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Paul S. Lawrence, Adjutant General
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Defense Building
Washington, D. C.



Proposed Articles of Incorporation
Department of Hawaii, V.F.W.

Dear Comrade Lawrence:

We have received the Articles of Incorporation approved by the Commander-in-Chief and we are now in the process of incorporating our Department under said articles.

Yours in Comradeship,

A. E. Melim

A. E. Melim
Department Adjutant
Veterans of Foreign Wars

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April 8, 1947

A. W. Melin, Adjutant
Department of Hawaii, V.F.W.
184 Merchant Street
Honolulu 1, Hawaii

RE: Proposed Articles of Incorporation
Department of Hawaii, V.F.W.

Dear Comrade Melin:

On January 6, 1947 I corresponded with you requesting that you advise this office whether or not you had received your approved Articles of Incorporation which were forwarded to you under date of December 11, 1946.

Inasmuch as we would like to close our file on this subject, it would be appreciated if you would advise this office the present status of same.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain

Yours in comradeship,

For the Commander-in-Chief

PAUL S. LAWRENCE
Adjutant General

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Hawaii

January 6, 1947

A. W. Melin, Adjutant,
Department of Hawaii V.F.W.,
184 Merchant Street,
Honolulu 1, Hawaii.

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RE: Proposed Articles of
Incorporation, Department
of Hawaii, V.F.W.

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Dear Comrade Melin:

In answer to your letter of December 30 you
are advised that under date of December 11 I wrote you
stating that the Commander in Chief had approved the
Articles of Incorporation of the Department of Hawaii
returning the original and one copy stamped "approved" and
retaining one copy for our file.

In case you do not find this correspondence
if you will send us another copy we will stamp it
"approved" and return same to you.

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With kind personal regards, I am

Yours in comradeship.

For the Commander in Chief

PAUL S. LAWRENCE
Adjutant General

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December 30, 1946

Paul S. Lawrence, Adjutant General
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Defense Building
1026 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Comrade Lawrence:

On October 11 I forwarded to National Headquarters a rough draft for a Charter of Incorporation of the Department of Hawaii, V.F.W., for examination and comment by the General Council of the V.F.W. On or about October 25, I received a copy of a letter sent to you by James W. Cannon with his recommendations as to the changes that would have to be made in the Charter before he would recommend its approval to the Commander-in-Chief. These changes were made and on November 12, 1946, we mailed to you fully executed and signed copies of our Charter of Incorporation, but through some mistake it was mailed to the Kansas City office.

As we have not received an answer from you I believe that you have not as yet received the Charter of Incorporation papers and request that you send a tracer to National Headquarters at Kansas City for these papers, which was sent by registered air mail.

Hoping to receive an answer from you in the very near future that the Charter of Incorporation has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, I remain,

Yours in Comradeship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. E. Melim".

A. E. Melim
Department Adjutant

AEM:jh

Hawaii

December 11, 1946

A. E. Melim, Adjutant
Department of Hawaii, V.F.W.
184 Merchant Street
Honolulu I, Hawaii

RE: Proposed Articles of Incorporation,
Department of Hawaii, Veterans of
Foreign Wars

Dear Comrade Melim:

The Commander-in-Chief, having received the opinion and recommendation of the Legal Counsel for approval of the Articles of Incorporation of the Department of Hawaii, V.F.W., hereby approves the same.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours in comradeship,

For the Commander-in-Chief

PAUL S. LAWRENCE
Adjutant General

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM



December 2, 1946

FROM: James W. Cannon, General Counsel

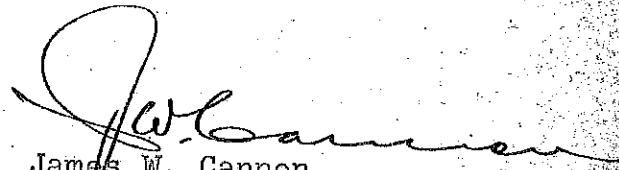
TO: Louis H. Starr, Commander-in-Chief

SUBJECT: *RE* Proposed Articles of Incorporation, Department of Hawaii,
Veterans of Foreign Wars

The attached correspondence covers proposed Articles of Incorporation of the Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, submitted for your consideration and approval.

The proposed Articles of Incorporation of the Department of Hawaii are drafted in compliance with standard requirements for Articles of Incorporation of the organization and the Commander-in-Chief, and based upon information in respect to the provisions thereof heretofore furnished the officers of the Department, and same are properly and satisfactorily executed.

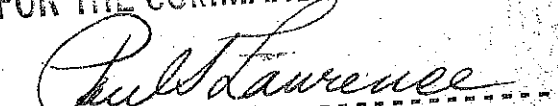
I herewith recommend your approval of the Articles of Incorporation of the Department of Hawaii.


James W. Cannon

Incl.
JWC:els

APPROVED

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



ADJUTANT GENERAL

November 27, 1945

A. E. Melim, Adjutant
Department of Hawaii, V.F.W.
164 Merchant Street
Honolulu 1, Territory of Hawaii

Re: Charter of Incorporation
Department of Hawaii, V.F.W.

Dear Comrade Melim:

The above matter has been submitted to our Legal Counsel and the following is an excerpt from his opinion:

"I have examined the submitted proposed draft of Articles of Incorporation for the Department of Hawaii, and have the following observations to make in respect thereto:

Attention is called to proposed Article VI and to the second from the last line thereof and the correction as it appears on the submitted form provided for the line to read as follows:

"expulsion and termination of membership shall be in accordance, etc."

If this correction is made in the new draft same will be acceptable for approval.

