

Name	The American Legion		Where Inc. <sup>20093</sup> United States
Form'y	John-A.-Adamewicz		Date of ch'ge
Att'y	John J. Sylvia	Ad.	267 Wood St. Bristol
			a non-business corporation
When filed	July 16, 1923	Accepted as provided by act of Congress See P of A	
Office In R. I.		Home Office	7-26-61 8-12-65
Revoked		New P'w'r Filed	
New Att'y		Ad.	
Name ch'g'd to		Date	

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

August 18, 1942  
055-2

Secretary of State,  
State of Rhode Island,  
Providence,  
Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

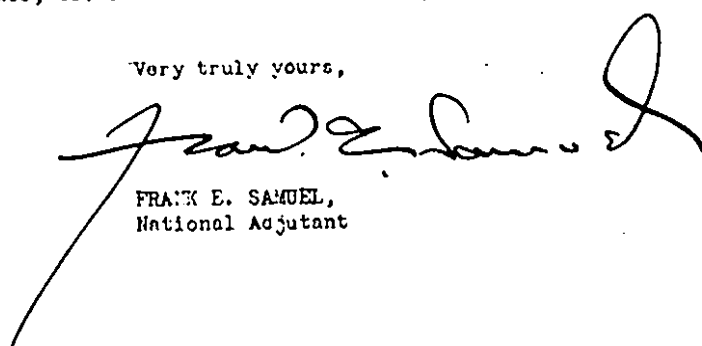
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"That as a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred The American Legion shall file in the office of the Secretary of State of each state the name and postoffice address of an authorized agent in such state upon whom legal process or demands against The American Legion may be served."

In compliance with the above, the name of Herbert F. Gramstorff, Department Adjutant, The American Legion of Rhode Island, has been filed with your office.

Effective this date, will you please change the address of Herbert F. Gramstorff, on your records, from 26 Custom House Street, Providence, to: Care Industrial Trust Company, Providence, Rhode Island.

Very truly yours,



FRANK E. SAMUEL,  
National Adjutant

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

January 10, 1936  
055-2

Secretary of State,  
State of Rhode Island,  
Providence,  
Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:-

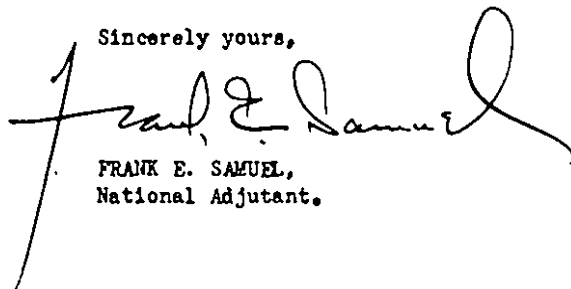
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Our records show that at the present time, Mr. Edward Feehan is the authorized agent in the State of Rhode Island upon whom legal process or demands against The American Legion may be served. However, Mr. Edward Feehan is no longer Adjutant of the Rhode Island Department, and we, therefore, desire to file the name of Clarence W. Lambert, 1030 Main Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island, the present Adjutant of the Department of Rhode Island, to replace the name of Edward Feehan.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,



FRANK E. SAMUEL,  
National Adjutant.

Jan. 30th, 1935.

The American Legion,  
National Headquarters  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter would inform you that for the purpose of appointing Mr. Clarence . Lambert as the authorized agent in this State upon whom legal process may be served, it will be necessary for you to properly execute the inclose Power of Attorney and remit to this office together with the filing fee of \$2.00.

Yours truly,

.RS/

Deputy Secretary of State.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

August 27, 1930

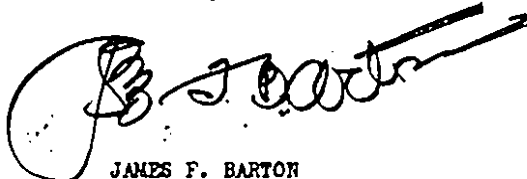
Mr. Ernest L. Sprague,  
Secretary of State,  
Providence,  
Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Sprague:

Enclosed is affidavit designating Charles  
Risk, 301 Strand Building, Providence, Rhode Island, as  
Agent in the State of Rhode Island upon whom legal process  
might be served.

There is also enclosed check for \$2.00 for  
registering same.

Sincerely yours,



JAMES F. BARTON  
National Adjutant

Enclosures

September 8th, 1920.

