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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

#### SUBJECT: CASH MCCLAIN VETERAN ASSISTANCE OF FLORIDA, 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 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status

\$78.75	\$87.50
S78.75 Filing Fee	S87.50 Filing Fee,
& Certified Copy	Certified Copy
	& Certificate
ADDITIONAL C	OPY REQUIRED

FROM: DR. AYESHA MCCLAIN

Name (Printed or typed)

150 NW 168TH ST SUITE 210

Address

MIAMI FL 33169

City, State & Zip

### 786-273-0294

Daytime Telephone number

# help@cmveteran.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The Undersigned Incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation Under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, in compliance with Chapter 617, F.S.

# ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

#### CASH McCLAIN VETERAN ASSISTANCE OF FLORIDA, INC.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

150 NW 168<sup>th</sup> St Suite 210 MIAMI, FL 33169

### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Cash McClain Veteran Assistance of Florida, Inc is a program under Chai Community Services, Inc a non-profit 501C3 organization which provides social services to honorable discharged disadvantaged near poverty level veterans as well as to homeless veterans and their families.

CMVA of Florida, Inc. is dedicated to eliminating homelessness for veterans and families through prevention, education, supportive services and advocacy. CMVA of Florida provides supportive, structured housing to Florida veterans with the assistance necessary to ensure successful independent living in the community.

CMVA of Florida, Inc. operates unique transitional properties that range from apartments to homes. One facility offers a specialized program to aid clients recovering from substance abuse. Providing mental counseling along with medical services through our medical program Chai Medical Care Center.

CMVA of Florida's focus is on serving veterans with extreme barriers to employment such as chronic mental illness and chronic homelessness. Individualized case management is provided, along with job skills training and life skills and money management classes.

#### **Common Issues Facing Veterans**

Life after the military can pose many challenges to veterans and family members. For some, returning to civilian life may feel like another battle that poses a variety of



be successfully overcome. There are many factors involved in a veteran's readjustment to civilian life, some of which include:

- Understanding and abiding by civilian legal standards that may be different from military standards.
- Coexisting with cultures, values, and norms different from those of the military.
- Dealing with authority figures.
- Re-establishing and even re-evaluating relationships with family and friends.
- Finding a new career path.
- Pursuing college/university education.
- Locating a new home.

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Other factors of readjustment may even be a bit more complex. They may even be so complex for the individual veteran, that they prevent a progressive and positive readjustment towards a bright future. Depending on the individual veteran and whether or not he/she has the benefit of a positive support system, these intrinsic matters can be crucial to his/her overall transition and successful development. Such issues of concern include:

- Veteran's relationship with him/herself, their sense of identity, purpose, and self-worth.
- Reassessment of life goals and ambitions, followed by setting and achieving personal/professional goals.
- Coping with "starting over" in society. No longer holding the respect and authority afforded by a particular rank and/or billet, ultimately being regarded as "Joe Smith" versus "Sergeant Smith, the Platoon Sergeant."
- Psychological effects of traumatic experiences, which may inhibit personal and professional growth. Examples include PTSD, survivor's guilt, depression, and inclinations towards substance abuse/addiction.
- Physical handicap as a result of injuries sustained in combat. Such injuries may include disfigurement, amputation, and scarification.

As a whole, transitioning out of the military can be a very difficult experience, contrary to the common illusion of "everything being gravy in the civilian world." The reality is that the civilian world abides by many standards that are seemingly opposite of those of the military. It's our mission to help veterans transition back into civilian communities successfully.

The activities and services of the Cash McClain Veteran Assistance of Florida, Inc. are available to all residents of the communities in which it serves without regard for income, race, color, national origin or handicap of the participants.

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Said 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 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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 thereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be 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. Not withstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170C (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501C(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 organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the Directors are elected or appointed is:

The method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.



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

List names(s), address (es) and specific titles(s):

Dr. Ayesha McClain, President/CEO 150 NW 168<sup>th</sup> St Suite 210 Miami, FL 33169 Dr. Felicia Austin, Director 150 N.W .168<sup>th</sup> St Suite 210 Miami, FL 33169

Elouise Brown, Director 150 N.W. 168<sup>th</sup> St Miami, FL 33169 Rasheedah Davis, Director 150 NW 168<sup>th</sup> St Suite 210 Miami, FL 33169

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

The name and Florida Street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Chai Community Services, Inc. 150 NW 168th St Suite 210 Miami, FL 33169

#### **ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Dr. Ayesha McClain 150 N.W. 168<sup>th</sup> St Suite 210 Miami, FL 33169



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.

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Signature of Registered Agent

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Signature Incorporator

<u>2-14-12</u> Date 2-14-12