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PHILIP E. ADAMS 1196 Lake Parke Drive Jacksonville, FL 32259 (904) 230-1907

Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

5 October 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept for filing the enclosed Articles of Incorporation for a new corporation as required by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$78.75 for filing fees, registered agent designation, and optional certified copy. If you need additional information, I may be reached at the above address and phone number or at (904) 542-1260.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Adams

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(1) Check for \$78.75

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

#### ARTICLE I NAME

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The name of the corporation shall be:

American Veterans Advocates, Inc.

## ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

#### **Principal Place of Business:**

## Mailing address:

4443 Morning Dove Drive Jacksonville, FL 32258

American Veterans Advocates, Inc. P.O. Box 28364 Jacksonville, FL 32226-8364

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

To aid, support and refer Veterans and/or their families to sources of information and assistance to which they are morally and lawfully entitled, and to formulate, support and/or sponsor legislation, laws and policies that call for the full repatriation and accounting of all Prisoners Of War and Service Members Missing in Action.

# ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

The directors are elected through the process of a general membership nomination, which is seconded and carried, for all directors. Then the names of the directors are placed on a ballot for each member to vote for their designated choice(s). After all ballots are marked and given to the election chairperson, they are counted, tallied. Each elected director is then announced to the general membership.

# ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The name(s), address(es) and title(s):

Richard J. Williams 4443 Morning Dove Drive Jacksonville, FL 32258 President Russell R. Dean 3177 Sarahs Court Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 Vice President

Steven M. Johnson 11057 Iowa Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32219-2036 Secretary

John Guenther 14653 Camberwell Lane, North Jacksonville, FL 32258 Treasurer

#### ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Steven M. Johnson 11057 Iowa Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32219-2036

## ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Philip Adams 1196 Lake Parke Drive Jacksonville, FL 32259

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

Date

Signature/Incorporator

Date