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Sec. 200301. Organization

–STATUTE–

(a) Federal Charter. – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

(in this chapter, the "corporation") is a federally chartered
corporation.

(b) Place of Incorporation and Domicile. – The corporation is
declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of
Columbia.

(c) Perpetual Existence. – Except as otherwise provided, the
corporation has perpetual existence.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1452.)

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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Section

200301 36:531. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774,

Secs. 1, 2, 4(1), 68 Stat.

748, 749.

36:532.

36:534(1).

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary and executed words.

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Sec. 200302. Purposes

–STATUTE–

The purposes of the corporation are –

- (1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865;
- (2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;
- (3) to cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country patriotically in any war;
- (4) to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag;
- (5) to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, destroy, or impair our constitutional Union; and
- (6) to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1452.)

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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Section

200302 36:533. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.

3, 68 Stat. 749.

In clause (5), the words "destroy, or impair" are substituted for

"or make for the destruction or impairment of" to eliminate unnecessary words.

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Sec. 200303. Membership

–STATUTE–

(a) General. – Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) Required Service. – Eligibility for membership in the corporation is limited to male blood relatives of an individual who

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(1) served at any time during the period from April 12, 1861, through April 9, 1865, as a soldier or sailor in –

(A) the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue–Cutter Service; or

(B) a State regiment that was called into active service and

was subject to orders of United States general officers during

that period; and

(2) was discharged honorably from, or died in, that service.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1453.)

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Section

200303 36:535. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.

5, 68 Stat. 750.

In subsection (a), the words "are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation" are substituted for "shall . . . be determined as the constitution and bylaws of the corporation may provide" for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b)(1), the words "at any time" are added for clarity.

–End–

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36 USC Sec. 200304 01/06/03

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Sec. 200304. Governing body

~~–STATUTE–~~

(a) National Encampment. – (1) The national encampment is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national encampment is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large.

(3) The meetings of the national encampment may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) Council of Administration. – (1) During the intervals between the national encampments, the council of administration is the governing board of the corporation and is responsible for the general policies, program, and activities of the corporation.

(2) The council of administration shall consist of at least seven members elected in the manner and for the term provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(c) Officers. – (1) The officers of the corporation are a

commander in chief, a senior vice commander in chief, a junior vice commander in chief, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws. One individual may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer.

(2) The manner of selection, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1453.)

–MISC1–

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200304(a) 36:536. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774,

Secs. 6–8, 68 Stat. 750.

200304(b) 36:537.

200304(c) 36:538.

In subsection (a)(2), the words "several", "always", and "thereof . . . the hands of" are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(3), the words "State, territory, or possession of the United States" are substituted for "State or Territory" for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In subsection (b), the text of 36:537(b) is omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (c), the words "One individual may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer" are substituted for "(which latter two offices may be held by one person)" to eliminate unnecessary words.

The word "provided" is substituted for "may be prescribed" to eliminate unnecessary words.

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36 USC Sec. 200305 01/06/03

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Sec. 200305. Powers

–STATUTE–

The corporation may –

- (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;
- (4) make contracts;
- (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the

corporation;

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

(7) sue and be sued; and

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

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1453.)

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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Section

200305 36:534(2)–(10). Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774,

Secs. 4(2)–(10), 18, 68

Stat. 749, 752.

36:548.

In this section, the text of 36:548 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the word "alter" is omitted as unnecessary. The words "not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which the corporation is to operate" are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word "use" is omitted as unnecessary.

Clause (5) is substituted for "take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any public body or agency or any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold absolutely or in trust for any of the purposes of the corporation any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation" and "transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber and otherwise alienate real, personal or mixed property" 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 property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State" are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (6), the words "for the purposes of the corporation" are omitted as unnecessary. The words "issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property" are substituted for "issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge or otherwise" for consistency in the revised title. The words "subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws" are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (7), the words "complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction" are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (8), the words "any other act" are substituted for "any and all acts and things" to eliminate unnecessary words. The words

"objects and" are omitted as unnecessary.

