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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ALABAMA VETERANS AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, INC.

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the Incorporators for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the provisions of the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act as follows:

#### ARTICLE I.

The name of the Corporation is Alabama Veterans Affairs Association, Inc.

### ARTICLE II.

The purposes of this Corporation are as follows:

- (1) To institute an effective mode of communication to develop an out-reach recruitment program on a state wide basis for veterans of the United States Armed Services.
- (2) To study existing regional programs relative to Alabama Veterans Benefits.
- (3) Promote an educational program dealing with legislation promulgated by the State of Alabama and the United States which benefits the Veterans of the State of Alabama.
- (4). Provide an openess for Veterans and/or clubs to discuss problems and/or suggestions.
- (5) To receive and administer funds for the aforesaid purpose and for no other purpose and to that end take and hold by contract, agreement, bequest, devise, give, purchase, lease either absolutely or in trust for such objects, purposes or any of them any property, real, personal and mixed without limitations as to amount or value except such limitation, if any as may be imposed by law sell, convey and dispose of any such property and to deal with property for any of the aforementioned purpose without limitation except such limitations, if any, may be contained in the instrument, under which such property is received and to exercise any and all and every power for which a non-profit corporation organized under the provisions of the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act all for the public welfare can be authorized to exercise but not any other power.
- (6) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on under (a) by a corporation exempt from the Federal Income Tax under Section 501. (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (B) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (C) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

# ARTICLE III.

The location of the Corporation's Home Office is in the City of Gadsden, County of Etowah, State of Alabama. The Post Office Address of the Registered Agent is c/o Gadsden State Junior College, George Wallace Drive, Gadsden, Alabama 35903. The name of the Registered Agent is Ron Cordell.

## ARTICLE IV.

Said Corporation is organized on a non-stock basis. Said Corporation is to be financed under the following general plan:

By contributions to it of funds and property absolutely or in trust and by membership fees received and contracts entered into for its purposes as herein stated and for no other purpose.

#### ARTICLE V.

The names and places of residence or business of each of the incorporators are as follows:

Ron Cordell

Gadsden State Junior College George Wallace Drive Gadsden, Alabama

Ray Holland

University of South Alabama

Mobile, Alabama 36688

Charlene Bray

Alabama Center for Higher Education

2121 Eighth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35204

Roger Borchard

Alabama Technical College 1001 East Broad Street Gadsden, Alabama 35903

## ARTICLE VI.

- A. Membership shall consist of advisers, counselors, coordinators so forth connected directly in a staff and/or faculty position with Veterans Affairs in an educational institution in the State of Alabama.
- B. Associate Membership will consist of any person who works with Veterans Affairs in any capacity. Voting privileges will be given to these people if they keep up payment of dues.
- C. Honorary Membership will consist of any person whom the Executive Board feels has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of Veterans Programs.

## ARTICLE VII.

The Officers of Alabama Veterans Affairs Association, Inc. shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Vice-President for Internal Affairs, Secretary-Treasurer. The terms of the officers shall correspond with the Association's fiscal years as provided in the By-Laws.

The Board of Directors of Alabama Veternas Affairs Association, Inc. shall consist of officers and representatives from each major category of school or institution joining, to-wit: Four year state schools, two representatives; two year community, two representatives; technical colleges and institutions, two representatives; private and proprietary institutions, two representatives; Veterans organizations, two representatives. These shall serve for terms of one year or until their successors are duly nominated and elected. The times, places and manner of selecting officers and directors shall be provided in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE VIII.

This being a benevolent corporation, its term is unlimited and perpetuity.

### ARTICLE IX.

The names of the Officers of the Corporation shall be:

Ron Cordell

President

Ray Holland

Vice-President

Charlene Bray

Vice-President for Internal Affairs

Roger Borchard

Secretary-Treasurer

# ARTICLE X.

The names of the Board of Directors of the Corporation chosen for the first year or until their respective successors are elected and qualified are as follows:

Four year State Schools - 2 Representatives

Two year community

2 Representatives

Technical Colleges & Institutions

2 representatives

Private and Proprietary Institutions -

2 representatives

Veterans Organizations

- 2 representatives

### ARTICLE XI.

All the property of this Corporation and accumulations thereto shall be held and administered to perpetuate its purpose and to serve the general welfare of the Veterans in the State of Alabama. Upon the dissolution of this Non-Profit Corporation for any cause, the assets of the Corporation of whatever kind and wherever situated shall be distributed to the Veterans of the State of Alabama to be used for the purposes set forth in Article II hereinabove.

### ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of all members voting after all members have been notified in writing sixty (60) days prior to voting on the Amendment and have been presented with a copy of the Amendment.

The Corporation as herein provided shall have power to adopt By-Laws for the regulation of its internal affairs and for all other purposes not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the State of Alabama and with these Articles of Incorporations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this the \_\_\_\_ day of May, 1974.

RON CORDELL

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ROGER BARCHARD

STATE OF ALABAMA )

COUNTY OF ETOWAH )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State hereby certify that Ron Cordell, Ray Holland, Charlene Bray and Roger Borchard have signed the foregoing Corporate Charter and are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the Corporation, they have executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

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