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

Re: Vietnam Brotherhood, Inc.

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LUAHASSEE, FLORID

#### Ladies/Gentlemen:

With regard to the above, enclosed please find original and copy of Articles of Incorporation, together with Certificate Designating Registered Agent, and our client's in the amount of \$78.75, representing the following:

Filing fee	\$35.00
Certificate Designating Registered Agent	\$35.00
Certified Copy	\$ 8.75

We request that the Articles be filed and the enclosed copy be certified and returned to the undersigned. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

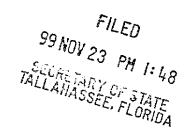
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**Enclosures** 

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 



## VIETNAM BROTHERHOOD, INC. a Florida Not For Profit Corporation

The undersigned person, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is VIETNAM BROTHERHOOD, INC.

#### ARTICLE II

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

#### ARTICLE III

The corporation is a not for profit corporation. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to
- 1. To promote the social welfare by improving conditions for Vietnam Veterans.
- To provide programs promoting positive education for the public on the Vietnam War and its Veterans.
- 3. To assist and support the needs of Vietnam Veterans and their families.
- 4. To provide Vietnam Veterans representation at events and ceremonies when required or requested.

- (b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such educational and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.
- (c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE IV

The corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis as defined in Section 617.011 of the Florida Statutes. The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the board of directors. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be regulated in the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V

The street address of the principal office of the corporation is: 16231 Ashland Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33954. The name of its initial registered agent at such address is: Howard E. Chenault, 1670 Florence Ave, Englewood, FL 34223.

#### ARTICLE VI

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be nine (9); provided, however, that such number may be changed by a bylaw duly adopted pursuant to the bylaws of this corporation.

The directors named herein as the first board of directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members, at which time an election of directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one year until the next annual meeting of members following the election of directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at such time and place as the board of directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors under any provisions of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of directors without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this

corporation authorize the directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and residential addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

#### Name

#### Residential Address

Howard E. Chenault	1670 Florence Ave, Englewood, FL 34223
Dan Douglas	26169 Rampart Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33983
Kenneth Crawford	5955 Garlin Lane, Punta Gorda, FL 33983
Rick Maretti	909 E. 2nd Street, Englewood, FL 34223
Sunny Oleckna	16231 Ashland Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33954
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#### ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator are: Howard E. Chenault,1670 Florence Ave, Englewood, FL 34223.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The board of directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other offices as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of directors.

#### ARTICLE IX

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Not For Profit Corporation Act of Florida described above, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, the bylaws of this

corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of directors or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE X

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE XI

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for education and charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal law laws.

#### ARTICLE XII

Amendment to these articles of incorporation may be adopted by the board of directors at a meeting of the board of directors by a majority vote of the directors then in office.

To: The Department of State Tallahassee, Florida 32314

#### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this 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 am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of the position of registered agent.

Dated: Nov 16 , 1999.

Howard E. Chenault, Registered Agent

The undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida, has executed these articles of incorporation on Nowld 16 1999.

Howard E Chenault

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 16 day of Nov 1999, before me, a notary public duly authorized in the state and county aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared HOWARD E. CHENAULT, and executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that he/she subscribed to those Articles of Incorporation.

OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Personally known

Type of identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL
HEATHER D SLAUGHTER
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. CC790129
MY COMMISSION EXP. NOV. 11,2002