

# Why Are the Boy Scouts in the Serial Set? Congressionally Chartered Organizations

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Video: <https://youtu.be/xcgrr1iypmg>

# What is a congressional charter?

- “A congressional or federal charter is a federal statute that establishes a corporation.”
- “Independent organizations which receive support from both federal and nonfederal resources.”
- “Authorized to receive and retain financial and nonfinancial resources from nonfederal partners to help meet their core mission and goals.”



U.S. Government Accountability Office. (2013). Congressionally Chartered Organizations: Key Principles For Leveraging Nonfederal Resources. Washington, D.C.: Government Accountability Office. <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-13-549>; Kosar, Kevin R. (2013). Congressional or Federal Charters: Overview and Enduring Issues. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Research Service. <https://www.everycrsreport.com/reports/RS22230.html>

# Standards

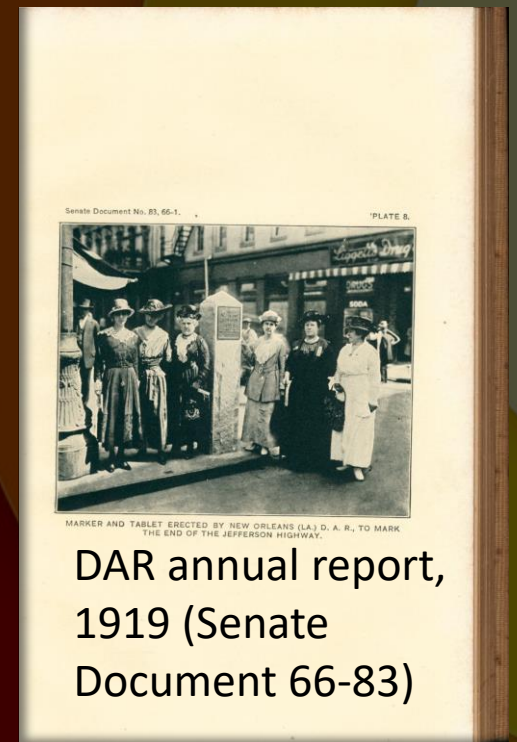
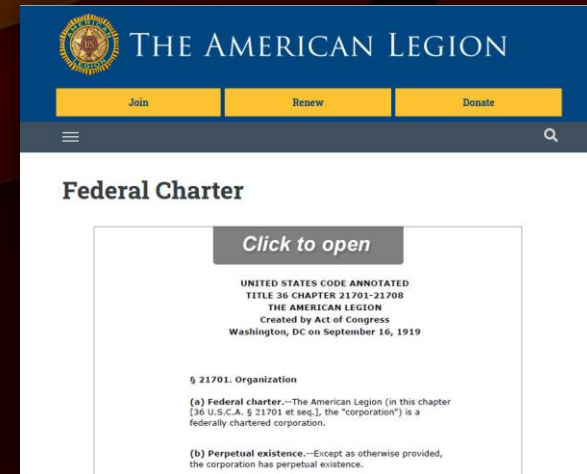
1. Operating under a charter granted by a state
2. Of such a unique character that it can only be incorporated by means of a federal charter
3. Organized and operated solely for charitable, literary, educational, scientific, patriotic, or civic improvement purposes
4. Organized as a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization
5. Organized for the primary purpose of conducting activities that are national in scope



