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ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES

At the 2013 National Convention the Delegate body voted to remove the Purposes of the Corporation from the Bylaws and requested that they instead be listed in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

The Corporation, which may have State Associations and Chapters, is organized and will be operated for the following purposes:

1. The Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Arizona Association, Inc. is organized for charitable and educational purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. The primary mission of the Corporation is to support our Veterans of all generations and our communities by providing education and scientific research information of serious concerns to veterans, their families and the community.
 - a. To help foster, encourage, and promote the improvement of the condition of the Vietnam-era veteran, their families, and other generations of veterans;
 - b. To promote physical and cultural improvement, growth and development, self-respect, self-confidence, and usefulness of all veterans, their families, and our community;
 - c. To eliminate discrimination experienced by Vietnam-era veterans, their families, and other generations of Veterans, to develop channels of communication which will assist veterans, their families, and others, and to maximize self-realization and enrichment of their lives and enhance life fulfillment;
 - d. To study, on a non-partisan basis, proposed legislation, rules, or regulations introduced in any federal, state or local legislative or administrative body, which may affect the social, economic, educational, or physical welfare of the Vietnam-era veterans, their families, or other generations of veterans, and encourage people to help improve the quality of life of the Vietnam-era veteran, their families, and other generations of veterans especially in the areas of employment, education, training, and health;
 - e. To Study and disseminate scientific and educational research on a non-partisan basis, pertaining to the relationship between Vietnam-era veterans and the American society, the Vietnam War experience, the role of the United States in securing peaceful co-existence for the world community, and other matters which affect the



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social, economic, educational, or physical welfare of the Vietnam-era veteran, their families, or other generations of veterans;

- f. To assist disabled and needy veterans including their dependents, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans. In furtherance of the corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all the general rights and powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations by the Arizona Nonprofit Corporation Act as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended, including, but without limitation, the rights and powers to receive gifts, devises, bequests and contributions in any form, and to use, apply, invest and reinvest, the principal or income there from or to distribute the same for the above purposes;
- g. The corporation will at no time participate in any lobbying or substantial legislative activity except on a limited basis to inform its members of pending legislation so that as individual citizens they may contact their state or local legislators.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, nor will the Corporation carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(3) of the Code.

Dissolution clause: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, all liabilities of the corporation shall first be paid, after which assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.