



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State

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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is USS FULTON (AS-11) ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

Establishing for the USS FULTON (AS-11) its permanent place in history and assisting wherever possible in establishing and maintaining the highest traditions of the United States Navy. All members of the Association are under no obligation for the betterment, improvement, and advancement in scope of this Association by continuing the aim of bringing together as many of the former shipmates as possible, whether it be by attendance at Annual or Biennial Reunions, correspondence via mail, telephone contact, or any other means of communications.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: ANY PERSON, WHETHER NAVY OR MARINE CORP PERSONNEL, SHIP'S COMPANY OR ATTACHED

PERSONNEL, WHO HAS SERVED ABOARD THE USS FULTON (AS-11) FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS

SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION, AND SUCH PERSON, UPON PAYMENT OF DUES,

SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE IN THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 2: THERE SHALL BE FIVE (5) CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP. LIFETIME; ACTIVE; ASSOCIATE; NON-PAYING; HONORARY.

SECTION 2.1: LIFETIME MEMBER. WITH A SINGLE PAYMENT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) FOR

AGES UP TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE AND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$125.00) FOR AGES SIXTY-ONE (61) AND OLDER. A MEMBER WILL BECOME A LIFETIME MEMBER WITH NO FURTHER PAYMENT OF DUES REQUIRED, AND THEREFORE ENTITLED TO ALL VOTING PRIVILEGES.

SECTION 2.2: ACTIVE MEMBER. UPON PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES OF TEN DOLLARS, (\$10.00) PER YEAR AND CONTINUING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, A MEMBER IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER AND THEREFORE ENTITLED TO ALL VOTING PRIVILEGES.

SECTION 2.3: ASSOCIATE MEMBER. A DECEASED MEMBERS SPOUSE OR ADULT CHILD SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER, BUT MAY NOT HOLD OFFICE, NOR VOTE. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER IS A PERSON WHO DID NOT SERVE ABOARD THE USS FULTON FOR AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS BUT HAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE USS FULTON AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ANNUAL DUES AND IS ENTITLED TO ATTEND ALL REUNIONS AND OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION. NON-PAYMENT OF DUES WILL REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF THAT PERSON IN THE NON-PAYING MEMBER CATEGORY OF ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2.4. THE WIDOW OF A DECEASED LIFETIME MEMBER, IF SHE SO DESIRES MAY CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION TREASURER AND REQUEST A SPECIAL LIFETIME ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CARD AND RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS.

SECTION 2.4: NON-PAYING MEMBER. A PERSON QUALIFIED UNDER ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 2.1 OR 2.2 WHO FEELS THAT ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 APPLIES TO THEM, PLUS ALL OTHER NON DUES PAYING WILL BE PLACED IN THIS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY AND BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ONE (1) POST CARD EVERY OTHER YEAR, ABOUT ONE (1) YEAR PRIOR TO THE NEXT REUNION TO SOLICIT DUES AND ALSO TO ANNOUNCE REUNION INFORMATION AND THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THE REUNION. THESE MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE REUNION MEETINGS FOR THE STIPULATED FEE TO ALL ATTENDEES. MEMBERS IN THIS CATEGORY ARE INELIGIBLE TO HOLD ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICE IN THE ASSOCIATION, NOR WILL THEY BE ALLOWED TO VOTE OR ATTEND THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 2.5: HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP MAY BE BESTOWED UPON ANY MEMBER BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. A MEMBER SO HONORED WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE

PAYMENT OF DUES AND BE ACCORDED ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF A LIFETIME MEMBER. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP MAY BE BESTOWED ON ONLY ONE (1) DUES PAYING MEMBER AT EACH BIENNIAL REUNION. THIS CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP MUST MEET EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION ABOVE AND BEYOND SERVICE AS AN ELECTED OFFICER.

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 400 BELLEVUE AVE, APT 305
 City or Town: NEWPORT State: RI Zip: 02840-6958

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is RICHARD H. HARTMAN

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 12 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	ROBERT J. STOUT	5599 QUAIL MANOR CT,#49 RENO, NV 89511-1836 USA
DIRECTOR	RONALD SCHWARTZKOPF	20515 HIGHLAND LAKE DR LAGO VISTA, TX 78645-6633 USA
DIRECTOR	DENNIS J. FRENCH	76 SLOOP DR PORTSMOUTH, RI 02871-2925 USA
DIRECTOR	CHARLES T. GILLIES	7124 GREENBRIAR ST OCEAN SPRINGS, MS 39564-9311 USA
DIRECTOR	K. DALE WILLIAMS SR.	PO BOX 501 MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108-0501 USA
DIRECTOR	PHILLIP R. BERG	4588 TRANQUILITY DR ST GEORGE, UT 84790-4471 USA
DIRECTOR	RICHARD H. HARTMAN	400 BELLEVUE AVE, APT 305 NEWPORT, RI 02840-6958 USA
DIRECTOR	LOUIS C. GIANDOMENICO	5265 BEAUMONT LN MACUNGIE, PA 18062-8651 USA
DIRECTOR	RAYMOND R. COLLINS	86647 552 1/2 AVE MCLEAN, NE 68747-5048 USA
DIRECTOR	RAYMOND E. WILSON	159 PUTTER DR BRENTWOOD, CA 94513-5002 USA
DIRECTOR	GEORGE W. HAGER	10711 NE WEIDER #101W PORTLAND, OR 97220-3868 USA
DIRECTOR	RUDOLPH TABORN	3913 ABERDEEN DR CHAMPAIGN, IL 61822-3574 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the each incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	RICHARD H. HARTMAN	400 BELLEVUE AVE, APT 305 NEWPORT, RI 02840-6958 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 09/26/2012
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 26 Day of September, 2012 at 12:39:20 PM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.
RICHARD H. HARTMAN

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A. Ralph Mollis

Secretary of State

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

I, A. RALPH MOLLIS, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly
executed in accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws
of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Ralph Mollis".

A. RALPH MOLLIS

Secretary of State