The American Legion,  
National Headquarters,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:

We return herewith Power of Attorney appointing Charles Risk of Providence, also check for \$2.00, fee for filing same and would say that we find no provision in our General Corporation Law requiring the filing of said instrument, by your corporation.

We are this day forwarding you under separate cover, copy of our General Corporation Law.

Yours truly,

Secretary of State

WS/

[ P. A. ]

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

December 20, 1929

Secretary of State,  
State of Rhode Island,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

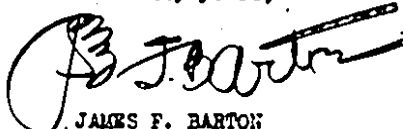
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Our records show that at the present time, Mr. Raymond B. Littlefield of Providence, Rhode Island, is the authorized Agent in the State of Rhode Island upon whom legal process or demands against The American Legion may be served. However, Mr. Littlefield is no longer Adjutant of the Rhode Island Department of The American Legion and we therefore desire to file the name of Mr. Charles Riak of Providence, Rhode Island, the present Adjutant of the Department of Rhode Island, as the authorized Agent in the State of Rhode Island to replace the name of Mr. Raymond B. Littlefield.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

  
JAMES F. BARTON  
National Adjutant

December 24th, 1929.

The American Legion,  
National Headquarters,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:

In reply to yours of the 20th inst. I would say that on January 5th, 1924, a Power of Attorney was accepted and filed in this office, appointing Raymond B. Littlefield, Central Fire Station, Providence, R. I., as the authorized agent in the State of Rhode Island, upon whom legal process might be served.

We enclose herewith blank power of attorney, for the purpose of appointing Mr. Charles Risk of Providence in the place of Mr. Littlefield, and would say that upon receipt of such document, properly executed and accompanied by filing fee of \$2.00, we will duly file same although it is not required to be filed under the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

Yours truly,

Secretary of State

WS/



# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Know all Men by these Presents,

That the The American Legion, a Corporation created by and duly organized under the laws of the State of Congress of the United States and located in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, in said State, hereby constitutes and appoints Raymond B. Littlefield, Central Fire Sta., 5 Exchange Terrace, of the Department of Rhode Island of The American Legion in the State of Rhode Island, to be its true and lawful attorney, with authority, for and in behalf of said corporation, to accept and acknowledge service of all process, including the process of garnishment, against said corporation in said State of Rhode Island in any action, suit or other proceeding which may be brought against said corporation in any court in said State of Rhode Island, and upon whom all such process, including the process of garnishment, against said corporation in said State of Rhode Island may be served, and who, in case of garnishment, when the fees therefor shall have been paid or tendered, shall for and in behalf of said corporation make the affidavit required by law in such cases, and who shall cause an appearance to be entered in like manner as if said corporation had existed and been duly served with process within said State of Rhode Island; and said corporation does hereby admit and agree that any such acceptance or acknowledgment of service of process by said attorney, and any such service of process upon said attorney shall be deemed sufficient. This appointment is to continue in force for the period of time and upon the terms and conditions provided in Section 65 of Chapter 1925 of the Public Laws of Rhode Island.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Corporation aforesaid has caused its name to be hereto subscribed and its corporate seal to be affixed by its National Commander (Designation of Officer) for that purpose duly authorized this 20th day of December 19 23.

The American Legion  
(Name of Corporation)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Officer)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

National Commander  
(Designation of Officer)

State of Indiana  
County of Marion

In the city of Indianapolis, Indiana on this 20th day of December 19 23, before me personally appeared the above named John R. Quinn who is known to me to be the National Commander (Designation of Officer) of the Corporation above named, and described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is National Commander (Designation of Officer) of the American Legion (Name of Corporation) above named, and that he knows the corporate seal thereof; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said Corporation and was affixed thereto by order of the National Commander of said Corporation, and that he has subscribed the name of said Corporation thereto by the like order, as National Commander (Designation of Officer) of said Corporation.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of December 19 23.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

*[Signature]* NOTARY PUBLIC.  
My commission expires Feb. 18, 1924.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,  
PROVIDENCE, SC.

I, Raymond B. Littlefield of the City of Providence in said State, do hereby consent to and accept the foregoing appointment as resident attorney for the purposes aforesaid this fourth day of January 19 24.

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Appointee)  
Central Fire Sta., 5 Exchange Terrace  
Providence, Rhode Island.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,  
PROVIDENCE, SC.

In the City of Providence this fourth day of January 19 24, personally appeared before me the above named Raymond B. Littlefield who is known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing consent and acceptance and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Before me, *[Signature]* NOTARY PUBLIC.

