

CHAPTERS 2209 THROUGH 2299—RESERVED

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-237, §3(b)(19), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2839, added placeholder for chapters 2209 to 2299.

CHAPTER 2301—VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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§ 230101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a national association of veterans who as soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen served this Nation in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1481; Pub. L. 113-199, §1(a), Dec. 4, 2014, 128 Stat. 2058.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
230101(a)	36:111. 36:112.	May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §1, 49 Stat. 1390; May 29, 1953, ch. 85, §1, 67 Stat. 40. May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §§2, 4 (words before 4th semicolon related to perpetual succession), 49 Stat. 1390, 1391.
230101(b)	36:114 (words before 4th semicolon related to perpetual succession).	

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

In subsection (b), the words “perpetual existence” are substituted for “perpetual succession” for consistency in the revised title.

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2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-199 substituted “veterans” for “men”.

§ 230102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational, and are—

- (1) to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members;
- (2) to assist worthy comrades;
- (3) to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans;
- (4) to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;

- (5) to foster true patriotism;
- (6) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
- (7) to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1481; Pub. L. 107-242, §2, Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1497; Pub. L. 113-199, §1(b), Dec. 4, 2014, 128 Stat. 2058.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
230102	36:113.	May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §3, 49 Stat. 1391.

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2014—Par. (3). Pub. L. 113-199 substituted “surviving spouses” for “widows”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-242 inserted “charitable,” before “and educational,” in introductory provisions.

§ 230103. Membership

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the individual served honorably as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States—

(1) in a foreign war, insurrection, or expedition in service that—

(A) has been recognized as campaign-medal service; and

(B) is governed by the authorization of the award of a campaign badge by the United States Government;

(2) on the Korean peninsula or in its territorial waters for at least 30 consecutive days, or a total of 60 days, after June 30, 1949; or

(3) in an area which entitled the individual to receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger under section 310 or 351 of title 37.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1481; Pub. L. 107-242, §1(a), Oct. 16, 2002, 116 Stat. 1497; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, §618(g), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2160.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
230103	36:115.	May 28, 1936, ch. 471, §5, 49 Stat. 1391; May 29, 1953, ch. 85, §2, 67 Stat. 40; Mar. 7, 1995, Pub. L. 104-3, 109 Stat. 47.

The words “is eligible for membership . . . only if” are substituted for “may not be a member . . . unless” for consistency in the revised title. The words “served honorably as a member of the armed forces of the United States” are substituted for “served honorably as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States” and “while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, served honorably” to eliminate unnecessary words. In clause (2), the words “at least” are substituted for “not less than” for consistency in the revised title.

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2016—Par. (3). Pub. L. 114-328 inserted “or 351” after “section 310”.