

# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.



## Constitution, Bylaws, Ritual & How To Manual

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The Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc., does not discriminate in membership on the basis of age, race, gender, creed, religion, or national origin. The Constitution and Bylaws are presented in a gender neutral position. All references to all masculine pronouns are intended to be for convenience and are not gender specific.



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**CHAPTER 101—GENERAL**

§10102. Reservation of right to amend or repeal

- (a) General.—Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal the provisions of part B of this subtitle.
- (b) Nonapplication.—Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to chapters 213, 407, 801, 1403, 1503 (except section 150302(b)), 1513, 1517, 1531, and 1539 of this title.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1283.)

36 USC Ch. 1405: MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, INCORPORATED

From Title 36—PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES, AND  
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§140501. Organization

- (a) Federal Charter.—Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated (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.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1381.)

§140502. Principles and purposes

- (a) Principles.—The principles underlying the corporation are patriotic allegiance to the United States, fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the United States, the security of civil liberty, and the permanence of free institutions.
- (b) Purposes.—The purposes of the corporation are educational, fraternal, historical, and patriotic, perpetuating the principles of liberty and justice which have created the United States, by—
  - (1) commemorating all national patriotic holidays;
  - (2) maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United States and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;
  - (3) preserving and strengthening comradeship and patriotism among its members;
  - (4) assisting, comforting, and aiding all needy and distressed members and their dependents;
  - (5) giving needed hospital and service work through its Department of Veterans Affairs certified service officers;
  - (6) cooperating with other civic and patriotic organizations having worthy objectives;
  - (7) keeping alive the achievements and memory of our country's founders;
  - (8) ever cherishing the memory of General George Washington, who founded the Purple Heart at his headquarters at Newburgh-on-the-Hudson on August 7, 1782;
  - (9) influencing and teaching our citizenry, in a loyal appreciation of the heritages of American citizenship, with its responsibilities and privileges; and
  - (10) preserving and defending the United States from all enemies.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1381.)

§140503. Membership

- (a) Active Members.—An individual is eligible for active membership in the corporation if the individual—
  - (1) is of good moral character; and
  - (2) has received the Purple Heart for wounds received as a member, of any rank, of the Armed Forces of the United States or any foreign country during military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States.

- (b) Associate Members.—The corporation may extend eligibility for membership as associate members to the parents, spouse, siblings, and lineal descendants of an individual described in subsection (a) of this section on terms provided in its constitution and bylaws.
- (c) Voting.—Each member described in subsection (a) of this section has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1382; Pub. L. 110–207, §2, Apr. 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 719.)

#### §140504. Governing body

##### (a) Board of Directors.—

- (1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The board is responsible for all funds of the corporation.
- (2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least 18 directors.

##### (b) Officers.—

- (1) The officers of the corporation are a commander, a senior vice commander, a chaplain, an adjutant, a finance officer, a judge advocate, an inspector, a surgeon, a historian, and other elected officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws.
- (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1382.)

#### §140505. Powers

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) make contracts;
- (4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- (5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;
- (6) charge and collect membership dues; and
- (7) sue and be sued.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1382.)

#### §140506. Restrictions

- (a) Stock and Dividends.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.
- (b) Political Activities.—The corporation or a director or officer 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, a director, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the executive committee of the corporation.

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1383.)

#### §140507. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the national executive board. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1383.)

#### §140508. Records and inspection

(a) Records.—The corporation shall keep—

- (1) correct and complete records of account;
- (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and
- (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1383.)

#### §140509. Liability for acts of officers and agents

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

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1383.)

#### §140510. Service of process

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.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1384.)

#### §140511. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1384.)

In addition:

PUBLIC LAW 110-207—APR. 30, 2008 122 STAT. 719

Public Law 110-207 110th Congress

An Act

To amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America Incorporated to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

Apr. 30, 2008 [H.R. 1119]

Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007.

36 USC 101 note.

This Act may be cited as the “Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED.

Section 140503(b) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking “parents and lineal descendants” and inserting “the parents, spouse, siblings, and lineal descendants”.

Approved April 30, 2008.



