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SUBJECT: AMVETS POST NO: 17
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We have received your document for AMVETS POST NO: 17 and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation. A statement making reference to the bylaws is acceptable.

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
OF**

**AMVETS POST NO.: 17, INC. OF SANFORD, FLORIDA.
(A Florida Corporation not for profit)**

PREAMBLE

WE, THE AMERICAN VETERANS of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and those who served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States thereafter, fully realizing our responsibility to our community, to our State, and to our Nation, associate ourselves for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty, and justice for all; to promote the cause of peace and good-will among nations; to maintain inviolate the freedom of our country; to preserve the fundamentals of democracy; to perpetuate the friendship and associations of these veterans, and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance, this by the Grace of God.

**ARTICLE ONE
NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be AMVETS POST NO.: 17, INC. of Sanford, Florida.

**ARTICLE TWO
PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The address of the principle office of the corporation is:

AmVets Post 17
2189 Brisson Avenue
Sanford, Florida 32771

and the mailing address of the corporation is:

AmVets Post 17
P. O. Box 626
Sanford, Florida 32772-0626

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

The name and address of the registered agent of the corporation is:

Freddie Mobley, Sr.
1816 S. Summerlin Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771
(407) 322-1474

**ARTICLE FOUR
AIMS AND PURPOSES**

The aims and purposes of this organization are as follows:

1. To serve our county in peace as in war; to build and maintain the welfare of the United States of America toward lasting prosperity and peace for all inhabitants.
2. To inspire in our membership a sense of responsibility, and to develop leadership for the preservation of our national AMVETS department, our State Amvets department, AmVets Post No.: 17, Inc., and for our American way of life.
3. To encourage, in keeping with policies of our Government, the establishment of a concrete plan to secure permanent international peace and to assist in the maintenance of international peace.
4. To help unify divergent groups in the overall interest of American democracy.
5. To train our youth to become purposeful citizens in a democracy with full knowledge of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship.
6. To cooperate with all duly recognized existing veterans organizations in the furtherance of the aims of the veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and those serving in the Armed forces of the United States thereafter.
7. To ensure the orderly return of the veteran to civilian life by protecting his right as an individual while he is still in uniform.
8. To expedite and assist in the rehabilitation of the veteran by maintenance of employment services, sponsoring

educational opportunities, and providing counsel on insurance, housing, recreation, personal problems, hospitalization, and veterans benefits.

9. To act as liaison agent between the veteran and the Government.

10. To provide an organization to encourage fellowship among all veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

11. To keep the public forever reminded that the veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam fought or served to preserve peace, liberty and democracy for their Nation.

12. To engage in any activity or business that corporation not for profit are empowered to do under the laws of the State of Florida or the laws of the United States.

ARTICLE FIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee are one and the same; the Executive Committee shall be composed of the following elected officers: The Post Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Past Post Commander, Finance Officers, Judge Advocate, Provost Marshall and Adjutant. The Executive Committee members shall be elected to office as directed in Article Six of the Articles of Incorporation and Article II and Article IV of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE SIX ELECTIONS

SECTION 1

Election of Officers shall be held annually between May 1st and June 30th, and the officers elected at such annual meeting shall be installed and assume office before the State Department Convention.

SECTION 2

The Post Commander may succeed himself in office for a total of four (4) consecutive years with the vote of the membership of AMVETS Post No.: 17, Inc., Inc.

SECTION 3 (Eligibility for Office)

No member of AMVETS Post No. 17 shall be eligible for office who is under suspension or other paid up in all of his/her individual accounts with AMVETS Post No.: 17, Inc. at least thirty (3) days prior to the election.

In Order for a member to be considered for a Post No. 17 elected office, he/she must have attended Post meeting regularly, six (6) months preceding election of Post No. 17 officers and have a DD214 or discharge certificate on file.

SECTION 4 (Eligibility to Vote)

No member of AMVETS Post No.: 17, Inc. shall be eligible to vote in the annual election of officers who is not fully paid up in all of his/her individual accounts with AMVETS Post No.: 17, Inc. at least thirty (30) days prior to the election day.

