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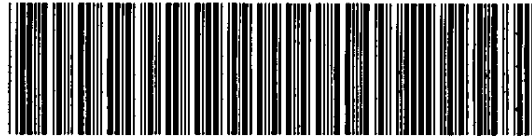
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## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Operation Patriot, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Sharon E. Richmond  
Name (Printed or typed)

P. O. Box 2443  
Address

Brandon, FL 33509  
City, State & Zip

813-244-8403  
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR**

**OPERATION PATRIOT, INC.**

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

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Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be Operation Patriot, Inc.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The place in this state where the principal office of the corporation is to be located at 5833 Jenny Drive in the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County.

The mailing address of the corporation shall be Post Office Box 2443, Brandon, Florida 33509.

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

This corporation is established to provide for the needs of the Veterans residing in local Veterans Nursing Homes, making their retirement years more comfortable and pleasant.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors/officers are elected is by majority vote.

**ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

Ken Escobio - 508 33<sup>rd</sup> Street S.E., Ruskin, Florida 33570 - President

Robert Howard - 10521 Opus Drive, Riverview, Florida 33569 - Vice President

Sharon Richmond - Post Office Box 2443, Brandon, Florida 33509 - Secretary-Treasurer

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

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

Sharon Richmond - 5833 Jenny Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Sharon Richmond - 5833 Jenny Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617

#### ARTICLE VIII ASSET DISTRIBUTION

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX MEMBERS

Members in this corporation are defined in the bylaws.


#### ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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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

6-29-07  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Incorporator

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