**FOR HISTORICAL REFERENCE,  
THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC LAW IS INCLUDED ALTHOUGH  
IT HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED BY THE ABOVE:**

EIGHTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE SECOND  
SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, on Tuesday, the seventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1: AN ACT

To incorporate the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, of combat wounded veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the following persons, to wit: Richard Golick, Chicago, Illinois; William B. Eaton, Lansing, Michigan; Victor F. Kubly, Daytona Beach, Florida; Luther Smith, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Olin E. Teague, College Station, Texas; Charles E. Potter, Cheboygan, Michigan; Paul H. Douglas, Chicago, Illinois; B. Carroll Reece, Johnson City, Tennessee; Errett P. Schrivner, Kansas City, Kansas; Edward Martin, Washington, Pennsylvania; General Melvin J. Maas, Saint Paul, Minnesota; General Patrick J. Hurley, Santa Fe, New Mexico; General William A. Donovan, New York, New York; Admiral John F. Ford, Hollywood, California; Colonel Robert M. Bringham, Los Angeles, California; John J. Martin, Madison Wisconsin; Robert Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Frank A. Weber, Bearer, Pennsylvania; Thomas A. Powers, Brooklyn, New York;

Major Wilbur E. Dove, Washington, District of Columbia; Ernest L. Ihbe, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lloyd E. Henry, Hyattsville, Maryland; Stanley B. Kirschbaum, Detroit, Michigan; Raymond Cocklin, Daytona Beach, Florida; Francis J. Maguire, Gloucester City, New Jersey; Clifford A. Parmenter, Long Beach, California; Harry H. Dietz, Baltimore, Maryland; Charles S. Isklin, Miami, Florida; Victor N. Lukatz, Cincinnati, Ohio; John P. Hapsch, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Richard J. Flanders, Waukegan, Illinois; General Douglas MacArthur, New York, New York; General James A. Van Fleet, Auburndale, Florida; William J. Schroeder, Pelham, New York; John H. Hoppe, Alexandria, Virginia; John C. Reynolds, Covington, Kentucky; Anton Kneller, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John L. Schwartz, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Henry Marquard, Elmhurst, Illinois; James C. Doyle, Arlington, Massachusetts;

Frank Heidel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; John E. Schwend, Webster Groves, Missouri; Anthony Badamo, Quincy, Illinois; Joseph E. Stanger, Bridgeton, New Jersey; Frank V. Fromme, Jasper, Indiana; Arthur Goetsch, Davenport, Iowa; Joseph Stiegler, Junior, Silver Springs, Maryland; William E. Savage, Seattle, Washington; Jack Medford, Tucson, Arizona; Joseph C. Kolinsky, Middletown, Connecticut; Jack M. Decard, Tampa, Florida; Ted J. Swedo, North Chicago, Illinois; Linus Vonderheide, Saint Anthony, Indiana; Joseph Earith, Sioux City, Iowa; Howell Brewer, Doctor of Medicine, Shreveport, Louisiana; Francis Donnelly, Arlington, Massachusetts; Bernard J. Young, Chicago, Illinois; Joseph Richter, Saint Louis, Missouri; William Long, North Troy, New York; Kevin J. Murphy, Bronx, New York; William H. Kinsinger, Columbus, Ohio; Carl R. Carlson, Portland, Oregon; Ray Dorris, Portland, Oregon; James Gehas, Coatesville, Pennsylvania; Charles J. Showalter, Lancaster, Pennsylvania;

1 Aloysius J. Healy, Madison, Wisconsin; Charles O. Carlston, San Francisco, California; Andrew Munson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Peter C. Mueller, Glendora, California; John D. Goodin, Johnson City, Tennessee; Lars Eilefson, Billings, Montana; W. Phil Bohnert, Indianapolis, Indiana; Orral O. Jackson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Major General Thomas F. Foley, Worcester, Massachusetts; Reverend Alfred W. Price, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John T. Mullins, New York, New York; Frank Cushner, Ansonia, Connecticut; Colonel Walter F. Bowman, California; Michael Thiede, Dearborn, Michigan; Robert Sobel, Phoenix, Arizona; Ray Schulze, Yountville, California; Joseph Feingold, Miami, Florida; Herbert McFarland, Cumberland, Maryland; Arthur LaBrack, Brighton, Massachusetts; John W. Fitzer, Junior, Detroit, Michigan; Arthur F.D. Evans, Saint Louis, Missouri; Roland C. Smith, Orange, New Jersey; Charles Burkhardt, Troy, New York; Hugo Engler, Ridgefield, Washington;

