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## ARTICLES of INCORPORATION

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation.

## Article I

The name of the corporation shall be:

The 325 Security Forces Top 4 Committee Inc.,

# **Article II**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 515 Suwannee Ave
Tyndall AFB, Fl., 32403

#### **Article III**

The specific purpose(s) for which the corporation is organized is (are):

The primary objective of this organization is to foster esprit de corps and camaraderie among those of the Top Four grades of the noncommissioned officer corps and selectees (active duty) assigned to the 325th Security Forces Squadron. The Top Four will seek to improve and promote the morale and general welfare of all squadron enlisted personnel. Additional objectives are: (1) to advise the squadron commander of the general consensus of the Top Four enlisted force on squadron policies, (2) to inform the squadron commander on the status of morale and welfare of the 325th Security Forces Squadron enlisted force, (3) to provide a crossfeed of information between the Top Four noncommissioned officers within the squadron, (4) to foster an atmosphere of goodwill among all 325th Security Forces Squadron members, and (5) to raise money for the purpose of recognizing those members who depart with retirement flags and plaques, or other articles deemed appropriate by a consensus of the members and assisting in defraying the cost associated with having social and educational functions such as the childrens Christmas party, Airmen Leadership School or Non Commissioned Officers School graduations.

## **Article IV**

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

Section 1. - Frequency. General election of officers will be held during the September general membership meeting.

Section 2. - Nominations. A nominating committee will be appointed two months prior to an election. Any active member may volunteer to run for office. The nominations will be presented to the active members at the meeting when voting will be conducted and will be voted upon by written, secret ballot. A simple majority vote of the active members present will determine the winner for each office.

Section 3. - President. When unforeseen circumstances require the President to vacate the office, the vice president will assume the duties of the president for the remainder of the term or until such time as a special election is held to fill this office.

Section 4. - Other Officials. When one of the other offices have been vacated, the president is authorized to appoint a successor. The appointee will hold that position until a special election is held at the call of the president, or upon expiration of that vacated position's term.

## <u>Article V</u>

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The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

TSgt Lawrence J. Fern, 515 Suwannee Ave Tyndall AFB, Fl., 32403

#### Article VI

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

TSgt Lawrence J. Fern, 515 Suwannee Ave Tyndall AFB, Fl., 32403

## Article VII

Authority and Limitations: SECTION 1. - General

- a. This is a private organization, organized in accordance with the provisions of AFI 34-123, Private Organizations on Air Force Installations.
  - b. The Top Four is not an instrumentality of the United States Air Force.

#### **SECTION 2. - Specific**

- a. The Top Four will not be involved in activities that will prejudice or bring discredit upon the United States Air Force, the 325th Security Forces Squadron, or the noncommissioned officer corps.
- b. Membership discrimination based on age, color, religion, sex or national origin will not be permitted.
- c. The Top Four will not conduct business in the name of the United States Air Force or Tyndall Air Force Base.
- d. Air Force and non-appropriated fund instrumentalities (NAFIs) will not claim assets or incur obligations of this organization except through contract.

- e. The Security Forces Top Four Association will not compete with non-appropriated fund activities.
- f. No amendment to this association is permitted which omits the statement of purpose or delegates provisions pertaining to dissolution.
- g. The Base Commander requires compliance with above conditions and may inquire into operation of the organization and withdraw consent for Top Four's continued existence.
  - h. The commander may request an audit at any time.

# <u> ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERSHIP</u>

**SECTION 1. - General** 

- a. Membership in the Security Forces Top Four Association is strictly voluntary.
- b. Noncommissioned officers in the grade of Technical Sergeant (selectee) thru Chief Master Sergeant assigned to the 325th Security Forces Squadron are eligible for membership in the Top Four Association. All active members will be charged monthly dues. The dues are \$20.00 per year if paid within 15 days of arrival or joining, or during September of the new year. Otherwise, the dues will be \$2.00 per month.

## **SECTION 2. - Termination of Membership**

Any member submitting a written or verbal resignation, to an officer of the Top Four, will be considered terminated from the Security Forces Top Four Association.

Lawrence J. Fern TSgt, USAF

Signature/Incorporator

28 DEC 98

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in the is certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in the capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statues 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.

Lawrence J. Ferix, TSgt, USAF Signature/Registered Agent 98 DEC 29 PM 2: 10 Date

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