

# State of West Virginia



## Certificate

*I, Ken Hechler, Secretary of State of the  
State of West Virginia, hereby certify that*

by the provisions of Chapter 31, Article 1, Sections 27 and 28 of the West Virginia Code, the Articles of Incorporation of

*AMERICAN KNIFE AND TOOL INSTITUTE, INC.*

conform to law and are filed in my office. I therefore declare the organization to be a Corporation for the purposes set forth in its Articles, with the right of perpetual existence.

Therefore, I hereby issue this

### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

to which I have attached a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation



*Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of  
West Virginia on this  
ELEVENTH  
DECEMBER 19<sup>97</sup>  
day of*

*Ken Hechler*

*Secretary of State*

KEN HECHLER  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol, W-139  
Charleston, WV 25305  
(304) 342-8000



FILE IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS  
FEE: AS PER SCHEDULE ON PAGE 4  
— BUSINESS CORPORATION  
(stock, for profit):  
Complete all items except 3.A.  
— NON-PROFIT CORPORATION  
(membership, nonstock):  
Complete all items except 3.B. & 7

WEST VIRGINIA  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
of

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IN THE OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
WEST VIRGINIA

American Knife and Tool Institute, Inc.

I, undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 31, Article 1, Section 27 of the West Virginia Code, do hereby certify that the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

1. The undersigned agrees to become a West Virginia corporation by the name of

American Knife and Tool Institute, Inc.

(The name of the corporation shall contain one of the words "corporation," "company," "incorporated," "limited" or shall contain an abbreviation or one such words. (§31-1-11, W. Va. Code)

2. A. The address at the physical location of the principal office of the corporation will be 6 Ellison Ridge

Road street, in the

city, town or village of Greenville, county of Monroe

State of WV, Zip Code 24945

The mailing address of the above location, if different, will be P.O. Box 123 Greenville, WV 24945

B. The address at the physical location of the principal place of business in West Virginia of the corporation, if different

than the above address, will be Not Applicable street, in the city, town or village

of \_\_\_\_\_ County, West Virginia, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

The mailing address of the above location, if different, will be \_\_\_\_\_

3. This corporation is organized as:

A. Non-stock, non-profit

or

B. Stock, for profit \_\_\_\_\_, and the aggregate value of the authorized capital stock of said profit corporation

will be \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, which shall be divided into \_\_\_\_\_ (no. of shares)

shares of the par value of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars each. (If shares are to be divided  
(or state "without par value," if applicable)

into more than one class or if the corporation is to issue shares in any preferred or special class in series, additional statements are required within the articles of incorporation.) (As provided by law, for the purpose of assessment of the license tax, and for no other purpose, shares of stock having no par value shall be presumed to be of the par value of \$25 each; but, if such stock was originally issued for a consideration greater than \$25 per share, the annual license taxes as are required to be paid to the Tax Commissioner shall be computed upon the basis of the consideration for which such stock was issued. W. Va. Code §11-12-78)

4. The period of duration of the corporation which may be perpetual, is Perpetual

PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE; IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, USE ADDITIONAL SPACE ON PAGE 4 AND ADD PAGES:

5. The purpose(s) for which this corporation is formed (which may be stated to be, or to include, the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated in West Virginia), as follows:

To engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the West Virginia Business Corporation Act.

6. The provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, which the incorporators elect to set forth in the articles of incorporation, are as follows:

As per the By Laws of the corporation.

7. The provisions granting, limiting or denying preemptive rights to shareholders, if any, are as follows:

Not Applicable

The full name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s), including street and street number, if any, and the city, town or village, including the zip code, and the number of shares subscribed for by each is(are) as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	Number of Shares (Optional)
Brian J. Pino	1025 Vermont Ave., NW Washington, DC 20005	

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is Three and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders/members, or until their successors are elected and shall qualify, are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Lester DeAsis	300 Beaver Creek Road Oregon City, OR 97045
Ken Warner	P.O. Box 52 Greenville, WV 24945
C.J. Buck	1900 Weld Blvd. El Cajon, CA 92020

The name and address of the appointed person to whom notice or process may be sent is C T CORPORATION SYSTEM, 707 Virginia Street East, Charleston, W. Va. 25301

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I(We), the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of West Virginia, do make and file this "Articles of Incorporation."

In witness whereof, I(we) have accordingly set my(our) respective hands this TENTH day of DECEMBER, 1997.

(All Incorporators must sign below. Names and signatures must appear the same throughout the Articles of Incorporation.)  
PHOTOCOPIES OF THE SIGNATURES OF THE INCORPORATORS AND THE NOTARY PUBLIC CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Brian J. Pino  
BRIAN J. PINO

STATE OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, JUDITH B. ARGAO, a Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, hereby certify that (names of all incorporators as shown in item 8 must be inserted in this space by official taking acknowledgement)

BRIAN J. PINO