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SOME U.S. CODE (AND C.F.R.) SECTIONS PROTECTING SPECIFIC NAMES, TERMS AND MARKS

(This is a partial listing of some of the names, terms, initials and marks which are protected under the United States Code (and Code of Federal Regulations). Almost all of these sections protect symbols, emblems, seals, insignia and badges, as well as the referenced name. Many sections also protect other names and initials. Some sections protect characters in addition to names. See the sections for specific information. See also the next listing which provides other important Code sections, many of which also protect certain names, terms, initials and marks, e.g. 18 U.S.C. § 709. For further information on other sections, see the Index to the United States Code, and the Index to the Code of Federal Regulations, especially under the terms “decorations, medals and badges,” “coats of arms,” “character,” “insignia,” “names,” “seals” and “symbols.” Other sections also exist which are not indexed under these terms.)

- American Ex-Prisoners of War, 36 U.S.C. § 20907
- American Legion, 36 U.S.C. § 21705
- The American National Theater and Academy, 36 U.S.C. § 21904
- American Symphony Orchestra League, 36 U.S.C. § 22306
- American Veterans, 36 U.S.C. § 22706
- American War Mothers, 36 U.S.C. § 22505
- AMVETS (see American Veterans)
- Big Brothers [and other names], 36 U.S.C. § 30106
- Big Sisters [and other names], 36 U.S.C. § 30106
- Blinded Veterans Association, 36 U.S.C. § 30306
- Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., 36 U.S.C. § 30507
- Board for Fundamental Education, 36 U.S.C. § 30706
- Boy Scouts of America, 36 U.S.C. § 30905
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (see Social Security)
- Central Intelligence Agency, 50 U.S.C. § 403m
- Central Liquidity Facility, 18 U.S.C. § 709
- CIA (see Central Intelligence Agency)
- Citius Altius Fortius (see Olympic)
- Civil Air Patrol, 36 U.S.C. § 40306
 - CMS (see Social Security)
- Coast Guard [and other names], 14 U.S.C. § 639
- Commodity Credit Corporation, 15 U.S.C. § 714m
- DEA (see Drug Enforcement Administration)
- Department of Housing & Urban Development [and other names], 18 U.S.C. § 709
- Disabled American Veterans, 36 U.S.C. § 50305
- Drug Enforcement Administration, 18 U.S.C. § 709
- Fastener Quality Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 5401 *et seq.*
- FFA (see Future Farmers of America)
- The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, 36 U.S.C. § 70506
- 4-H Club [also specific reference to emblem consisting of a green four-leaf clover with stem and the letter H in white or gold on each leaflet], 18 U.S.C. § 707
- F.B.I. (see Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, 18 U.S.C. § 709
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation [and other names], 18 U.S.C. § 709

- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, 12 U.S.C. § 1457
- Future Farmers of America, 36 U.S.C. § 70907
- Geneva Cross (see Red Cross)
- Girl Scouts of America, 36 U.S.C. § 80305
- Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute (see Woodsy Owl)
- The Golden Eagle [also specific reference to insignia of an American Golden Eagle (colored gold) and a family group (colored midnight blue) enclosed within a circle (colored white with a midnight blue border)], 18 U.S.C. § 715
- Government National Mortgage Association, 12 U.S.C. § 1723a; 18 U.S.C. § 709
- HUD (See Department of Housing & Urban Development)
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, 36 U.S.C. § 130106
- Life Saving Service (see Coast Guard),
- Lighthouse Service (see Coast Guard),
- Little League; Little Leaguer, 36 U.S.C. § 130506
- Marine Corps, 10 U.S.C. § 7881
- Medicaid (see Social Security)
- Medicare (see Social Security)
- The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America, 36 U.S.C. § 140304
- NASA (see National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration [also flags, logo, seal], 42 U.S.C. § 2459b; 14 C.F.R. §§ 1221.101, 1221.107
- National Conference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia, 36 U.S.C. § 150507
- National Conference on Citizenship, 36 U.S.C. § 150707
- National Credit Union [and other names and acronyms], 18 U.S.C. § 709
- National Music Council, 36 U.S.C. § 152306
- National Safety Council, 36 U.S.C. § 152506
- National Society, Daughters of the American Colonists, 36 U.S.C. § 152907
- National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 36 U.S.C. § 153104
- National Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, 36 U.S.C. § 153706
- Naval Sea Cadet Corps, 36 U.S.C. § 154106,
- NCOA (see Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America)
- Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America [and other names], 36 U.S.C. § 154707
- Olympiad (see Olympic)
- Olympic [and other names] [also specific reference to (1) the symbol of the International Olympic Committee, consisting of five interlocking rings, and (2) the emblem consisting of an escutcheon having a blue chief and vertically extending red and white bars on the base with five interlocked rings displayed on the chief], 36 U.S.C. § 220506
- OPIC (see Overseas Private Investment)
- Overseas Private Investment, 18 U.S.C. § 709
- Paralyzed Veterans of America, 36 U.S.C. § 170105
- Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, 36 U.S.C. § 170307
- Peace Corps, 22 U.S.C. § 2518
- Red Crescent emblem, or the designation "Red Crescent," 18 U.S.C. § 706a
- Red Cross [and other names] [also specific reference to the emblem of the Greek red cross on a white ground], 18 U.S.C. § 706
- Reserve Officers Association of the United States, 36 U.S.C. § 190106
- SSA (see Social Security)
- Secret Service [and other names], 18 U.S.C. § 709

- Smokey Bear, 18 U.S.C. § 711; 16 U.S.C. § 580p; 36 C.F.R. § 261.22
- Social Security [and other names, symbols and emblems], 42 U.S.C. § 1320b-10
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 36 U.S.C. § 200306
- Swiss Confederation [with specific reference to the coat of arms, consisting of an upright white cross with equal arms and lines on a red ground], 18 U.S.C. § 708
- Third Protocol Emblem, 18 U.S.C. § 706a
- U.D. (see Secret Service)
- USCG (see Coast Guard)
- USCGR (see Coast Guard)
- USMC (see Marine Corps)
- USO (see United Service Organizations, Incorporated)
- U.S.S.S. (see Secret Service)
- United Service Organizations, Incorporated, 36 U.S.C. § 220106
- United States Capitol Historical Society, 36 U.S.C. § 220306
- United States Mint, 18 U.S.C. § 709
- United States Railway Association, 45 U.S.C. § 711
- United States Coast Guard (see Coast Guard)
 - United States Olympic Committee (see Olympic)
- 369th Veterans Association, 36 U.S.C. § 210307
- Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, 36 U.S.C. § 230105
- Veterans of World War I of the United States of America, Incorporated, 36 U.S.C. § 230306
- Vietnam Veterans of America [and other names], 36 U.S.C. § 230507
- Woodsy Owl, 18 U.S.C. § 711a, 16 U.S.C. § 580p; 36 C.F.R. § 261.22