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May 24, 1996

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SUBJECT: BIG PINE KEY POST NO. 4729 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

Ref. Number: W96000011132

We have received your document for BIG PINE KEY POST NO. 4729 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The corporate name must be identical throughout the document.

According to section 607.0202(1)(b) or 617.0202(1)(b), Florida Statutes, you must list the corporation's principal office, and if different, a mailing address in the document. If the principal address and the registered office address are the same, please indicate so in your document.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation"); and the registered agent's signature.

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with a telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Big Pine Key OF POST NO. 4729 96 35 -1 2 0 35 (Post name)

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

In accordance with the provisions of <u>Chapter 617. FL Statutes</u> relating to corporations not (reference to State Statutes)

for profit, the undersigned persons do hereby constitute themselves into a non-profit corporation and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation in accordance with said Statutes.

ARTICLE I - NAME:

The name of this corporation shall be <u>Big Pine Key</u> POST NO. <u>4729</u> VETERANS (Post name)

OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES:

The general nature and purposes of this corporation shall be:

Fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.

This incorporated subordinate unit of the VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, shall at all times remain under the jurisdiction of, and be governed according to the Constitution, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. In the event that any provision of these Articles of Incorporation conflicts with the National Charter and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, such conflicting provisions shall be deemed null and void, and the National Charter and By-Laws shall, at all times, govern.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP:

The active and voting membership of this corporation shall at all times consist of and be confined to the active membership in good standing in <u>Big Pine Key</u> POST NO. 4729 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, with eligibility to, acquiring of, suspension from, and discontinuance of membership being in accordance with the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

ARTICLE IV - INCORPORATORS:

The names and residences of the incorporators of this Corporation are as follows:

Post Commander: Howard Carlson - 11040 - 1st Avenue, Gulf, Marathon, FL 33050 (Name) (Address)

Post Sr. Vice Commander: Robert Mattick - P.O. Box 431361 - Big PineKey FL 33043 (Name) (Address)

Post Quartermaster: Richard W. Conkright - 31220 Avenue I - Big Pine Key FL 33043 (Name) (Address)

ARTICLE V - MANAGEMENT & ELECTIONS:

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs cothis Corporation and shall consist of the Post Commander, the Post Sr. Vice Commander, and the Post Quartermaster, and they shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post to be held during the month of April each and every year in accordance with the By-laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Actions of the Board of Directors as set forth herein shall be at all times subject to the approval of the Post.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:

The names and addresses of the Officers of the Post who are to serve as Officers of the Corporation until their successors are duly elected and installed, are as follows:

Post Commander: Howard Carlson - 11040-1st Avenue Gulf - Marathon, FL 33050 (Name) (Address)
who shall serve as President.

Post Sr. Vice Commander: Robert Mattick - PO Box 431361 - Big Pine Key FL 33043 (Name) (Address)

who shall serve as Vice President.

Post Adjutant: Daniel H. Baron - Rt 3, Box 214-D - Big Pine Key FL 3,3043 (Name) (Address) who shall serve as Secretary.

Post Quartermaster: Richard W. Conkright - 31220 Avenue I - Big Pine Key, FL (Name) (Address) 33043

who shall serve as Treasurer.

All of the above shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post to held during the month of April of each and every year, except the Post Adjutant who shall be appointed by the Post Commander on the night of installation or as soon thereafter as possible.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

This Corporation shall have not less than three (3) Directors and the initial Board of Directors shall be as follows:

Post Commander. Howard Carlson - 11040-1st Avenue Gulf, Marath Mector (Name) (Address) FL 33050

Post Sr. Vice Commander: Robert Mattick - PO Box 431361-Big Pine KeyDirector (Name) (Address) FL 33043

Post Quartermaster: Richard W. Conkright-31220 Ave I-Big Pine KeyDirector (Name) (Address) FL 33043

The above Directors shall serve until the next election of Post Officers during the month of April of each and every year and who, by virtue of their office, shall serve as Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS:

By-Laws for this Corporation may be made, altered, or rescinded after presentation to the Post by any member in good standing and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Post Membership present and in good standing at a noticed meeting. However, said By-Laws shall not conflict with the National Charter, Constitution, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure of the VFW of the U.S., nor shall they conflict with the By-Laws of the Department having jurisdiction and providing further a copy of same shall be forwarded, through channels, and reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made after presentation to the Post by any member in good standing and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Post Membership present and in good standing at a noticed meeting. However, said Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be in accordance with the Laws of the State, and in accordance with the National Context, Constitution, By-Laws and Manual of Procedure of the VFW of the U.S. and further they shall be in accordance with the Department having jurisdiction and provided further a copy of same shall be forwarded, through channels, and reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective.

ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS:

In the event of a dissolution of this corporation all of the assets shall be the property of <u>Big Pine Key POST NO. 4729</u> VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES and in the event of the simultaneous dissolution of this corporation and the forfeiture of the charter issued by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to said subordinate unit then, and in that event, title to all of the assets of this corporation shall pass to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to be disposed of in accordance with the National By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. At no time shall the assets of the corporation be distributed among the individual members thereof.

ARTICLE XI - ADDRESS AND REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT: 14/18 arts
The address of its Initial Registered Office is <u>Daniel Barron</u>
and in the name of its Initial Registered Agent is Route 3, Box 214-Big Pine Key, FL 33043
IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this
day of Upail 1276(All incorporators (Article IV), must sign and their signatures acknowledged).
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Howard Carlson
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The registered office and registered agen shall be:
MY COMMISSION CC407400 EXPIRES DANTEL H BARRON
BOMOED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC. RT3 BOX 214 BIG PINE KEY FL 33043
CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR
THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING REGISTERED
AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.
IN pursuance of Chapter 48.091 FLORIDA STATUTES, the following

IN pursuance of Chapter 48.091 FLORIDA STATUTES, the following is submitted in compliance with said act:

FIRST: That Big PIne KEY Post No. 4729, VETERANS OF FOREIGN Wars of the United States INC. desiring to organize under the laws of State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at Fern & OrlanderStreet Big Pine key, Florida 33043 Monroe County, State of Florida Has named DANNIEL BARRON POST ADJUTANT, fern Ave and Orlander st Big pine key Florida as its registered agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Mariel H BARRON BONDON