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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA 2nd BATTALION, 5th MARINES SUPPORT GROUP, INC.

I.

The name of the corporation is:

Rancho Santa Margarita 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Support Group, Inc.

II.

A. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

B. The specific charitable purposes of this corporation are to provide support and assistance to the children, dependents and spouses of military service members, and to the members themselves, of the United States Marine Corps in the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (the "2/5"), whether deployed or stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, to otherwise provide morale to the 2/5 in carrying out their duties, and to carry on other charitable activities that are reasonably related to or in furtherance of the foregoing purposes as allowed by law and any applicable United States Marine Corps rules and regulations, all as further defined and set forth from time to time in the bylaws and resolutions of this corporation.

III.

The name and address in the State of California of the corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

J. Michael Vaughn
32235 Weeping Willow
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679

IV.

The initial street address of the corporation is 31441 Santa Margarita Parkway, Suite A#242, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. The initial mailing address of the corporation is 31441 Santa Margarita Parkway, Suite A#242, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688.

V.

A. The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended (the "Code"). All references herein to the Code are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and shall be deemed to include both amendments thereto and statutes which succeed the provisions thereof (i.e., the corresponding provisions of future United States internal revenue laws). Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not directly or indirectly carry on any activity which would prevent it from obtaining exemption from Federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or cause it to lose such exempt status, or carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.


B. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including by publishing or distributing statements in connection with) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

C. During such period, or periods, if any, as the corporation is treated as a "private foundation" pursuant to Section 509 of the Code, the directors must distribute the corporation's income at such time and in such manner so as not to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4942 of the Code, and the corporation is prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing (as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code), from retaining any excess business holdings (as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code) which would subject the corporation to tax under Section 4943 of the Code, from investing any amount in such a manner so as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, from not removing any jeopardy within the taxable period any investment upon which an initial tax is imposed under Section 4944 of the Code, and from making any taxable expenditures (as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code).

VI.

The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, scientific or educational purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and no part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall, after payment of or due provision for all necessary expenses and liabilities thereof, be distributed to one or more organizations operating exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, scientific or literary purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Dated: March 15, 2013



J. Michael Vaughn



I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of 2 page(s) is a full, true and correct copy of the original record in the custody of the California Secretary of State's office.

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Date: _____


Debra Bowen
DEBRA BOWEN, Secretary of State