

**CHAP. 228.**—An Act To incorporate the Belleau Wood Memorial Association.

March 3, 1923.

[S. 4552.]

[Public, No. 489.]

Belleau Wood Memorial Association,  
Incorporated.

*Be enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That* Ira E. Bennett, Tasker H. Bliss, Nathalie Boynton, Marie Moore Forrest, Elizabeth Van Rensselaer Frazer, James E. Freeman, Margaret Overman Gregory, Harry V. Haynes, John A. LeJeune, A. L. McClellan, Wendell C. Neville, Frank B. Noyes, John Barton Payne, Augusta Reath, Alice Hay Wadsworth, John Walsh, and their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of "Belleau Wood Memorial Association."

SEC. 2. That the purposes of this corporation shall be: (a) To acquire and maintain the whole or any portion of Belleau Wood, Department of Aisne, France, for memorial purposes; (b) to erect such buildings and monuments and establish such institutions thereon as it may deem appropriate as a memorial to the men of the American Expeditionary Forces who participated in the battle of Belleau Wood, France, and vicinity during the World War; (c) to solicit and obtain members; (d) to charge and collect membership dues, and to solicit and receive contributions of money to be devoted to carrying out such purposes; and (e) to care for and maintain such memorial.

Purposes.

SEC. 3. That the corporation (a) shall have perpetual succession; (b) may sue and be sued; (c) may adopt a corporate seal and alter it at pleasure; (d) may adopt and alter by-laws not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States or of any State; (e) may establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; (f) may appoint officers and agents; (g) may choose a board of trustees consisting of not more than fifteen persons nor less than five persons, to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation; (h) may acquire, by purchase, devise, bequest, gift, or otherwise, and hold, encumber, convey, or otherwise dispose of, such real and personal property as may be necessary or appropriate for its corporate purposes, and especially the whole or any portion of Belleau Wood, Department of Aisne, France, to the extent that it may be or become consistent with, or permitted by, the laws of the French Republic; and (i) generally may do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is created.

Corporate powers.

SEC. 4. That the Belleau Wood Memorial Association, a corporation heretofore incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, is authorized to transfer to the corporation created by this Act all of its property, rights, and assets, and such corporation is authorized to receive all of such property, rights, and assets. Upon such transfer, such association shall thereby be dissolved, and such corporation shall be liable for all the obligations of, and claims against, such association, and all of such obligations and claims may be enforced against the corporation.

Property of District  
of Columbia corpora-  
tion transferred, etc.

SEC. 5. That the corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, transmit to Congress a report of its proceedings and activities for the preceding calendar year, including the full and complete statement of its receipts and expenditures. Such reports shall not be printed as public documents.

Annual report to  
Congress.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 3, 1923.