

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, at least two of whom are citizens of the State of Wisconsin, acting as incorporators of a corporation under Wisconsin Statute 188.09 entitled "Corporate powers of the Disabled American Veterans and affiliates", do hereby adopt the following Articles for such corporation.

ARTICLE 1

The name of the corporation is: _____ Chapter # _____,
Disabled American Veterans, Department of Wisconsin, Incorporated.

ARTICLE 2

The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE 3

The period of its duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE 4

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: To uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States; to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible to membership fought; to advance the interest and work for the betterment of all wounded, gassed, injured and disabled veterans; to cooperate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and advancing the condition, health and interest of all wounded, gassed, injured and disabled veterans; to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness and comradeship among all wounded, gassed, injured and disabled veterans; to service our comrades, our communities and our country; and to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which will guard against future wars. This corporation is limited to such as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Internal Revenue Section 501(c)(4). This corporation will not as a substantial part of its activities carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. This corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE 5

This Corporation recognizes the National Organization known as Disabled American Veterans, incorporated by Act of Congress on June 17, 1932, and affirms its allegiance and subordination to the said National Organization, its Constitution, Bylaws and all rules, mandates and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the assets remaining after the payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 5 and 6, of the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

ARTICLE 7

The name of its original registered agent at such address is:

_____.

ARTICLE 8

The initial number of duly elected officers of the corporation is four (4), and the name and address of the persons who are to serve as the initial officers are:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Commander	_____	_____ _____
Senior Vice Commander	_____	_____ _____
Junior Vice Commander	_____	_____ _____
Treasurer	_____	_____ _____

The Officers for this corporation shall be elected annually by the membership of _____ Chapter # _____. Only members of said Chapter are eligible to be elected to serve as duly elected officers of this corporation.

ARTICLE 9

The corporation shall consist of every member or any person who shall become a member of _____ Chapter # _____, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE 10

No part of the net earnings, property or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private person or any member or officer of this corporation.

AS DULY ELECTED OFFICERS OF CHAPTER, we have hereunto set our hand, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

JUDGE ADVOCATE
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE

HELPFUL HINTS

ARTICLE 6

Use the street address of the Chapter Adjutant. If the Chapter has a Post Office Box, use the PO Box number followed by the Chapter Adjutant's street address.

ARTICLE 7

The Chapter Adjutant is the original registered agent.

ARTICLE 8

Statute 188.09 entitled "Corporate powers of the Disabled American Veterans and affiliates" specifies duly elected officers, not board of directors. List the duly elected officers.

ARTICLE 10

The duly elected officers sign the Articles of Incorporation. The Adjutant signs only if the positions of Adjutant and Treasurer are combined.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Articles of Incorporation no longer need to be notarized. Only the duly elected officers of the Chapter sign the Articles when passed by the Chapter. The signature of a Notary Public is not required.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Once signed by the duly elected officers, the Chapter must submit the proposed Articles, in triplicate, to the State Judge Advocate for approval.**
- 2. Once approved by the State Judge Advocate, the proposed Articles of Incorporation will be forwarded to the National Judge Advocate for approval.**
- 3. Once approved by the National Judge Advocate with the proper signatures affixed, the National Headquarters will keep one copy for their records, a second copy will be mailed to the State Headquarters and the third will be mailed to the local Chapter.**

4. Upon receipt of the approved Articles, the Department will file with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions under Statute 188.09 entitled "Corporate powers of the Disabled American Veterans and affiliates."
5. The Department will mail their original and a duplicate to the Department of Financial Institutions with a designated return address.
6. Once filed, the Department of Financial Institutions will return the duplicate to the designated return address with an ID Entity Number (very important).
7. The Department will mail a copy of the duplicate with the ID Entity Number to the Chapter. **Fait accompli!!**

IMPORTANT POINTS WITH WISCONSIN STATUTE 188.09

1. No filing fee.
2. Status is perpetuity, meaning no annual reports need to be filed.
3. Chapter is allowed to transact business as a corporate body.
4. No personal liability.

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