# Title 36 Corporations

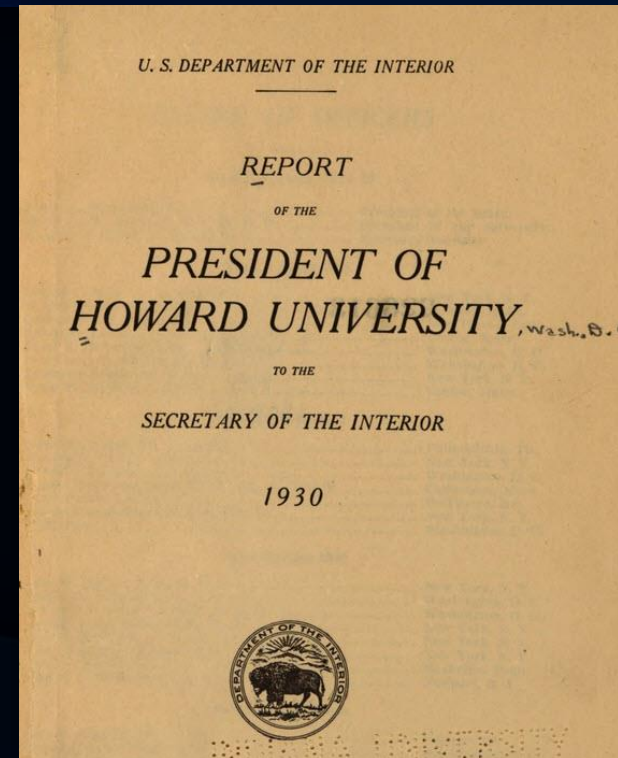
“...established and chartered by Congress to serve patriotic, charitable, historical, or educational purposes under Title 36 of the U.S. Code.”

- Listed in 36 USC Title II
- Examples:
  - Help America Vote Foundation
  - National Academy of Sciences
  - Henry M. Jackson Foundation
  - National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women
  - German Benevolent Society
  - Daughters of the American Revolution
  - American Historical Association



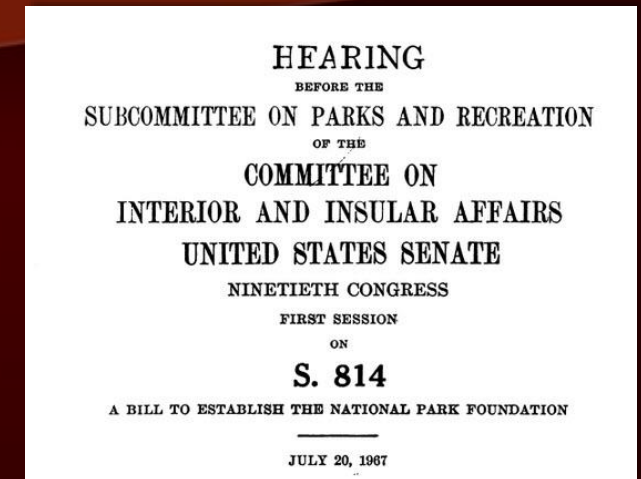
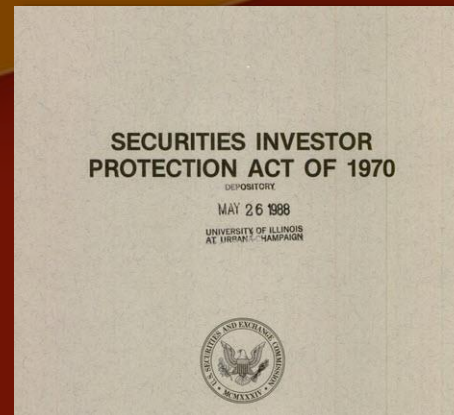
# Educational institutions

- George Washington University
- Howard University
- Georgetown University
- American University
- Southeastern University
- Gallaudet University
- Smithsonian Institution



# Adjunct Organizations Under the Control of a Department or Agency

- Agricultural commodity organizations (USDA)
- National Park Foundation (NPS)
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (FWS)
- Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SEC)




# Foundations, Trusts, and Miscellaneous Corporations Supporting Nonprofit Uses

“Accept and expend government and private funds on goods and services that the private market may under-provide.”

- Examples:

- National Park Foundation
- National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States
- Legal Services Corporation
- Corporation for Public Broadcasting



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# Banks

Provide financial services and promote the health of the economy.

- Export-Import Bank
- Federal Reserve banks
- Farm credit banks



# Commercial corporations

“A government corporation is an entity established by the U.S. government in a corporate form by a federal charter for a public purpose.”

