

## 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 the Non-Profit Corporation Act, Wisconsin Statute 188.09, 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>
<b>Commander</b>	_____	_____ _____
<b>Senior Vice Commander</b>	_____	_____ _____
<b>Junior Vice Commander</b>	_____	_____ _____
<b>Treasurer</b>	_____	_____ _____

**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 on the board of directors 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared before me, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, who, each being by me first duly sworn in, severally declared that they are the persons who signed the foregoing document as incorporators and that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year written above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ County  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

## **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 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.**