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September 28, 2011

Amendment Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: The Veterans' Battle Buddy, Inc.

Document Number: N07000011270

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed please find our Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of The Veterans' Battle Buddy, Inc., changing the name to Florida Veterans for Common Sense Fund, Inc., a Florida Not For Profit Corporation, as well as changing some of the articles which was adopted on September 27, 2011.

We are also enclosing a check in the amount of \$35.00. Please acknowledge receipt of these Articles and check.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

James R. Dirmann

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**Enclosures** 

### ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE VETERANS' BATTLE BUDDY, INC.



#### **Changing Name To:**

#### FLORIDA VETERANS FOR COMMON SENSE FUND, INC. A Florida Not For Profit Corporation

(In Compliance With Florida Statutes Chapter 617)

#### **ARTICLE 1. NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be: Florida Veterans for Common Sense Fund, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE 2. ADDRESS**

The Corporation's principal place of business and mailing address is:

100 Wallace Avenue, Suite 240, Sarasota, Florida 34237.

#### **ARTICLE 3. DURATION**

This corporation shall have perpetual duration.

#### ARTICLE 4. PURPOSE

This corporation is a not for profit social welfare corporation and no part of its net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. It is organized under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act for the purpose of engaging in activities which promote the social welfare of the community in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including but not limited to:

O The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under that code.

- O Advocating on behalf of veterans, military members, and their families for legislation and initiatives that reflect their experience and concerns, and which support the organization's goals.
- o Educating veterans, military members, their families, and the public-atlarge as to the rights and needs of veterans, military members and their families and on national security issues. The organization may make distributions to tax exempt organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under the code.
- o Assisting veterans, military members, and their families.
- Support the Statement of Principles of Florida Veterans for Common Sense Inc., which are:
  - 1. Veterans have a duty to help forge the future of our country. To that end, Florida Veterans for Common Sense will work to shape local and national policies.
  - 2. As veterans, we support the founding principles of the United States of America. We hold these to be liberty, equality, human rights and democracy. We support these values without regard to partisan politics.
  - 3. As veterans, we call upon our government to provide returning veterans the best medical and psychological treatment. We call for dedicated funding and fundamental reform of the Veterans Administration to provide such treatment for all veterans.
  - 4. As veterans, we support a strong military designed to protect citizens against 21st century threats both foreign and domestic.
  - 5. As veterans, we support the ethical and humane treatment of prisoners and we oppose all torture.

Not withstanding any other provisions of these articles, this corporation shall not, as a substantial part of it's activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; and shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (1) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any further United States Internal

Revenue law or (2) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provisions of any further United States Internal Revenue law.

#### **ARTICLE 5. MEMBERS**

The sole class of members of this corporation shall be its directors. The qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admissions, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of the members shall be as regulated in the By-Laws. The members of this corporation shall have no right, title or interest whatsoever in its income, property or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property, or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this corporation. Members of this corporation shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the corporation, and shall not be subject to any assessments.

#### **ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of directors. The number of directors shall be five, or such greater or lesser number as may be determined from time to time by the by-laws of the corporation.

The directors shall be elected in the annual meeting of the corporation and shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until the qualification of their successors in office. The terms of directors shall be phased so that as nearly as possible one half of the trustees shall have terms expiring and elected each year. The names and addresses of such first members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Eugene Jones 356 Island Circle Sarasota, FL 34242

James R. Dirmann 100 Wallace Avenue, Ste. 240 Sarasota, FL 34237

Geoffrey D. Morris 245 Tamiami Trail N., Ste. E Venice, FL 34285 Michael T. Burns 100 Wallace Avenue, Ste. 255 Sarasota, FL 34237

Harvey I. Gochberg 4770 Ringwood Meadow Sarasota, FL 34235

#### **ARTICLE 7. OFFICERS**

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and such other officers as may be prescribed in the By-Laws. Each officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. The powers, duties and terms of office of all officers and methods of filling vacancies in office shall be prescribed in the By-Laws. Each officer shall perform the duties of the office until a successor has been elected.

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election under the By-Laws are:

President

Eugene Jones

Vice President:

Michael T. Burns

Secretary

Harvey I. Gochberg

Treasurer

James R. Dirmann

#### ARTICLE 8. BY-LAWS

By-Laws of the corporation may be adopted or amended by approval of twothirds (2/3) of the members entitled to vote thereon, unless all of the members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that certain By-Laws or amendments thereto be made.

#### ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the members of the Board of Directors at any annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

# ARTICLE 10. THE VETERANS' BATTLE BUDDY, INC. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

This corporation was preceded by The Veterans' Battle Buddy, Inc. This amendment updates the name and focus of the organization.

#### ARTICLE 11. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address and mailing address of the principal office of the corporation is: 100 Wallace Avenue, Suite 240, Sarasota, Florida 34237. The name of its registered

agent is Eugene Jones, 356 Island Circle, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

The principal office may be changed upon a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors, but shall be located in Sarasota or Manatee County, Florida.

#### ARTICLE 12. DISPOSITION UPON DISSOLUTION

On the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objectives and purposes herein set forth, all of the property and assets of the corporation remaining after the Board of Trustees has paid or made provisions for the payment of all of the debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to such nonprofit, tax exempt charitable operations under Section 503(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any federal tax code then in effect, fund(s), foundation(s) or corporation(s) that is or are organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as may be selected by the Board of Trustees of this corporation so that the properties and assets of this corporation shall then be used for, and devoted to, the purposes of carrying on the objectives and work of this corporation. In no way shall any of the assets or property of this corporation, or proceeds of any of the assets or property, in the event of a dissolution, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sums subscribed, donated or contributed by such members or for any other purpose.

The undersigned President and Articles of Incorporation in accord with September, 2011.  (SEAL)	Secretary have executed these Amendments to ha vote of Board of Directors on the day of EUGENE JONES, PRESIDENT  HARVEY GOCHBERG, SECRETARY
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The foregoing instrument was acl September, 2011, by Harvey Gochberg, a	knowledged before me this <b>28</b> day of as Secretary.
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ine date of each amendment(s)	adoption: September 2/, 2011
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