

# *The State of South Carolina*



*Office of Secretary of State Mark Hammond*

## **Certificate of Incorporation, Nonprofit Corporation**

**I, Mark Hammond, Secretary of State of South Carolina, Hereby Certify that:**

PALMETTO MILITARY ALLIANCE, a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina on October 17th, 2016, and having a perpetual duration unless otherwise indicated below, has as of the date hereof filed a Declaration and Petition for Incorporation of a nonprofit corporation for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable, or other eleemosynary purpose.

Now, therefore, I, Mark Hammond, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the S.C. Code Ann. §33-31-101 et seq., do hereby declare the organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, conferred by Chapter 31, Title 33, of the S.C. Code of Laws and Acts amendatory thereto.

Given under my Hand and the Great  
Seal of the State of South Carolina this  
17th day of October, 2016.

  
Mark Hammond, Secretary of State

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: FEB 22 2017

PALMETTO MILITARY ALLIANCE  
1829 SENATE STREET APT 1C  
COLUMBIA, SC 29201-3837

Employer Identification Number:  
81-4182074  
DLN:  
26053446001877  
Contact Person:  
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
~~Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:~~  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
October 17, 2016  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

PALMETTO MILITARY ALLIANCE

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Cooper', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jeffrey I. Cooper  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

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State of South Carolina  
Office of the Secretary of State  
The Honorable Mark Hammond

Mar 25, 2017

Palmetto Military Alliance  
William L Bethea Jr  
51 PENINSULA DR  
HILTON HEAD, SC 299261134

RE: Exemption Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P37829

Dear William L Bethea Jr:

This letter confirms that the Secretary of State's Office has received and accepted your Application for Exemption. **If you submitted your Application for Exemption using the Charities Online Filing System, this letter of confirmation has been issued pending further review by Division of Public Charities staff.**

The exemption for your charitable organization will expire on May 15, 2018. If any of the information on your Application for Exemption form changes throughout the course of the year, please contact our office to make updates. It is important that this information remain updated so that our office can keep you informed of any changes that may affect your charitable organization. Additionally, if at any time your charitable organization no longer qualifies for an exemption, the organization must immediately register with the Secretary of State's Office. Please note that failure to comply with the registration provisions of the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act may result in fines of up to \$2,000.00 for each separate violation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our website at [www.sos.sc.gov](http://www.sos.sc.gov) or contact our office using the contact information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Wickersham", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberly S. Wickersham  
Director, Division of Public Charities

PALMETTO MILITARY ALLIANCE  
Name of Corporation

**501(c)(3) Attachment**

If your nonprofit is applying for 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service, you must include this attachment with your Articles of Incorporation. Incorporating as a nonprofit in South Carolina does not ensure tax exempt status. A determination of tax exempt status can only be made by the Internal Revenue Service upon submission of an Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Form 1023).

**I. Purpose of the Nonprofit Corporation**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the purposes for which the corporation is organized and operated are exclusively for one or more of the following purposes (you may check as many as are applicable):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charitable | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious             | <input type="checkbox"/> Testing for Public Safety                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational           | <input type="checkbox"/> Fostering National or International Amateur Sports Competition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literary              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or Children                   |

**II. Prohibited Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 1 above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for political office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or by (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**III. Distributions Upon Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (See Article I above), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**FILED**

FEB 07 2017

*Mark Hammond*  
SECRETARY OF STATE