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

FROM

The American Legion

Congress of the  
Organized under the laws of United States

APPOINTING

Raymond B. Littlefield,  
(Attorney)

Central Fire Station, Prov., R.I.  
(Business Address)

ITS

Attorney for Service of Process

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed JAN -5 1924

*Not Required under the  
Law of Rhode Island.*

## THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
MERIDIAN LIFE BUILDING  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE

December 13, 1923  
322-3

J. Fred Parker,  
Secretary of State,  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 7th, addressed to Mr. Bolles, has been referred to me in which you state that you find no record in your office of having accepted a power of attorney appointing Mr. John P. Hartigan as attorney for The American Legion in your state. I beg to advise you that under date of July 16th, over your signature, we were in receipt of the following letter:

"In reply to yours of the 12th instant, would say that we are this day in receipt of your notice of the appointment of Mr. John P. Hartigan, of Providence, as the authorized agent in this state for The American Legion. We have placed this on file for what it may be worth. However, we have enclosed under separate cover a copy of our law relative to foreign corporations carrying on business in this state, and blanks upon which to comply with same, and we believe that these should be executed and filed in the regular manner after payment of the required fees, as is customary with all corporations desirous of becoming authorized to carry on business in this state."

We understand that it is not in accordance with the laws of your state that we are required to file such designation, and beg to advise that our action is entirely due to the fact that it is necessary in carrying out the provisions of the Act of Congress under which we are incorporated, which provides by section nine and one-half as follows:


"That as a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred the American Legion shall file in the office of the secretary of state of each State the name and post-office address of an authorized agent in such State upon whom legal process or demands against the American Legion may be served."

The American Legion, of course, is not a business corporation, and has been held by the Federal Government not to be of such type.

J. Fred Parker.....#2

We have, therefore, no obligation of carrying out the provisions of any laws affecting purely business corporations, and our purpose in making such original filing, and in making the amendment as required is simply to fulfill the provisions of the Federal Act.

Respectfully yours,

  
ROBERT A. ADAMS,  
National Judge Advocate

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

July 12, 1923  
236-2

The Secretary of State,  
State of Rhode Island,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

Section 9-1/2 H. R. 6808, 66th

Congress, entitled An Act to Incorporate The American Legion,  
reads as follows:

"That as a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred, the American Legion shall file in the office of the secretary of state of each state the name and postoffice address of an authorized agent in such state upon whom legal process or demands against the American Legion may be served."

In accordance with the above, we desire to file the name of Mr. John P. Hartigan, 918 Turks Head Building, Providence, Adjutant, Department of Rhode Island, The American Legion, as the authorized agent in the state of Rhode Island, upon whom legal process or demands against The American Legion may be served.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*Leuel Bolles*  
LEUEL BOLLES,  
National Adjutant.

The American  
Legion  
Notice of Appointment of  
Secretary  
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(H. R. 6808)