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36 USC Sec. 200306 01/06/03

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Sec. 200306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

–STATUTE–

The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive
right to use the name "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War".

The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others
to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1454.)

–MISC1–

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200306 36:547. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.

The words "sole" and "or refuse" are omitted as unnecessary. The words "corporation adopts" are substituted for "as it may legally adopt" for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words "and such emblems, seals, and badges as have heretofore been used by the Illinois corporation described in section 548 of this title and the right to which may be lawfully transferred to the corporation" are omitted as executed and obsolete.

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36 USC Sec. 200307 01/06/03

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Sec. 200307. Restrictions

–STATUTE–

(a) Stock and Dividends. – The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) Political Activities. – The corporation or an officer or agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political

party or candidate for public office.

(c) Distribution of Income or Assets. – The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an officer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

(d) Loans. – The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an officer or employee. Members of the council of administration who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1454.)

–MISC1–

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200307(a) 36:543. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774,

Secs. 10, 11, 13, 68 Stat.

751.

200307(b) 36:541.

200307(c) 36:540(a).

200307(d) 36:540(b).

In subsection (a), the words "any shares of" are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (c), the words "inure to the benefit of" are substituted for "inure to" for consistency in the revised title.

The words "This subsection does not prevent" are substituted for "Nothing in this subsection, however, shall be construed to prevent" for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (d), the words "or advance" are added in 2 places for consistency in the subsection.

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36 USC Sec. 200308 01/06/03

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Sec. 200308. Principal office

–STATUTE–

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Trenton, New

Jersey, or another place decided by the council of administration.

However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted in the District of Columbia and throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1454.)

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200308 36:539(a). Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.

9(a), 68 Stat. 751.

The word "various" is omitted as unnecessary.

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36 USC Sec. 200309 01/06/03

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Sec. 200309. Records and inspection

–STATUTE–

(a) Records. – The corporation shall keep –

(1) correct and complete records of account; and

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its national encampments and council of administration.

(b) Inspection. – A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1454.)

–MISC1–

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200309 36:544. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.

14, 68 Stat. 751.

The word "records" is substituted for "books and records" for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

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Sec. 200310. Service of process

–STATUTE–

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of
Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice
to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of
the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1455.)

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200310 36:539(b). Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.

9(b), 68 Stat. 751.

The words "at all times" are omitted as unnecessary. The words

"to receive" are substituted for "authorized to accept", and the words "is notice to or service on" are substituted for "shall be deemed notice to or service upon", for consistency in the revised title.

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36 USC Sec. 200311 01/06/03

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Sec. 200311. Liability for acts of officers and agents

–STATUTE–

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1455.)

–MISC1–

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200311 36:542. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.

12, 68 Stat. 751.

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36 USC Sec. 200312 01/06/03

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Sec. 200312. Annual report

–STATUTE–

Not later than March 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit
a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during
the prior fiscal year. The report may consist of a report on the
proceedings of the national encampment. The report may not be
printed as a public document.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1455.)

–MISC1–

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200312 36:546. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.
16, 68 Stat. 752.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions
in this section, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended,
set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and
Finance, and page 206 of House Document No. 103-7.

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Sec. 200313. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final
liquidation

-STATUTE-

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any
assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be
distributed as provided by the council of administration, but in

compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

–SOURCE–

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1455.)

–MISC1–

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Source (U.S. Code) Source (Statutes at Large)

Section

200313 36:549. Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, Sec.

19, 68 Stat. 752.

The word "satisfaction" is omitted as included in "discharge",

and the word "obligations" is omitted as included in "liabilities".

The word "outstanding" is omitted as unnecessary. The words "as provided by" are substituted for "in accordance with the determination of" to eliminate unnecessary words. The words "and all Federal and States laws applicable thereto" are omitted as unnecessary.

–End–