ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

DISTRICT # _____ Department of _____

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

In accordance with the provisions of the State of _____, relating to corporations not for profit, the undersigned persons do hereby constitute themselves into a non-profit corporation and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation in accordance with said Statutes.

ARTICLE I - NAME:
The name of this corporation shall be: District # _____ Department of _____ , VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES:

The general nature and purposes of this corporation shall be:

Fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies.

This incorporated subordinate unit of the VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, shall at all times remain under the jurisdiction of, and be governed according to the Congressional Charter and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. In the event that any provision of this Certificate of Incorporation conflicts with the National Charter and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, such conflicting provisions shall be deemed null and void, and the National Charter and By-Laws shall, at all times, govern.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:

The active and voting membership of this corporation shall at all times consist of and be confined to the active membership in good standing in District # _____Department of _____ VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, with eligibility to, acquiring of, suspension from, and discontinuance of membership being in accordance with the National Charter and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

ARTICLE IV - INCORPORATORS:

The names and residences of the incorporators of this Corporation are as follows:

District Commander: _____
(Name) (Address)
District Sr. Vice Commander: _____
(Name) (Address)
District Quartermaster: _____
(Name) (Address)

ARTICLE V - MANAGEMENT & ELECTIONS:

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of this Corporation and shall consist of the District Commander, the District Sr. Vice Commander, and the District Quartermaster, and they shall be elected at the District Convention to be held during the month of _____each and every year in accordance with the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Actions of the Board of Directors as set forth herein shall be at all times subject to the approval of the District.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:

The names and addresses of the Officers of the District, who are to serve as Officers of the Corporation until their successors are duly elected and installed, are as follows:

District Commander: _____,
(Name) (Address)
who shall serve as President.

District Sr. Vice Commander: _____,
(Name) (Address)
who shall serve as Vice President.

District Adjutant: _____,
(Name) (Address)
who shall serve as Secretary.

District Quartermaster: _____,
(Name) (Address)
who shall serve as Treasurer.

All of the above shall be elected at the District Convention to be held during the month of _____ of each and every year, except the Post Adjutant who shall be appointed by the District Commander on the night of installation or as soon thereafter as possible.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

This corporation shall have not less than three (3) Directors and the initial Board of Directors shall be as follows:

District Commander: _____, Director
(Name) (Address)
District Sr. Vice Commander: _____, Director
(Name) (Address)
District Quartermaster: _____, Director
(Name) (Address)

The above Directors shall serve until the next election of District Officers during the month of _____ of each and every year and who, by virtue of their office, shall serve as Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS:

By-Laws for this corporation may be made, altered, or rescinded after presentation to the District by any member in good standing and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the District Delegates present and in good standing at a District Convention. However, said By-Laws shall not conflict with the National Charter, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, nor shall they conflict with the By-Laws of the Department having jurisdiction and providing further a copy of same shall be forwarded, through channels, and reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made after presentation to the District by any member in good standing and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the District Delegates present and in good standing at a noticed meeting. However, said Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be in accordance with the Laws of the State, and in accordance with the National Charter, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and further they shall be in accordance with the Department having jurisdiction and provided further a copy of same shall be forwarded, through channels, and reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective.

ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS:

In the event of dissolution of this corporation all of the assets shall be the property of District # _____ Department of _____ VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES and in the event of the simultaneous dissolution of this corporation and the forfeiture of the charter issued by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to said subordinate unit then, and in that event, title to all of the assets of this corporation shall pass to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to be disposed of in accordance with the National By-Laws, rules and regulations of the said Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. At no time shall the assets of the corporation be distributed among the individual members thereof.

ARTICLE XI - ADDRESS AND REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT (QM):

The address of its initial Registered Office is _____
and the name of its initial Registered Agent is _____.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 20____. (All incorporators (Article IV), must sign and their signatures acknowledged).

_____ L.S.

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