

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION CONSTITUTION

BYLAWS

STANDING RULES

Amended August 2022

Colorado Springs, Co.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AMENDED 2022

The “NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.” with NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS perpetually incorporated in the State of Illinois in November 1954, under the “GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT” of the State of Illinois with Registered Office being: 4711 Howard, St. McHenry, Il., 60051-5700, organized for the purpose that:

We, the Veterans of the Naval Construction Forces and the Civil Engineer Corps of the United States Navy, who have honorably served our Country during time of war and peace, recognizing that service to God and Country is the foundation on which our Nation was founded, do hereby rededicate ourselves to that service, and further pledge our lives and actions to preserve the fundamental ideals of American Government, which we believe are Justice, Freedom, and Equality for all.

The **CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS** shall be five (5) in number, their names being the five (5) immediate Past National Commanders.

The Directors’ duties and responsibilities shall be as set forth and prescribed in the applicable regulations of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois.

The new member of the Board of Directors each year will act as Chairman of the Board.

The **official organizational emblem** shall be the “**FIGHTING BEE**” encircled with rope as authorized for use by the U.S. Navy Department, on a background of crossed fouled anchors, with the letters **SVA** on the circumference of the rope design on the emblem.

The perpetuity of these Articles of Incorporation shall be preserved by the required filing of annual application and payment of the filing fee by the Registered Agent and/or National Headquarters to the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois.

The Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. shall sponsor and have jurisdiction over all **Auxiliaries** as outlined under Article XII (twelve) of the National By-Laws of the Corporation.

These Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of this Organization shall contain a record of the names of the “Original Signers.”