

THE ELITE SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS NETWORK
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KEVIN SHELLEY, SECRETARY OF STATE

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE ELITE DVBE NETWORK**

I

The name of the existing unincorporated association now being incorporated by the filing of these articles is
THE ELITE DVBE NETWORK.

II

This corporation is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity, other than credit union business, for which a corporation may be organized under such law. The purposes, without limitation, for which this corporation is organized are as follows:

- A. Promoting the social welfare of the community,
- B. Assisting needy and disabled veterans, widows, or orphans of deceased veterans,
- B. Providing entertainment, care and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States,
- C. Perpetuating the memory of Veterans and comforting their survivors,
- D. Conducting programs for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes,
- E. Sponsoring or participating in patriotic activities,
- F. Providing insurance benefits to members or member's dependents, or
- G. Providing social and recreational activities for members.

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III

Further, the specific purposes of this organization , without limitation, for which this organization is are as follows:

- 1) To provide a disabled veteran's forum to discuss and take action to advance the common interests of disabled veterans;
- 2) To provide education and information concerning disabled veterans businesses and enterprises and governmental programs and legislation for disabled veterans;
- 3) To provide services for the benefit of disabled veterans and disabled veteran businesses and enterprises;
- 4) To advance the economic interests of disabled veterans;
- 5) To bring about the increased quality of life and economic well being of disabled veterans;

IV

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is: Mr. Bob Mulz, 3829 University Avenue, San Diego, CALIFORNIA 92105.

V

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (19), Internal Revenue Code. Despite any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not , except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that do not further the purposes of this corporation .

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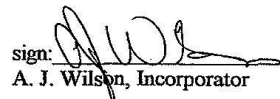
The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member there of or the to the benefit of any private person.

VII

Upon dissolution or winding up of the charitable , its assets remaining after payment, or providing provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a non profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated for charitable purposes and has which has established its tax exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

sign: 
Bob Mulz, Incorporator

date: 3/17/03

sign: 
A. J. Wilson, Incorporator

date: 3/31/03

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DECLARATION

Bob Mulz and A. J. Wilson declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that they are the President and Secretary of THE ELITE DVBE NETWORK referred to in the Articles of Incorporation to which this declaration is attached and that association has duly authorized and approved in accordance with its rules and procedures its incorporation by means of those articles.

Executed at San Diego CA., on 31 MARCH 2003

sign:

Bob Mulz

sign:

A. J. Wilson

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
THE ELITE DVBE NETWORK

The undersigned certify that:

1. They are the president and secretary, respectively, of The Elite DVBE Network, a California nonprofit corporation.

2. Article I of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation is amended to read as follows:

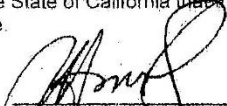
The name of the corporation is THE ELITE SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS NETWORK.

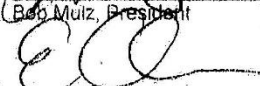
3. The foregoing amendment of the Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the board of directors.

4. The foregoing amendment of the Articles of Incorporation has been duly approved by the required vote of the members.

We further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of our own knowledge.

DATE: 10/21/06


Bob Muiz, President


Eric Carlson, Secretary

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 20 2003**

THE ELITE DYBE NETWORK
3825 UNIVERSITY AVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92105

Employer Identification Number:
45-1545137
EIN:
17053168013003
Contact Person:
ADAM R STANGEN ID# 31124
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5530
Internal Revenue Code
Section 501(c)(9)
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in the section indicated above.

Unless specifically excepted, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) for each employee to whom you pay \$100 or more during a calendar year. And, unless excepted, you are also liable for tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act for each employee to whom you pay \$50 or more during a calendar quarter if, during the current or preceding calendar year, you had one or more employees at any time in each of 20 calendar weeks or you paid wages of \$1,500 or more in any calendar quarter. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please address them to this office.