- Tennessee Valley Authority
- U.S. Postal Service
- Comsat

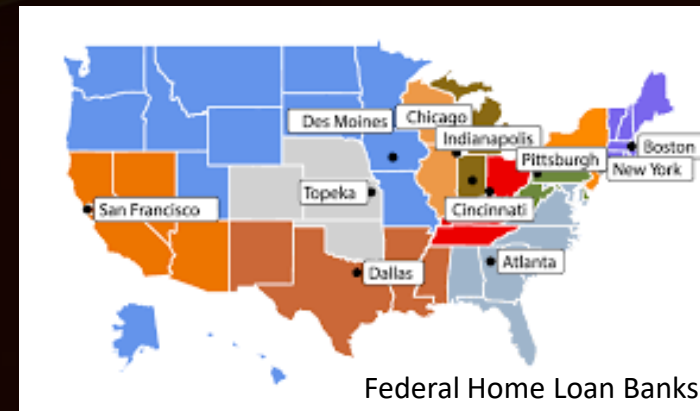


# Wholly-owned Government Corporation Control Act (GCCA) government corporations

1. Commodity Credit Corporation
2. Community Development Financial Institutions Fund
3. Corporation for National and Community Service
4. Export-Import Bank of the United States
5. Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
6. Government National Mortgage Association
7. International Clean Energy Foundation
8. Millennium Challenge Corporation
9. Overseas Private Investment Corporation
10. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
11. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
12. Federal Prison Industries, Incorporated
13. Federal Housing Administration Fund
14. Tennessee Valley Authority

# Mixed-Ownership GCCA Corporations

1. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
2. Federal Home Loan Banks (12)
3. Financing Corporation
4. National Credit Union Administration Central Liquidity Facility
5. Resolution Funding Corporation



# Non-GCCA Government Corporations

- African Development Foundation
- Inter-American Foundation
- Presidio Trust
- Valles Caldera Trust



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# Government-Sponsored Enterprises

- Fannie Mae (formerly known as the Federal National Mortgage Association)
- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac)
- Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac)
- Federal Home Loan Bank System
- Farm Credit System



# Venture Capital Funds

- Telecommunications Development Fund
- OnPoint Technologies (DoD)
- Red Planet Capital (NASA)
- In-Q-Tel (CIA)



IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
MAY 3, 2001  
Mr. TOWNS (for himself and Mr. UPSON) introduced the following bill; which  
was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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**A BILL**

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve operations of the Telecommunications Development Fund.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Telecommunications  
5 Development Fund Improvement Act”.



# Public Authorities and Commissions

Interstate bond-issuing entities that build and operate transportation systems

- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Owensboro Bridge Commission





# Case studies

# Comsat

Communications Satellite Act  
of 1962

“A public, federally funded  
corporation intended to  
develop a commercial and  
international satellite  
communications system”



# Presidio Trust

- Part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area under the National Park Service (1994)
- Manages leases, directs the renovation and environmental restoration of the properties at the Presidio



# Boy Scouts of America

“The purpose of the corporation shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are now in common use by Boy Scouts.”

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**BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE, 1947**

HEARING  
BEFORE THE  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
EIGHTIETH CONGRESS  
FIRST SESSION  
ON  
**H. R. 1621**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO LEND WAR DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORLD JAMBOREE OF BOY SCOUTS TO BE HELD IN FRANCE, 1947; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE TO PROVIDE EXEMPTION FROM TRANSPORTATION TAX; AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO BONA FIDE SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS WITHOUT FEE FOR THE APPLICATION OR THE ISSUANCE OF SAID PASSPORTS

APRIL 3, 1947

Printed for the use of the Committee on Armed Services

# Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety



Featured Listings

	M1 Garand Service Grade "0-66" HRA 4692472	\$1,051.00	9 Days, 9 Hours
	USMC 10x Unertl Sniper Telescope 1215	\$501.00	9 Days, 9 Hours
	WWII Bayonets (lot of 5)	\$1,257.00	1 Day, 9 Hours
	Colt 1911A1 SN 2362872	\$1,978.00	2 Days, 9 Hours
	Colt 1911A1 SN 787005	\$1,801.00	2 Days, 9 Hours
	Remington Model 40-X S/N: 39205B	\$501.00	9 Days, 9 Hours
	M1 Garand 4 digit SA Receiver 2306	\$751.01	2 Days, 9 Hours
	USMC 10x Unertl Sniper Telescope 1750	\$1,002.00	2 Days, 9 Hours
	Union Switch and Signal 1911A1 SN 1080415	\$1,223.00	2 Days, 9 Hours
	Union Switch and Signal 1911A1 SN 1085841	\$1,151.00	2 Days, 9 Hours



# Controversies

# United States Investigation Services

## U.S. brings fraud charges against firm that vetted Snowden

By Sakthi Prasad

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(Reuters) - The U.S. Justice Department accused United States Investigations Services (USIS), the largest private provider of security checks for the government, of bilking millions of dollars through improper background verifications.



