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Articles of Incorporation:

(Sample Organization Name)

United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

Article I – Name and Location

The name of the organization, as recognized by the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association (hereinafter “the Alumni Association”) shall be the *(official name)* (hereinafter short name). The location of this organization shall be the greater (city, state) area.

Article II – Mission

To serve and support the United States, the Naval Service, the Naval Academy and the members:

- By communicating the message of the Naval Academy to the area alumni.
- By seeking out, informing, encouraging and assisting outstanding, qualified young men and women to pursue careers as officers in the Navy and Marine Corps through the Naval Academy.
- By initiating and sponsoring activities which will: a) perpetuate the history, traditions, and memories of the Naval Academy, b) strengthen the Naval Academy community of friends, and c) bind alumni together in support of the highest ideals of command, citizenship, and government.
- By encouraging and facilitating: a) friendships and associations, b) mentoring and advising relationships, and c) aid to the members.

Article III – Purpose

The Chapter is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Goals include, but are not limited to, support of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association (USNAAA), the United States Naval Academy, its candidates, students and alumni.

The (Organization name) (an independent chapter of U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association) serves the (city / state) metropolitan area and the nation, by helping attract the region’s most promising high school-aged leaders to careers in the naval service and leadership.

The (Organization name) is also informally known as (other names).

The Naval Academy is among the most competitive colleges in the nation and the (Organization name) plays a unique role in helping local students reach the school. The Chapter creates opportunities for prospective student candidates and parents to meet and interface with current Naval Academy students (Midshipmen), naval officers and alumni now active in (city)'s business and civic community, and other Navy and Defense Department officials. The (city / state) area has no other organization serving this function, and these personal connections are often a key pivot point upon which (city)'s finest eligible young people choose to attend the Naval Academy.

Article IV – Activities

The activities of the Chapter directly support this exempt purpose and/or raise funds to support that purpose. These activities include (as examples, but do not exclude other similar activities):

- 1) What: Meetings with prominent military and civic figures in (city / state).
How: Create occasion for prospective students, candidates, parents, current Naval Academy students (Midshipmen), Naval Academy graduates, and young naval officers and alumni, to meet with prominent military and civic figures.
Funding: Activity is funded through event receipts collected at the door
- 2) What: Organized events for uniting high school students, prospective candidates, current midshipmen their families, and alumni in (city / state).
How: Create occasion for prospective students, candidates and parents to meet current Naval Academy students (Midshipmen), grads serving the Navy and Marine Corps, and naval officers, and alumni now active in (city)'s business and civic community.
Funding: Activity is funded through event receipts collected at the door and surpluses of other fund raising activities throughout the year.
- 3) What: Support Chapter representation and participation at national Alumni Association conferences focused on developing and communicating better methods to achieve outreach to alumni and promising high school prospective candidates, usually in Annapolis, MD.
How: Chapter officers volunteer to participate in the activity at their own expense; the exception is the annual meeting for Chapter Presidents for which the USNA Alumni Association funds the travel. The conferences are organized by the US Naval Academy and the US Naval Academy Alumni Association. Conferences focus on learning and sharing best practices from similar organizations, recruit participants to support Chapter activities (e.g., speakers), collect updated information on US Naval Academy for later distribution to Orlando-area high school candidates and parents.
Funding: Activity is funded by individual participants as a tax exempt donation – except the Chapter President for their annual meeting. No Chapter funds are used for this purpose.

Article V – Dissolution of the Chapter

In the event that dissolution of the (Organization name) may be considered, the Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the Chapter be dissolved and directing that the question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote by the Board. Adoption of a motion to dissolve the Chapter shall only be by an affirmative vote of more than two thirds of the board members present at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum exists. Written notice of such a resolution shall be provided to the members of the Board not less than 30 days prior to the meeting at which the question will be considered.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation; exclusively for the purposes of the corporation; to such organization or organizations organized and operated for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any subsequent United States Internal Revenue Law; or to the federal, a state or local government, for a public purpose. Selection preference shall be given to qualifying organizations that support the charitable goals of the United States Naval Academy and/or the United States Naval Foundation.