An Act To incorporate The American Legion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED; That the following persons, to wit: William S. Beam, of North Carolina; Charles E. Brent, of New York; William H. Brown, of Connecticut; G. Edward Buxton, Junior, of Rhode Island; Bennett C. Clark, of Missouri; Richard Derby, of New York; L. H. Evridge, of Texas; Milton J. Foreman, of Illinois; Ruby D. Garrett, of Missouri; Fred J. Griffith, of Oklahoma; Roy C. Haines, of Maine; John F. J. Herbert, of Massachusetts; Roy Hoffman, of Oklahoma; Fred B. Humphreys, of New Mexico; John W. Inzer, of Alabama; Stuart S. Janney, of Maryland; Luke Lea, of Tennessee; Henry Leonard, of Colorado; Henry D. Lindsley, of Texas; Ogden L. Mills, of New York; Thomas W. Miller, of Delaware; Edward Myers, of Pennsylvania; Franklin D'Olier, of Pennsylvania; W. G. Price, Junior, of Pennsylvania; S. A. Ritchie, of New York; Theodore Roosevelt, Junior, of New York; Albert A. Sprague, of Illinois; John J. Sullivan, of Washington; Dale Shaw, of Iowa; Daniel G. Stivers, of Montana; H. J. Turney, of Ohio; George A. White, of Oregon; Eric Fisher Wood, of Pennsylvania; George H. Wood, of Ohio; Mathew H. Murphy, of Alabama; Andrew P. Martin, of Arizona; J. J. Harrison, of Arkansas; Henry G. Mathewson, of California; E. A. Saily, of Colorado; Alfred M. Phillips, Junior, of Connecticut; George N. Davis, of Delaware; A. H. Blanding, of Florida; Walter Harris, of Georgia; E. C. Boom, of Idaho; George G. Seaman, of Illinois; Raymond S. Springer, of Indiana; Mathew A. Tinley, of Iowa; W. A. Phares, of Kansas; Henry De Haven Moorman, of Kentucky; T. Semmes Walmsley, of Louisiana; A. L. Robinson, of Maine; James A. Gary, Junior, of Maryland; George C. Waldo, of Michigan; Harrison Fuller, of Minnesota; Alexander Fitzhugh, of Mississippi; H. C. Clark, of Missouri; Charles E. Pew, of Montana; John G. Maher, of Nebraska; J. G. Scrugham, of Nevada; Frank Knox, of New Hampshire; Hobart Brown, of New Jersey; Charles M. DeBremont, of New Mexico; C. K. Burgess, of North Carolina; Julius Baker, of North Dakota; F. C. Galbraith, of Ohio; Ross N. Lillard, of Oklahoma; E. J. Eivers, of Oregon; George F. Tyler, of Pennsylvania; Alexander H. Johnson, of Rhode Island; Julius H. Walker, of South Carolina; M. L. Shade, of South Dakota; Roane Waring, of Tennessee; Claude V. Birkhead, of Texas; Wesley E. King, of Utah; Charles Francis Cocke, of Virginia; H. Nelson Jackson, of Vermont; Harvey I. Moss, of Washington; Jackson Arnold, of West Virginia; John C. Davis, of Wisconsin; A. H. Beach, of Wyoming; E. Lester Jones, of the District of Columbia; Lawrence Judd, of Hawaii; Robert R. Landon, of the Philippine Islands; and such persons as may be chosen who are members of the "American Legion," an unincorporated patriotic society of the soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Great War, 1917-1918, known as the "American Legion," and their successors, are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate. The name of this corporation shall be "The American Legion."

Sec. 2. That said persons named in section 1 and such other persons as may be selected from among the membership of the American Legion, an unincorporated society of the soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Great War of 1917-1918, are hereby authorized to meet to complete the organization of said corporation by the selection of officers, the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, and to do all other things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act, at which meeting any person duly accredited as a delegate from any local or State organization of the existing unincorporated organization known as the "American Legion" shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings thereof.

Sec. 3. That the purpose of this corporation shall be: To promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the earth; to preserve the memories and incidents of the Great War of 1917-1918; to cement the ties of love and comradeship born of service; and to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service to their country.

Sec. 4. That the corporation created by this act shall have the following powers: To have perpetual succession with power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity; to receive, hold, own, use, and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for its corporate purposes; to adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; to adopt a constitution, by-laws, and regulations to carry out its purposes, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State; to use in carrying out the purposes of the corporation such emblems and badges as it may adopt; to establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; to establish State and Territorial organizations and local chapter or post organizations; to publish a magazine or other publications, and generally to do any and all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation.

Sec. 5. That no person shall be a member of this corporation unless he served in the naval or military service of the United States at some time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, or who, being citizens of the United States at the time of enlistment, served in the military or naval services of any of the Governments associated with the United States during the Great War.

Sec. 6. That the organization shall be nonpolitical and, as an organization, shall not promote the candidacy of any person seeking public office.

Sec. 7. That said corporation may acquire any or all the assets of the existing unincorporated national organization, known as the "American Legion" upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all its liabilities.

Sec. 8. That said corporation and its State and local subdivisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and to use in carrying out its purposes the name "The American Legion."

Sec. 9. That the said corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of January in each year, make and transmit to the Congress a report of its proceedings for the preceding calendar year, including a full and complete report of its receipts and expenditures; Provided, however, that said report shall not be printed as public documents.

Sec. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . That as a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred the American Legion shall file in the office of the secretary of state of each State the name and post-office address of an authorized agent in such State upon whom legal process or demands against the American Legion may be served.

Sec. 10. That the right to repeal, alter, or amend this act at any time is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, September 16, 1919.

Non-Business Corporation

**DUPLICATE**

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

The American Legion

A foreign Non-Business Corp.

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FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of State  
hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19\_\_\_\_\_, an original and a duplicate  
of the articles of association for forming a corporation under the name of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_;  
and that the foregoing is the duplicate of said articles of association.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the State of  
Rhode Island this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, in  
the year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State