# American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. (ASGM)

## Group shuns Filipino mother of slain soldier

The largest organization of women whose sons or daughters gave their lives for their country has rejected Lagaya Lagman, a Filipino, for membership because - although she lost her soldier son in Afghanistan, is a permanent resident and a taxpayer - she is not a U.S. citizen.



98TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION **H. R. 3811**

To recognize the organization known as the American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 1983

Mr. GORE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## A BILL

To recognize the organization known as the American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 CHARTER

4 SECTION 1. American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated,  
5 organized and incorporated under the laws of the District of  
6 Columbia, is hereby recognized as such and is granted a  
7 charter.



# National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2017

➔ **Congressman Mike Turner Opens Investigation Into National Aviation Hall of Fame**



# How long will a charter last?



# Recent developments

Public Law 111–95  
111th Congress

## An Act

To amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

Nov. 6, 2009  
[S. 832]

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

### SECTION 1. GRANT OF FEDERAL CHARTER TO MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

(a) GRANT OF CHARTER.—Part B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 1403 the following new chapter:

#### “CHAPTER 1404—MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

“Sec.

“140401. Organization.

“140402. Purposes.

“140403. Membership.

“140404. Governing body.

“140405. Powers.

“140406. Restrictions.

“140407. Tax-exempt status required as condition of charter.

“140408. Records and inspection.

“140409. Service of process.

“140410. Liability for acts of officers and agents.

“140411. Annual report.

“140412. Definition.

#### “§ 140401. Organization

“(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Military Officers Association of America (in this chapter, the ‘corporation’), a nonprofit organization that meets the requirements for a veterans service organization under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, is a federally chartered corporation.

“(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with the provisions of this chapter, the charter granted by subsection (a) shall expire.

