

(b) to form a national association for the benefit of persons who have suffered injuries or diseases of the spinal cord;

(c) to acquaint the public with the needs and problems of paraplegics;

(d) to promote medical research in the several fields connected with injuries and diseases of the spinal cord, including research in neurosurgery and orthopedics and in genitourinary and orthopedic appliances; and

(e) to advocate and foster complete and effective reconditioning programs for paraplegics, including a thorough physical reconditioning program, physiotherapy, competent walking instructions, adequate guidance (both vocational and educational), academic and vocational education (both in hospitals and in educational institutions), psychological orientation and readjustment to family and friends, and occupational therapy (both functional and diversional).

(Pub. L. 92-93, §3, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 317.)

#### § 1154. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have perpetual succession and shall have power—

(a) to sue and be sued;

(b) to acquire, hold, and dispose of such real and personal property as may be necessary to carry out the corporate purposes;

(c) to make and enter into contracts;

(d) to accept gifts, legacies, and devises which will further the corporate purposes;

(e) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State law;

(f) to adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(g) to establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate State and regional organizations and local chapters or posts;

(h) to choose such officers, representatives, and agents as may be necessary to carry out the corporate purposes;

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

(j) to adopt and alter a constitution and by-laws not inconsistent with law;

(k) to publish a newspaper, magazine, or other publications;

(l) to adopt and alter emblems and badges; and

(m) to do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to accomplish the objects and purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 92-93, §4, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 317.)

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Penalty for unauthorized manufacture, reproduction, or sale of badges or emblems of veterans' organizations, see section 705 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

#### § 1155. Prohibition against issuance of stock or business activities

The corporation shall have no power to issue capital stock or engage in business for pecuniary profit or gain.

(Pub. L. 92-93, §5, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 318.)

#### § 1156. Nonpolitical nature of corporation

The corporation shall be nonpolitical and, as an organization, shall not furnish financial aid to, or otherwise promote the candidacy of, any person seeking public office.

(Pub. L. 92-93, §6, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 318.)

#### § 1157. Membership

Any American citizen shall be eligible for membership in the corporation who was regularly enlisted, inducted, or commissioned, and who was accepted for, or was on, active duty in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States, or our allies. Service with the Armed Forces must have been terminated by discharge or separation from service under conditions other than dishonorable: *Provided, however*, That persons otherwise eligible for membership who are on active duty or who must continue to serve after the cessation of hostilities are also eligible for membership: *And, provided further*, That membership shall be limited to such persons as have suffered spinal cord injuries or diseases whether service connected or nonservice connected in origin.

(Pub. L. 92-93, §7, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 318.)

#### § 1158. Principal office; territorial scope of activities

The headquarters and principal place of business of said corporation shall be located in the District of Columbia, but the activities of said organization, as set out herein, shall not be confined to said city, but shall be conducted throughout the several States and any territory or possession of the United States.

(Pub. L. 92-93, §8, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 318.)

#### § 1159. Use of assets on dissolution or liquidation

In the event of a final dissolution or liquidation of such corporation, and after the discharge or satisfactory provisions for the discharge of all its liabilities, the remaining assets of the said corporation shall be transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs to be applied to the care and comfort of paralyzed veterans.

(Pub. L. 92-93, §9, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 318; Pub. L. 102-54, §13(n)(5), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 278.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-54 substituted "Department of Veterans Affairs" for "Veterans' Administration".

#### § 1160. Exclusive right to name, emblems, seals, and badges

The corporation and its State and regional organizations and local chapters or posts shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and use in carrying out its purposes the name "Paralyzed Veterans of America," and such seals, emblems, and badges as the corporation may lawfully adopt.

(Pub. L. 92-93, §10, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 318.)

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Penalty for unauthorized manufacture, reproduction, or sale of badges or emblems of veterans' organizations,