” for “AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam)”.

§ 22707. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation shall operate as a not-for-profit corporation, exclusively for charitable, educational, patriotic, and civic improvement purposes.

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

(c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer of the corporation or member of its executive committee as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office. The corporation may not carry on propaganda.

(d) 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 of the corporation, except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.