SECTION 5 (Election process)

(a.) A Nominating / Election Committee shall be appointed by the Post Commander at least two (2) months prior to the date of the annual election. The purpose of this committee shall be to verify the eligibility of candidates for office and to have the responsibility for implementing election procedures.

(b.) A Nomination Meeting shall be held not less than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled election day. All candidates for office shall be nominated at this meeting. Further nominations shall be made from the floor during the annual meeting and candidates writ in shall be permitted.

(c.) The election ballot shall contain the names of all nominated candidates for each AMVETS Post no. 17 office sufficient space shall be provided for candidates nominated from the floor. There shall be no absentee ballots.

(d.) All elections shall be by secret ballot with plurality of votes determining the elected officers. In case of a position vacancy, shall refer to State Constitution and By-Laws regarding filing vacancies.

ARTICLE SEVEN INCORPORATORS

President (Post Commander)	Freddie Mobley, Sr.
	P. O. Box 197
	Sanford, FL 32771

Vice- President:

Maurice G. Fields
713 E. 10th St.
Sanford, FL 32771

Secretary (Adjutant)

Otis McMillan
P. O. Box 390362
Deltona, FL 32739

Treasurer:

Walter N. Dixon
P. O. Box 2192
Sanford, FL 32772-2192

ARTICLE EIGHT SUBORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 1.

(a.) A subordinate organization of AMVETS may be established only by a provision of this Constitution.

(b.) All subordinate organizations membership qualifications must be consistent with the aims and purposes of AMVETS.

SECTION 2.

All AMVETS subordinate organizations shall follow the same membership year and pay membership dues in concert with the parent organization.

SECTION 3.

All subordinate organizations shall be under the jurisdiction of the AMVETS post whose name it bears and shall carry the corresponding number of the Post.

SECTION 4.

(a.) A two-third (2/3) vote of the AMVETS members present at a stated meeting is required to approve and form a subordinate organization.

(b.) AMVETS post members must be given written notice of such meeting a minimum of 15 days prior to the proposed formation.

(c.) Where no Post exists, a subordinate organizations shall not be formed, nor continued to operate as an independent entity. The subordinate charter must be surrendered along with any property if may possess to the duly recognized subordinate

officer in accordance with the Constitution of the National subordinate organization.

SECTION 5.

No fund raising activities can be sponsored by any subordinate organization without the recommendation of the AMVETS Post Executive Committee and the prior approval of the AMVETS Department and National Organizations in compliance with the National By-Laws Article VII, Section 3.

ARTICLE NINE AUXILIARY

SECTION 1

AMVETS recognizes a subordinate organization known as the AMVETS Auxiliary.

SECTION 2

AMVETS recognizes a subordinate organization to be known as Sacketts, a fun and honor organization of the AMVETS Auxiliary.

ARTICLE TEN SAD SACKS

AMVETS recognizes a subordinate organization known as AMVETS Sad Sacks.

SECTION ELEVEN JUNIOR AMVETS

SECTION 1

AMVETS recognizes a subordinate organization known as Junior AMVETS.

ARTICLE TWELVE SONS OF AMVETS

SECTION 1

AMVETS recognizes a subordinate organization known as Sons of AMVETS.

SECTION 2

The Applicant for the Son of AMVETS must be at least 18 years of age and cannot be a member of, nor be eligible for membership in the parent organization of AMVETS.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by resolution at the annual meeting. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to

the Executive Committee for its review and presentation at the next annual meeting. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be distributed by mail to all Post members at least ten (10) days prior to date of the vote. A two-third (2/3) vote of the members present shall be required to amend this Constitution. Copies of all adopted amendments shall be forwarded to the Department for review by the Departs. Judge Advocate will forward the approved copies to the National Headquarters for placement in the permanent Post file.

THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 17th day of August, 1996

Signature of Incorporator:



Freddie Mobley, Sr.
President / Post Commander

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT / REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE / REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

AMVETS POST NO.: 17, INC., OF SANFORD, FLORIDA
(A Florida Corporation not for Profit)

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Freddie Mobley, Sr.
1816 S. Summerlin Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771
(407) 322-1474

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Freddie Mobley, Sr.
Freddie Mobley, Sr.

7 Aug 1986
Date

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