Edward Commers, Helena, Montana; Theodore Fauntz, Seattle, Washington; Albert O. Rabassa, Baltimore, Maryland; Michael Doohan, New Haven, Connecticut; Occa V. Phillips, Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Uriah Lucas, Salisbury, North Carolina; Donald Lindley, Kansas City, Missouri; Percy O. Butterbaugh, Lincoln, Nebraska; Stanley C. Langcaskey, Trenton, New Jersey; Alfred J. Gardner, Statesville, North Carolina; Sagie Nishioka, Salem, Oregon; Edgar Eichler, San Antonio, Texas; H. J. Theisen, Port Orchard, Washington; Colonel Michael Ushakoff, Seattle, Washington; Alfred H. Klineschmidt, Reno, Nevada; Francis J. Cayouette, Augusta, Maine; William Floyd, Aurora, Colorado; Henry H. Carter, Junior, North Augusta, South Carolina; Ike Parish, Marianna, Arkansas; Daniel P. Borota, Gary, Indiana; Jerome S. Daunhauer, Ferdinand, Indiana; Robert H. Gamber, Davenport, Iowa; William Powers, Lyndon, Kentucky; Colonel Michael Glossinger, Waneland, Mississippi;

Kenneth Spry, Wyandotte, Michigan; Joseph C. Taylor, Youngstown, Ohio; George A. Davis, Helena, Montana; Harold H. Hamilton, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Thomas H. McGovran, Charleston, West Virginia; Bernard Maurer, Edgemoor, Delaware; Marcus E. Diffenderfer, Ossipee, New Hampshire; Andrew Nomland, Grand Forks, North Dakota; Admiral John Hoskins, Quonset, Rhode Island; Jesus Ascencio Vazquez, South Margarita, Canal Zone; Ernest Collins, Arlington, Virginia; Genaro Cabrera, Cayey, Puerto Rico; Roberto Cruz Figueroa, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Henry B. Haina, Honolulu, Hawaii; John T. Stanton, Kansas City, Kansas; and their successors are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, where the legal domicile shall be, by the name of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation"), and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

## 2 SECTION 2: COMPLETION OF ORGANIZATION

A majority of the persons named in the first section of this Act are authorized to complete the organization of the Corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption of a Constitution and Bylaws, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act and the doings of such acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

## SECTION 3: PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS OF THE CORPORATION

A. The principles underlying the Corporation are patriotic allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution and laws, the security of civil liberty, and the permanence of free institutions.

B. The objects of the Corporation are educational, fraternal, historical, and patriotic, perpetuating the principles of liberty and justice which have created the United States of America, by:

1. commemorating all national patriotic holidays;
2. maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;
3. preserving and strengthening comradeship and patriotism amongst its members;
4. assisting, comforting, and aiding all needy and distressed members and their dependents; giving needed hospital and service work through its Veterans Administration certified service officers;
5. cooperating with other civic and patriotic organizations having worthy objectives;
6. keeping alive the achievements and memory of our country's founders;
7. ever cherishing the memory of General George Washington who founded the Purple Heart at his headquarters at Newburgh-on-the-Hudson, on August 7, 1782;
8. influencing and teaching our citizenry, in a loyal appreciation of the heritages of American citizenship, with its responsibilities and privileges;
9. and preserving and defending the United States of America from all enemies whomsoever.

#### SECTION 4: CORPORATE POWERS

The Corporation shall have power:

- A. To have succession by its corporate name;
- B. To sue and be sued, complain, and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- C. To adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;
- D. To charge and collect membership dues;
- E. To adopt, amend, and alter a Constitution and Bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any state in which the Corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- F. To contract and be contracted with;
- 3 G. To take lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the object and carrying into effect the purposes of the Corporation, subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any state:
  1. governing the amount or kind of property which may be held, or
  2. otherwise limiting or controlling ownership of property by a corporation operating in such state;
- H. To transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber, and otherwise alienate real, personal, or mixed property; and
- I. To borrow money for the purposes of the Corporation, issue bonds therefore, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, or otherwise, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of federal and state laws.

#### SECTION 5: PRINCIPAL OFFICE: SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AGENT

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in Washington, District of Columbia, or in any such other place as may later be determined by the National Executive Board, but the activities of the Corporation shall not be confined to that place and may be conducted throughout the various states, territories, and possessions of the United States. The Corporation shall have in the District of Columbia at all times a designated agent authorized to accept service of process for the Corporation; and notice to or service upon such agent, or mailed to the business address of such agent, shall be deemed notice to or service upon the Corporation.

#### SECTION 6: MEMBERSHIP: VOTING RIGHTS

A. All persons of good moral character who are, have been, or may become members of the Armed Forces of the United States or any foreign country of whatever rank, who have received or who may hereafter receive the Purple Heart for wounds received during military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States, shall be eligible for active membership in the Corporation.

B. The Corporation shall have the power, moreover, to extend eligibility for membership, as associate members, to parents and lineal descendants of the described in subsection (A) of this section under such conditions and upon such terms as the Corporation may specify in its constitution and bylaws.

C. Each member of the Corporation, other than associate members, shall have the right to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at all meetings of the members of the Corporation.

