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| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 22712 | 36:67h. | July 23, 1947, ch. 298, §9, 61 Stat. 407; Aug. 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95-98, §1(b)(3), 91 Stat. 830; June 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-54, §13(n)(1), 105 Stat. 278. |

The words “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” are substituted for “Department of Veterans Affairs” because under 38:303 the Secretary is the head of the Department.

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§ 22901. Definition

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

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| 22901 | 36:3913. | Nov. 6, 1986, Pub. L. 99-604, §14, 100 Stat. 3448. |

The words “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” are omitted as included in “the territories and possessions of the United States”.

§ 22902. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Army and Navy Union of the United States of America (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in Ohio, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

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| 22902(a) | 36:3901. | Nov. 6, 1986, Pub. L. 99-604, §§1, 15 (last sentence), 16, 100 Stat. 3446, 3448. |
| 22902(b) | 36:3914 (last sentence). 36:3915. | |

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

§ 22903. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include—

(1) holding true allegiance to the United States Government and fidelity to its Constitution, laws, and institutions;

(2) serving our Nation under God in peace as well as in war by fostering the ideals of faith and patriotism, loyalty, justice, and liberty, by inculcating in the hearts of young and old, through precept and practice, the spirit of true Americanism, and by participating in civic activities for the good of our country and our community;

(3) uniting in fraternal fellowship those who have served, or are now serving, honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States;

(4) protecting and advancing their civic, social, and economic welfare;

(5) aiding them in sickness and distress;

(6) assisting in the burial and commemoration of their dead and providing help for their widows and orphans; and

(7) perpetuating the memory of patriotic deeds performed by the defenders of our country.

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| 22903 | 36:3903. | Nov. 6, 1986, Pub. L. 99-604, §3, 100 Stat. 3446. |

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

§ 22904. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

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| 22904 | 36:3905. | Nov. 6, 1986, Pub. L. 99-604, §5, 100 Stat. 3447. |

§ 22905. 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.

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| 22905(a) | 36:3906. | Nov. 6, 1986, Pub. L. 99-604, §§6, 7, 100 Stat. 3447. |
| 22905(b) | 36:3907. | |

The words “and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated” in 36:3906