

Public Law 85-903

September 2, 1958
[H. R. 109]

AN ACT

To incorporate the Jewish War Veterans, U. S. A., National Memorial, Inc.

Jewish War Veterans,
U.S.A., National Memorial,
Inc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following-named persons, to wit: Ben Kaufman, Trenton, New Jersey; William Berman, Westbrook, Maine; Joseph Gilman, Manchester, New Hampshire; Captain Louis H. Albrand, Burlington, Vermont; Mrs. Ethel Cohen, Providence, Rhode Island; Paul J. Robin, Providence, Rhode Island; Frederick S. Harris, Meriden, Connecticut; Edward Lettick, New Haven, Connecticut; William Carmen, Brookline, Massachusetts; David Lasker, Boston, Massachusetts; Mrs. Sarah Stone, Brighton, Massachusetts; Harry D. Henshel, New York, New York; Captain Joshua Goldberg, New York, New York; Sol Masch, New York, New York; Sam Slutsky, Peekskill, New York; I. T. Rockman, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Harry H. Schaffer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Doctor David Coyne, Hoboken, New Jersey; Edward Nappen, Atlantic City, New Jersey; Howard M. Berg, Wilmington, Delaware; Samuel Michaelson, Baltimore, Maryland; Louis E. Spiegler, Washington, District of Columbia; Joseph F. Barr, Washington, District of Columbia; Joseph A. Reshefsky, Portsmouth, Virginia; Edward Leyton, High Point, North Carolina; Doctor Harry Appel, Charleston, South Carolina; Harry Harrison, Atlanta, Georgia; Paul Ginsberg, Atlanta, Georgia; Harry Cohen, Miami Beach, Florida; Louis B. Lepp, Birmingham, Alabama; Edwin I. Baer, Louisville, Kentucky; Doctor Yale Burke, South Bend, Indiana; Harry T. Madison, Oak Park, Michigan; William Bobier, Phoenix, Arizona; Samuel Shaikewitz, St. Louis, Missouri; Major General Julius Klein, Chicago, Illinois; Nathan Rakita, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Myer Dorfman, St. Paul, Minnesota; Hyman Greenspan, Dallas, Texas; Harold Freeman, Phoenix, Arizona; Harry Pells, Denver, Colorado; Hy Weitzman, San Bernardino, California; Don Kapner, Seattle, Washington; Sherman Z. Lipstein, Omaha, Nebraska; William Stern, Fargo, North Dakota; and their successors, are hereby created and declared to be a nonprofit body corporate of the District of Columbia, where its legal domicile shall be, by the name of the Jewish War Veterans, U. S. A., National Memorial, 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.

COMPLETION OF ORGANIZATION

SEC. 2. 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 doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS OF THE CORPORATION

SEC. 3. The principles and objects of the corporation shall be—

- (a) to maintain and conduct a national memorial and museum dedicated to and commemorating the service and sacrifice in the Armed Forces of the United States during the period of war by Americans of the Jewish faith;
- (b) to gather, collate, edit, publish, and exhibit the memorabilia, data, records, military awards, decorations, citations, and

so forth, for the purpose of preserving the memories and records of patriotic service performed by men and women of the Jewish faith while in the armed services of the United States in time of war; and

(c) to stimulate patriotism in the minds of all Americans by encouraging the study of the military and naval history of our Nation.

CORPORATE POWERS

SEC. 4. 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 adopt, amend, and alter a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs; said constitution and bylaws should likewise not be inconsistent with the laws of any State in which the corporation is to operate;

(e) to contract and be contracted with;

(f) to take by 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 objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, 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;

(g) to transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber, and otherwise alienate real, personal, or mixed property; and

(h) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, 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.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE; SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AGENT

SEC. 5. (a) The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Washington, District of Columbia, 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.

(b) The corporation shall at all times maintain in its headquarters in the District of Columbia a designated agent to accept service of process for the corporation and notice to or service upon such agent, or mailed to the headquarters of the organization in the said District of Columbia shall be deemed notice or service upon the said corporation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS; COMPOSITION; RESPONSIBILITIES

SEC. 6. (a) Upon the enactment of this Act, the initial board of directors of the corporation shall consist of the present officers and members of the board of directors of the existing corporation, entitled "Jewish War Veterans U. S. A., National Memorial, Incorporated", an organization incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

(b) Thereafter, the board of directors of the corporation shall be of such number (not less than thirty-six) who shall be selected in

such manner, including the filling of vacancies and serve such terms as shall be prescribed under 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.

OFFICERS, ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SEC. 7. (a) The officers of the corporation shall be a president and such number of vice presidents as shall be provided for in the constitution and bylaws, as well as a secretary and treasurer.

(b) The officers of the corporation shall be elected in such manner and for such terms as well as with such duties as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

USE OF INCOME; LOANS TO OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR EMPLOYEES

SEC. 8. (a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any officer or director or be distributable to any such person. Nothing in this section, however, shall be construed to prevent the payment of compensation to the officers or employees 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.

NONPOLITICAL NATURE OF CORPORATION

SEC. 9. 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.

LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS

SEC. 10. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

PROHIBITION AGAINST ISSUANCE OF STOCK OR PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS

SEC. 11. The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any dividends.

BOOKS AND RECORDS; INSPECTION

SEC. 12. 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.

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

SEC. 13. (a) The financial transactions shall be audited annually, at the end of the fiscal year established by the corporation, by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with the principles and procedures applicable to commercial corporate transactions. The audit 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) A report of such audit shall be made by the corporation to the Congress not later than six months following the close of such fiscal year for which the audit is made. The report shall set forth the scope of the audit and shall include verification by the person or persons conducting the audit of statements of (1) assets and liabilities, (2) capital and surplus or deficit, (3) surplus or deficit analysis, (4) income and expense, and (5) sources and application of funds. Such report shall not be printed as a public document.

Report to Congress.

USE OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

SEC. 14. 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. Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to permit any such assets being distributed to any officer or employee or inuring to the benefit of any private person.

TRANSFER OF ASSETS

SEC. 15. The corporation may acquire the assets of the Jewish War Veterans, U. S. A., National Memorial, Incorporated, a body corporate organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all of the liabilities of such corporation and upon complying with all the laws of the District of Columbia applicable thereto.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL CHARTER

SEC. 16. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved September 2, 1958.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating the week of November 21-27, 1958, as National Farm-City Week.

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of November 21-27, 1958, be designated as National Farm-City Week, in recognition of the contribution American farm families have made to our civilization and in order to promote better public understanding of the needs,

National Farm-City Week, 1958.
Designation.