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SUN CITY CENTER POST 1288  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC  
P.O. BOX 5208, SUN CITY CENTER, FL 33571-5208

January 17, 2001

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Enclosed is a copy of our Articles of Incorporation for permanent recording along with our check in the amount of \$175.00 to cover the cost of the following:

Filing fee for Articles of Incorporation	\$ 35.00
Application for Registered Name	87.50
Certified copy	<u>52.50</u>
Total	\$175.00

Please send Certified Copy to my attention. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Paul Wheat  
Post Adjutant  
(813) 634-7777

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**-OF-**  
**SUN CITY CENTER POST NO 1288**

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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, 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 Statute.

**ARTICLE I - NAME:**

The name of this corporation shall be SUN CITY CENTER POST NO. 1288, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSES:**

The general nature and purpose of the corporation shall be:

- (a) Fraternal, patriotic, historical 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 and fidelity to the Constitution of the United States and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its By-Laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.
- (b) To take by gift, devise, purchase or in any manner, whatsoever, real and personal property, and to sell, transfer, mortgage, lease or rent in any manner whatsoever, the same, and to do all the things necessary and essential thereto for the benefit of the corporation.
- (c) To do all things necessary and essential to carry on the activities, rehabilitation, welfare and social work of the Post, including establishment and operation of club rooms and other financial operations for the purpose of obtaining the net profits therefrom for the use and purpose of the Post.
- (d) The said **SUN CITY CENTER POST NO. 1288, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.**, shall at all times remain under the jurisdiction of, and be governed according to the Congressional Charter, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. In the event that any provisions of these Articles 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, the National Charter and By-Laws shall, at all times, govern.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:**

Any person who has served honorably as a officer or enlisted person on active duty, honorably discharged, released to inactive duty or returned, shall be eligible for membership.

- (1) Whose service in the armed forces of the United States in any foreign war, insurrection or expedition is recognized as campaign medal service and governed by the authorization of the issuance of a campaign badge (medal) by the government of the United States of America; and,
- (2) Who is a citizen of the United States.

The active and voting membership of this corporation shall at all times be confined to the active membership in good standing in **SUN CITY CENTER POST NO. 1288, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.** with eligibility to, acquiring of, suspension from, and discontinuance of membership being in accordance with the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

**ARTICLE IV - TERM:**

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence, subject to the laws and provisions of the State of Florida and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

## ARTICLE V - SUBSCRIBERS:

The names and residences of the subscribers of this corporation are as follows:

Post Commander	Raymond Audett	201 Bedford St. #92D, Sun City Center, FL 33573
Post Sr.Vice Commander	Paul Somerville	1254 Del Webb Blvd W. Sun City Center, FL 33573
Post Quartermaster	Arthur Jarvela	702 Medina Way Sun City Center, FL 33573

## ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT & ELECTIONS:

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of this corporation and shall consist of the Post Commander, the Post Sr.Vice Commander and the Post Quartermaster, and they shall be elected at a regular meeting to be held during the month of April each and every year. Actions of the Board of Directors as set forth herein shall be at all times subject to the approval of the Post.

## ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS:

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

Post Commander	Raymond Audett, 201 Bedford St. #92D, Sun City Center, FL 33573	who shall serve as President.
Post Sr.Vice Commander	Paul Somerville, 1254 Del Webb Blvd W., Sun City Center, FL 33573	who shall serve as Vice-President
Post Adjutant	Paul Wheat, 2211 Westminster Manor Ln, Sun City Center, FL 33573	who shall serve as Secretary
Post Quartermaster	Arthur Jarvela 702 Medina Way, Sun City Center, FL 33573	who shall serve as Treasurer.

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

## ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

Post Commander	Raymond Audett, 201 Bedford St. #92D, Sun City Center, FL 33573	Director
Post Sr.Vice Commander	Paul Somerville, 1254 Del Webb Blvd W. Sun City Center, FL 33573	Director
Post Quartermaster	Arthur Jarvela, 702 Medina Way, Sun City Center, FL 33573	Director

The above Directors shall serve until the next election of Post Officers during the month of April each and every year and who by virtue of their office serve as Directors of the corporation.

## ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS:

By-Laws for this corporation may be made, altered, or rescinded after presentation to the Post by any member in good standing and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Post membership present in good standing at a noticed meeting. 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 provided a copy of same shall be forwarded, through channels, and reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective.

## ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made after presentation to the Post by any member in good standing and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Post membership 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 of Florida, 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 a copy of same shall be forwarded, through channels, and reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective.

## ARTICLE XI - MISCELLANEOUS:

In the event of a dissolution of this corporation all of the assets shall be the property of Sun City Center POST NO. 1288 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC. and in the event of the simultaneous dissolution of this corporation and of 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 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 XII - ADDRESS AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

The address and principal place of business of this corporation shall be VFW Post 1288, PO Box 5208, Sun City Center, FL 33571-5208.

## ARTICLE XIII - DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT:

The designated registered office is PO Box 5208, Sun City Center, FL 33571-5208 and the initial registered agent is Quartermaster Arthur Jarvela, VFW Post 1288, PO Box 5208, Sun City Center, FL 33571-5208.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th Day of April, 1999.



Debra M. Williams  
MY COMMISSION # CC766247 EXPIRES  
August 10, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

Debra M. Williams

*Raymond J. Audett* L.S.  
Raymond Audett

*Paul Somerville*  
Paul Somerville

*Arthur L. Jarvela* L.S.  
Arthur Jarvela

REVIEWED AUG 10 1999  
FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
CORRECTION(S), ADDITION(S),  
DELETION(S) AND/OR EXCEP-  
TION(S) NOTED HEREON  
*Lawrence LeFebvre*  
LAWRENCE LeFEBVRE  
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

**RESIDENT AGENT CERTIFICATE**

In pursuance of Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act; First:

That SUN CITY CENTER POST NO. 1288, Post No. 1288, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at PO Box 5208, Sun City Center, FL 33571-5208, has named Quartermaster Arthur Jarvela, located at VFW Post 1288, PO Box 5208, Sun City Center, FL 33571-5208 as its agent to accept service or process within this State.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above states corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

*Arthur L. Jarvela*  
REGISTERED AGENT

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on the 5th day of April, 1999, by Arthur Jarvela who is personally known to me or has produced Fl. Drivers License as identification and who did/did not take an oath.



Debra M. Williams  
MY COMMISSION # CC766247 EXPIRES  
August 10, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

*Debra M. Williams*  
Notary Public  
Name of Notary Public:  
Commission Number:

**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been designated as the Registered Agent for SUN CITY CENTER POST NO. 1288, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC., I hereby accept the designation and agree to act as the Registered Agent of said corporation.

Dated April 5, 1999

*Arthur L. Jarvela*

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