**CANTEEN HOME ASSOCIATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**Instructions**

1. Download the template and type in the information (please do not handwrite it)
2. Do not make changes, just fill in the blanks

3. Sign and Date

4. Submit Articles of Incorporation to VFW HQ (one copy only)

1. Once approved by the Department Commander the documents will be forwarded to National VFW for approval
2. Once approved by National VFW, the Articles of Incorporation will be returned to

you and a copy will be kept on file at Department HQ

 7. Do not get the Articles of Incorporation notarized until **AFTER** you receive them

 back from National VFW with the Commander-in-Chief’s approval

1. If **NOT** already done: your Articles of Incorporation need to be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State, which requires an additional form

 *(click on the link)* and a processing fee of $125.00.

 [15-1306 Art of Incorp For Profit.pdf (pa.gov)](https://www.dos.pa.gov/BusinessCharities/Business/RegistrationForms/Documents/Updated%202017%20Registration%20Forms/Domestic%20Business%20Corporation/15-1306%20Art%20of%20Incorp%20For%20Profit.pdf)

Please call Department HQ if you have questions.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

 **POST NO.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **CANTEEN/HOME ASSOCIATION**

 (Post Name)

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

In accordance with the provisions of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, relating to corporations not 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ POST NO.

 (Post Name)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSES:**

The general nature and purposes of this corporation shall be:

 Fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable 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 surviving spouses 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 enemies.

 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 Congressional Charter and Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. In the event that any provision of this Certificate of Incorporation conflicts with the National Charter and Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, such conflicting provisions shall be deemed null and void, and the National Charter and Bylaws 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Charter and Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

**ARTICLE IV - INCORPORATORS:**

The following officer positions as the incorporators of this Corporation are as follows:

Post Commander

Post Sr. Vice Commander

Post Quartermaster

**ARTICLE V - MANAGEMENT & ELECTIONS:**

 The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of this 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 Bylaws 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 - BYLAWS:**

Bylaws 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 members in good standing present and voting at a noticed meeting provided each member had been notified at least twenty (20) days in advance and upon request, provided a copy of the proposed Bylaws. However, said Bylaws shall not conflict with the National Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, nor shall they conflict with the Bylaws 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 VII - 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 members in good standing present and voting at a noticed meeting provided each member had been notified at least twenty (20) days in advance and upon request, provided a copy of the proposed amendments. However, said Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be in accordance with the Laws of the State, and in accordance with the National Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 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 VIII - MISCELLANEOUS:**

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all the assets shall be the property of POST NO. 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 Bylaws, 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 IX- ADDRESS AND REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT:**

The address of its initial Registered Office is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and the name of its initial Registered Agent is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ , 20\_\_\_\_. (All incorporators (Article IV), must sign and their signatures acknowledged).

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