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

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## SUBJECT: <u>VETERANS CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF</u> <u>SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.</u>

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check in the amount of \$87.50 to cover the Filing Fee, Certified Copy and Certificate of Status.

FROM: R. M. Stone

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., [Not for Profit])

#### VETERANS CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation shall be VETERANS CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

#### ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shalf;

Veterans Civic Association of Southwest Florida, Inc. Post Office Box 4089 North Fort Myers, Florida 33918

However, the corporation may establish physical offices at various locations, from time to time, in the Southwest Florida area.

#### ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The purposes for which this corporation was organized consist of the following:

- > To facilitate the availability and improvement of veterans medical treatment within Southwest Florida; and
- > To involve local governmental agencies, charities, schools, civic and business organizations on matters concerning the welfare of the community, its veterans and citizens; and
- > To be proactive in all National Veterans' Concerns and issues.

#### ARTICLE IV. MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There shall be not less than three (3) nor more than twelve (12) Directors for the corporation. All Directors, other than the initial directors, shall be nominated and elected by the general membership once each year as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V. INITIAL DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

The initial members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons:

- (1) Cheryl Diamond, 684 Brigantine, No. Fort Myers, FL 33917
- (2) Don Gill, 674 Brigantine, No. Fort Myers, FL 33917
- (3) R. M. Stone, 13140 Burningtree Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33919

Additional members of the board may be elected at the first general meeting.

The officers of the corporation shall consist of the following:

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

The officers of the corporation shall be elected and/or appointed by the Board of Directors. The initial officers shall be so established at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Additional Directors and Officers may be appointed or elected, from time to time, as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The initial Registered Agent for the corporation is the following named person:

R. M. Stone 13140 Burningtree Ave. Fort Myers, FL 33919

#### ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR

The name of the Incorporator for the corporation is the following named person:

Don Gill 684 Brigantine No. Fort Myers, FL 33917

Having been named 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.	
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Signature of Registered Agent	Date
Signature of Incorporator	<u> </u>