D. Notwithstanding the limitations set out in subsections (A) and (B) of this section, any member in good standing of the corporate body referred to in Section 16 of this Act shall be admitted on request to comparable membership in the Corporation created by this Act.

#### 4 SECTION 7: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: COMPOSITION; RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Upon the enactment of this Act the membership of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the present officers of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, referred to in section 16 of this Act, or such of them as may then be living and are qualified Officers of that Corporation to wit: Richard P. Golick of Chicago, Illinois; Adolph Sutro of Hollywood, California; William B. Eaton of Lansing, Michigan; Joseph Martin of Menandes, New York; Reverend Thomas W. Riordan of Chicago, Illinois; Victor F. Kubly of Daytona Beach, Florida; Albert Gale of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Wilbur E. Dove of Washington, District of Columbia; James B. Barrett, Doctor of Medicine of Troy, New York; who are respectively, the Commander, the Senior ViceCommander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Adjutant, Inspector, Historian, and Surgeon.

B. Thereafter, the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of such number (not less than eighteen), who shall be selected in such manner (including the filling of vacancies), and shall serve for such terms as may be prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation.

C. The Board of Directors shall be the governing board of the Corporation and shall, during the intervals between Corporation meetings, be responsible for the general policies and program of the Corporation. The Board shall be responsible for all finances of the Corporation.

#### SECTION 8: OFFICERS: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. The Officers of the Corporation shall be a Commander, a Senior Vice-Commander, a Chaplain, an Adjutant, a Finance Officer, a Judge Advocate, an Inspector, a Surgeon, a Historian, and other elected Officers as prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation.

B. The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected in such manner and for such terms and with such duties as may be prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### SECTION 9: USE OF INCOME: LOANS TO OFFICERS, DIRECTORS OR EMPLOYEES

A. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation shall inure to any Member, Officer, or Director, or be distributable to any such person otherwise than upon dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation as provided in Section 15 of this Act. Nothing in the subsection however, shall be construed to prevent the payment of compensation to Officers of the Corporation in amounts approved by the Executive Committee of the Corporation.

B. The Corporation shall not make loans to its Officers, Directors, or Employees. Any director who votes for or assents to the making of a loan to an Officer, Director, or Employee of the Corporation, and any Officer who participates in the making of such loan, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

#### 5 SECTION 10: NONPOLITICAL NATURE OF CORPORATION

The Corporation, and its Officers and Directors as such, shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party or candidate for public office.

#### SECTION 11: LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS

The Corporation shall be liable for the acts of its Officers and Agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

#### SECTION 12: PROHIBITION AGAINST ISSUANCE OF STOCK OR PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS

The Corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any dividends.

#### SECTION 13: BOOKS AND RECORDS: INSPECTION

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its Members, Board of Directors, and Committees having any authority under the Board of Directors, and it shall also keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote. All books and records of the Corporation may be inspected by any Member entitled to vote, or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

#### SECTION 14: AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

A. The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited annually in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by independent Certified Public Accountants or independent Licensed Public Accountants, certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States. The audits shall be conducted at the place or places where the accounts of the Corporation are normally kept. All books, accounts, financial records, reports, files, and all other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by the Corporation and necessary to facilitate the audit shall be made available to the person or persons conducting the audit; and full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians shall be afforded to such person or persons.

B. The report of such independent audit shall be submitted to the Congress not later than six months following the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was made. The report shall set forth the scope of the audit and include such statements as are necessary to present fairly the

Corporation's assets and liabilities, surplus or deficit, with an analysis of the changes therein during the year, supplemented in reasonable detail by a statement of the Corporation's income and expenses during the year; and it must include the results of any trading, manufacturing, publishing, or other commercial-type endeavor carried on by the Corporation, together with the independent auditor's opinion of those statements. The report shall not be printed as a public document, except as part of proceedings authorized to be printed under the Act of March 2, 1931, Chapter 378, Section 1, as amended.

#### 6 SECTION 15: USE OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

Upon final dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, and after discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets of the Corporation may be distributed in accordance with the determination of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and in compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation and all federal and state laws applicable thereto.

#### SECTION 16: TRANSFER OF ASSETS

The Corporation may acquire the assets of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, a body corporate organized under laws of the State of New Jersey, upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all of the liabilities of such state corporation and upon complying with all the laws of the State of New Jersey applicable thereto.

SECTION 17: RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL CHARTER The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

/s/Sam Rayburn Speaker of the House of Representatives

/s/Richard Nixon Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

/s/Dwight D. Eisenhower APPROVED AUGUST 26, 1958