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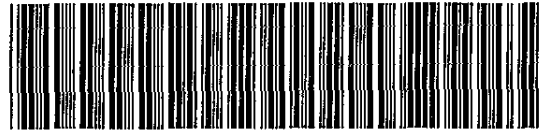
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BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

FLORIDA REGIONAL GROUP, INC.

3801 Coco Grove Avenue • Miami, Florida 33133

November 6, 2002

Amendment Section
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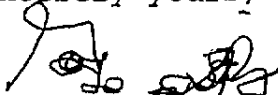
The Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) was chartered by the United States Congress to represent Blinded veterans with the US Government and to coordinate services throughout the United States. The BVA is a tax exempt charitable organization under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Florida Regional Group (FRG) is the Florida Chapter of the BVA. As it presently exists, the FRG was organized as a Florida Non-Profit Corporation effective April 15, 1987. In the past, the FRG has been able to use the 501 (C) (3) status of the BVA. However, recent changes in regulations require that the FRG establish its own Section 501 (C) (3) status. In order to acquire this exemption, the IRS requires several changes in the FRG Articles of Incorporation. Consequently, we are filing this request to amend the FRG Articles of Incorporation. The amendments were approved, unanimously, by a vote of the membership on November 2, 2002, at a regular meeting of the FRG in Ft. Myers. Enclosed you will find the following:

1. Our check in the amount of \$52.50 to cover the \$35 amendment charge and two (2) certified copies.
2. A copy of the FRG Articles of Incorporation effective April 15, 1987.
3. A copy of the amendments to the FRG Articles of Incorporation passed November 2, 2002.
4. A copy of the FRG Articles of Incorporation as amended November 2, 2002 to become effective immediately.

We are waiting for these amendments to be approved by the Amendment Unit in order to complete our filing with the IRS. I may be reached at the address above or by telephone weekdays (7 AM to 3:30 PM) at (305) 324-4455 ex 3604.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,


George E. Stocking
Secretary-Treasurer



BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

FLORIDA REGIONAL GROUP, INC.

3801 Coco Grove Avenue • Miami, Florida 33133

November 16, 2002

Ms. Louise Jackson
Amendment Section
Division of Corporations
Florida Secretary of State
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Dear Ms. Jackson:

During our telephone conversation yesterday afternoon, Friday, November 15th, you suggested that we retype page one of our amended Articles of Incorporation. You suggested that we delete the first five lines on that page and replace that material with the following:

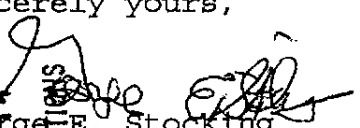
"Amended and restated Articles of Incorporation of the Florida Regional Group Inc., Blinded Veterans Association. These amended and restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted unanimously at an appropriately scheduled meeting of the membership on November 2, 2002 in Ft. Myers."

Enclosed you will find the new page one of the amended and restated Articles of Incorporation of the Florida Regional Group Inc., Blinded Veterans Association. We hope that this will complete all of the requirements necessary to have our Articles of Incorporation amended.

We are waiting for these amendments to be approved by the Amendment Unit in order to complete our filing with the IRS. I may be reached at the address above or by telephone weekdays (7 AM to 3:30 PM) at (305) 324-4455 ex 3604.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,


George E. Stocking
Secretary-Treasurer

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Amended and restated Articles of Incorporation of the Florida Regional Group Inc., Blinded Veterans Association. These amended and restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted unanimously at an appropriately scheduled meeting of the membership on November 2, 2002, in Ft. Myers.

Article I The name of the corporation is: Florida Regional Group, Incorporated Blinded Veterans Association and the initial principal address of the corporation is: 3801 Coco Grove Avenue , Miami, Florida 33133

Article II The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Article III The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

Section 1. The objectives of the Regional Group shall be to promote the welfare of the members of this association so that not withstanding their disabilities, they may take their rightful place in the community with their fellows and work with them toward the creation of a peaceful world. To preserve and strengthen a spirit of comradeship among its members so that they may give mutual aid and assistance to one another and to maintain and extend the institution of American Freedom and to encourage loyalty to our country's laws and Constitution. The Regional Group will support national programs and initiate such programs and policies within the area of its jurisdiction, which may serve to further the attainment of the objectives stated.

Section 2. The FRG is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Associate Members, Trustees, Officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause thereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing of statements) of any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Not withstanding any other provision of this document , the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (A) by an organization exempt from Federal Income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future Federal Tax code, or (B) of an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (C) (2) of the internal Revenue Code or corresponding Sections of any future Federal Tax Code.

Section 3. The Corporation shall have the power to enter into contracts with other persons, firms, and corporations for raising money with which to carry on the charitable, social, fraternal, and educational purposes of the Group.

Section 4. It shall have the power to receive gifts, legacies, and bequests directly from donors or from testators of estates and to manage property, business, or enterprise so received and to dispose thereof by sale, barter, or exchange for property more suitable or convenient to the Corporation.

Article IV The qualifications for membership and manner for their admission are: The qualifications for membership shall be contained in the By-Laws.

Article V The address of the registered office is:
3801 Coco Grove Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133.
The registered agent is: George E. Stocking

Article VI The number of the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation is 10 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the present Directors are:

Officers

President Terry King
24243 Pirate Harbor
Punta Gorda, FL 33955
(941) 505-7747

Vice President Michael Taylor
574 Pine Forest Drive
Orange Park, FL 32073
(904) 264-0884

Se.-Trea. George Stocking
3801 Coco Grove Avenue
Miami, FL 33133
(305) 446-8008

Past President Charles Duncan
5853 Wyldewood Lakes Court
Ft. Myers, FL 33919
(239) 433-7722

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Northwest District Darryl Goldsmith
7190 Rampart Way
Pensacola, FL 32505
(850) 456-6443

Northeast District Paul Kaminsky
5913 Plover Glen Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32222
(904) 573-8839

Center West District Charles Zgonce
387 Eden Drive
Englewood, FL 34223
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Center East District Rick Calissi
4545 S.E. 62nd Street
Ocala, FL 34472
(352) 629-6799

Southwest District Percing (Cap) Fure
2607 South Nicklaus Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825
(863) 471-2445

Southeast District Mike Nagelberg
14250 Ruby Point Drive
DelRay Beach, FL 33446
(561) 495-4933

Article VII This Corporation is organized under a non stock basis. It is chartered as the Florida Chapter of the Blinded veterans Association, which in turn has been chartered by the United States Congress. The Blinded veterans Association is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (C) (3) organization.

Article VIII Dissolution:

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the Organization, its assets shall be distributed to the blinded veterans Association (BVA), a Congressionally Chartered, Section 501 (C) (3) tax exempt, charitable organization receiving funds from the public, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of Article 14 (Regional groups) of the Amended By-Laws of the Blinded veterans Association. The BVA Headquarters are located at 477 - H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Section 2. In the event the BVA is no longer a Section 501 (C) (3) exempt organization, the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding Sections of any future Federal Tax code or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to the State or Local Government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the organization 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.

Article IX The name and address of each incorporator is; George e. Stocking, 3801 Coco Grove Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133

dated November 6, 2002 witness where of the undersigned being the incorporator of this organization have executed these Articles of Incorporation.



George E. Stocking, Secretary/Treasure

Acceptance by registered agent: Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in the Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.325 Florida Statutes .



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George e. Stocking, Registered Agent