Calling attention to the provisions of proposed Article VIII, the last sentence thereof as corrected following the words "United States", in the next to last line thereof, same is corrected so it reads as follows:

"such conflicting provision shall not be effective until approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States."

Also the word "these" in the fourth line and last word thereof should read "the" instead of "these." This proposed Article of Incorporation corrected as same appears with my lead pencil correction shall be recommended for approval by the Commander-in-Chief.

Article IX as written is acceptable and O.K. if the fact is that there are no District Commanders in the

Department of Hawaii and that Post Commanders are the members of the Department of Administration in lieu of District Commanders. I conclude that this is the case without being assured or certain that this is so.

Now calling attention to the proposed amendments to Article IX, as shown in paragraphs 1 and 2 under amendments on the last page thereof. I disapprove of these proposed amendments for the reason that eventually the proviso to make all Post Department Commanders members of the officers and directors is in conflict with the provisions of Section 407 which establishes who the officers are in a Department and especially as provided in sub-paragraph (d) of Section 407 who amongst the officers compose the Council of Administration.

There is another objection which arises from practice and that is that a large and cumbersome membership on a Board of Directors becomes unwieldy and slows up progress and the expediting of the business of such body.

I am further of the conclusion that the Department of Hawaii is not such that it is impossible for the elected and appointed officers of the Department as provided for a Department in Section 407 of the National By-Laws will not be properly qualified, equipped and experienced to properly take care of the business of the Department under an incorporation thereof, and this Section 407 provides that only the retiring Department Commander shall be a member of the Council of Administration. Consequently, it is my recommendation that Article IX as it appears in the context be continued as the article which will be acceptable and recommended for approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and the proposed amendments 1 and 2 to Article IX are disapproved.

Coming now to the provisions of Article X, if same was not in the first instance going to be disapproved I would provide for the change in the seventh line of some of the words "hire and fire" to read instead thereof "to employ and discharge such agents etc."

However, it is apparent that the powers and duties designated to be exercised by a Board of Trustees will be such duties as should be performed and exercised by a House Committee.

It is apparent that it is the expectation of the Department officers and those who are inspiring the incorporation of the Department that said Department shall construct and operate a building in which a clubhouse and canteen will be a part thereof and that the operation, maintenance and conduct of the building and canteen will be the prime duty and power of this so-called Board of Trustees.

I am therefore disapproving the proposed Article X as it appears in the context and same will not be approved as part of the Articles of Incorporation and should be deleted therefrom.

If it is the desire to have the operation and maintenance of the clubhouse provided for and also the conduct and operation of the clubhouse and canteen, it is suggested that this be provided for in the By-Laws of the corporation by inserting a provision somewhat similar to that of proposed Article X which is being disapproved as part of the Articles of Incorporation, but which would be acceptable as a By-law, and instead of calling such a group a Board of Trustees that they be called the House Committee.

It is further recommended that in such a By-Law that under no circumstance should the term of said committee be set up as covering a period of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years each, but that such a committee should be one that is appointed by the Commander of the Department in conjunction with the Council of Administration, if it is so desired, and whose appointment runs from installation to installation, so that no member thereof could be frozen in his position for a longer period than the period of service of Department Commander for the reason that the Department Commander and the Council of Administration during each period of office is charged with and obligated to conduct the business of the Department, and, concluding that the Department Commander as well as the Council will always be desirous of having a satisfactory term of office in respect to all matters in connection therewith, he should have the freedom of replacing and substituting any members of any committee should he find that such member is not discharging his duties in connection therewith satisfactorily. I have found out over the years in practice that committees of this character are better when under the control of the Commander, or, as in this case, also the Council of Administration, if that is desired, and where members who become delinquent in the performance of their duties can be removed without any further trouble by the appointing power.

It has been my experience also over a long period of service in this organization that members of a committee such as this Housing Committee would be, who faithfully, diligently and satisfactorily perform their duties thereon are usually reappointed by the incoming Department Commander with very rare exception, so that there shall be continuously on said committee men who had seen former service thereon.

Consequently, I will disapprove proposed Article X and same will have to be deleted from the context of any

"Articles submitted by the Department. Consequently, the proposed amendments to Article X, the same as found in the last page, are also disapproved, and it would be my suggestion to the officers and members of the Department that in drafting a By-Law to meet what is desired to be done as found in proposed Article X and the amendments, that they follow the suggestions contained above insofar as it is possible to do.

"Attention is called to the provisions of proposed Article XI, and I have deleted by crossing some out in pencil the first sentence of this article, as I am discontinuing this sentence in all future uses of this provision. The balance of Article XI as same is found in the proposed article is satisfactory and will be approved.

"Article XII and Article XIII as same are found in the proposed Articles are acceptable and will be approved.

"Therefore, I am recommending that if the officers of the Department of Hawaii will draft the proposed Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the corrections and recommendations made above and execute same and forward as executed, in triplicate, through channels for the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, a quick recommendation in respect to approval by the Commander-in-Chief will be forthcoming. This must be done in compliance with the provisions of Section 609 of the National By-Laws before any papers are filed with any authority of the Territory of Hawaii.

"Trusting that these suggestions and recommendations to the officers of the Department of Hawaii will enable them at an early date to proceed with their incorporation, and assuring them that if there is any further assistance or advice that they may desire in respect to these matters or in respect to By-Laws of the Department as incorporated, we shall always be happy to hear from them."

In view of the foregoing opinion in which the Commander-in-Chief concurs it is suggested that you draft the proposed Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the corrections outlined above and forward, through channels, to the Commander-in-Chief.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours in comradeship

For the Commander-in-Chief

PAUL S. LAWRENCE
Adjutant General