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# NEWSLETTER

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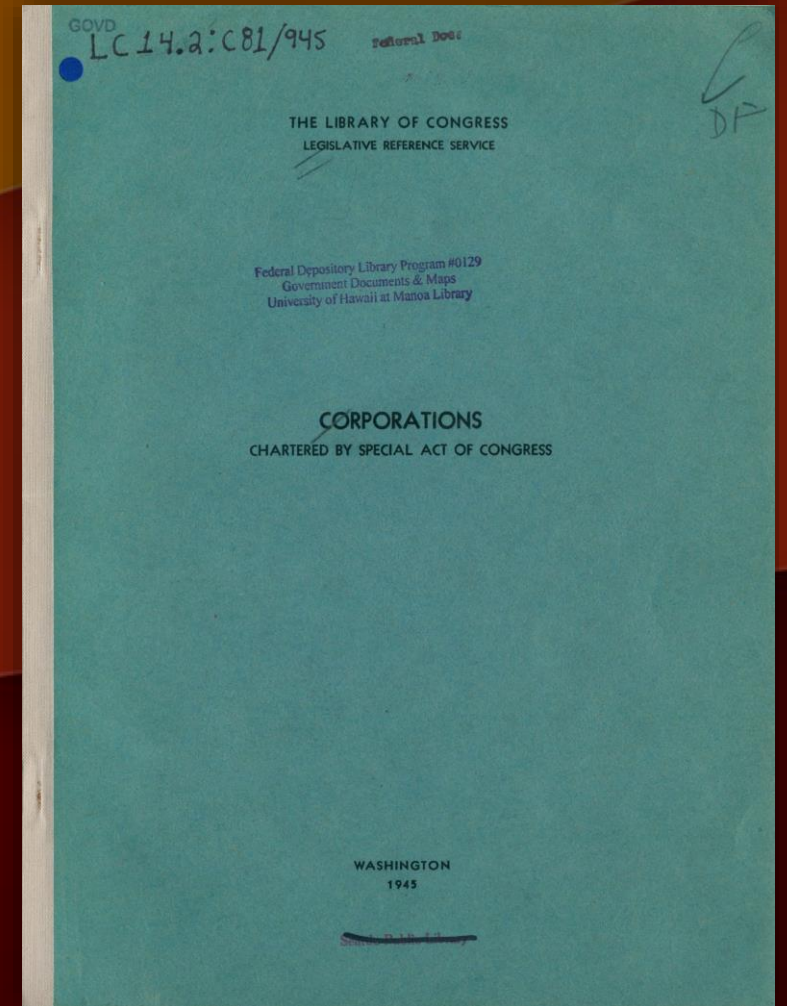
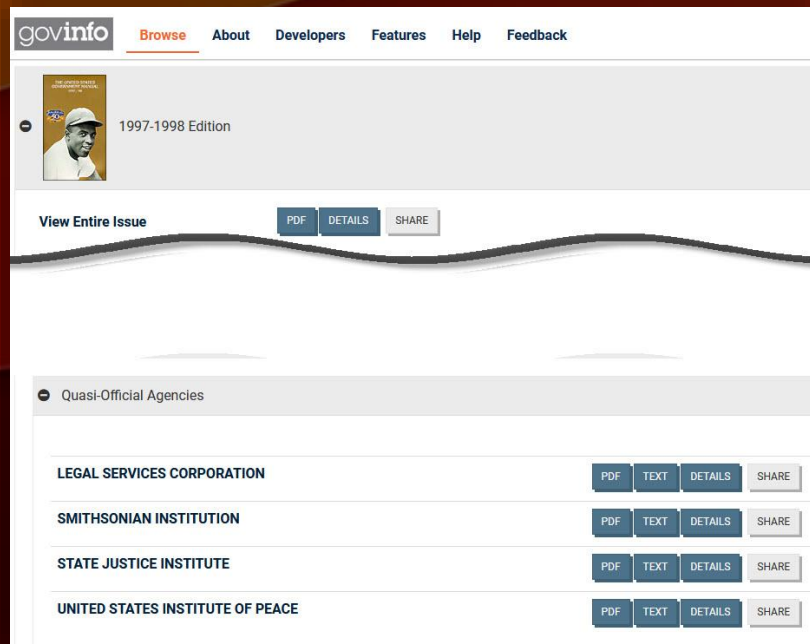
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# Where are CCOs listed?

- Title 36 USC
- *U.S. Government Manual*
- Various ad-hoc lists compiled by CRS and GAO



# CCO publications

## LIST OF REPORTS WITH SUNSET PROVISIONS PART 7 - REPORTS BY FEDERALLY CHARTERED PRIVATE CORPORATIONS

Nature of report	Authority	When expected	
		to be made	no longer due
<b>American National Theater and Academy</b> Activities of the American National Theater and Academy during the prior fiscal year, including a complete statement of its receipts and expenditures	36 U.S.C. 21908; Pub. L. 105-225; (112 Stat. 1299)	Not later than January 1 of each year	January 1, 2016
<b>Corporation for Travel Protection</b> Actions taken by the Corporation for Travel Protection in response to the GAO accountability recommendations	22 U.S.C. 2131(f)(2); Pub. L. 111-145, Sec. 9(f)(2) (as added by Pub. L. 113-235, div. B, title VI, Sec. 606); (128 Stat. 2220)	Not later than 60 days after the date on which the Corporation receives a report from the GAO with recommendations for the Corporation	September 30, 2020

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

## S. 790

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 1995

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

## AN ACT

To provide for the modification or elimination of Federal reporting requirements.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Federal Reports Elimini-  
 5 nation and Sunset Act of 1995".

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<https://www.everycrsreport.com/reports/RL30533.html>

Kosar, Kevin R. (2013). Congressional or Federal Charters: Overview and Enduring Issues. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Research Service. <https://www.everycrsreport.com/reports/RS22230.html>

Kosar, Kevin R. (2011). Congressionally Chartered Nonprofit Organizations ("Title 36 Corporations"): What They Are and How Congress Treats Them. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Research Service.

<https://www.everycrsreport.com/reports/RL30340.html>

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