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

In the heading of this letter we have indicated whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. If Yes is indicated, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided. Check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth

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month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

This ruling/determination is based on your representation that at least 75 percent of your members are past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States defined under section 501(c)(19) of the Code. It is also based on your representation that substantially all of your other members, if any, are individuals who are cadets, or are spouses, widows, or widowers of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States or of cadets.

Based on your representation that at least 90 percent of your members are war veterans and that you are organized and operated primarily for purposes consistent with your current status as a war veterans organization, donors can deduct contributions made to or for the use of your organization.

If, in the future, your organization does not meet this membership test or if your purposes, character, or method of operation changes, donors cannot

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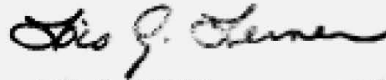
deduct contributions to or for the use of your organization, as provided by section 170. Please notify your key District Director of any such change so that office may consider the effect on the deductibility of contributions by these donors.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

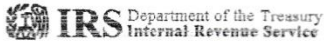
Sincerely yours,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

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Kansas City MO 64999

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THE ELITE SDVOB AKA DVBE NETWORK
3829 UNIVERSITY AVE
SAN DIEGO CA 92105-1323

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Employer ID number: 45-0505137
Form 990 required: YES

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated Jan. 08, 2025, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in August 2003, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(19).

Because you're not an organization described in IRC Section 170(c), donors can't deduct contributions they make to you. You should advise your contributors that their contributions to you aren't deductible.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

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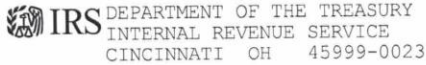
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Sincerely yours,

Ms. Hanks

Ms. Hanks
Operations Manager - AMP03

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Date of this notice: 05-08-2025

Employer Identification Number:
33-5036088

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

ELITE SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN
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% ROBERT MULZ
3829 UNIVERSITY AVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92105

For assistance you may call us at:
1-800-829-4933

IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE
STUB AT THE END OF THIS NOTICE.

WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 33-5036088. This EIN will identify your entity, accounts, tax returns, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

Taxpayers request an EIN for business and tax purposes. Some taxpayers receive CP575 notices when another person has stolen their identity and are operating using their information. If you did **not** apply for this EIN, please contact us at the phone number or address listed on the top of this notice.

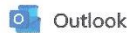
When filing tax documents, making payments, or replying to any related correspondence, it is very important that you use your EIN and complete name and address exactly as shown above. Any variation may cause a delay in processing, result in incorrect information in your account, or even cause you to be assigned more than one EIN. If the information is not correct as shown above, please make the correction using the attached tear-off stub and return it to us.

When you submitted your application for an EIN, you checked the box indicating you are a non-profit organization. Assigning an EIN does not grant tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations. Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your organization, has details on the application process, as well as information on returns you may need to file. To apply for recognition of tax-exempt status, organizations must complete an application on one of the following forms: Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; Form 1023-EZ, Streamlined Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; Form 1024, Application for Recognition Under Section 501(a); or Form 1024-A, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Nearly all organizations claiming tax-exempt status must file a Form 990-series annual information return (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) or notice (Form 990-N) beginning with the year they legally form, even if they have not yet applied for or received recognition of tax-exempt status.

If you become tax-exempt, you will lose tax-exempt status if you fail to file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, unless a filing exception applies to you (search www.irs.gov for Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File). We start calculating this three-year period from the tax year we assigned the EIN to you. If that first tax year isn't a full twelve months, you're still responsible for submitting a return for that year. If you didn't legally form in the same tax year in which you obtained your EIN, contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this letter. For the most current information on your filing requirements and other important information, visit www.irs.gov/charities.

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From Enrique Leyva <Enrique.Leyva@doj.ca.gov>
Date Tue 2024-12-03 11:28 AM
To John Stump <mrjohnstump@619at3leaf.com>

Good morning Mister Stump.

It was a pleasure speaking with you about your organization. In our records at the Registry of Charities and Fundraisers, your organization has a status of "MUTUAL BENEFIT". What this means is that you are not required to submit documents for us to review/process.

I appreciate your patience while I double checked this on my end.

I hope you have a fantastic rest of your day.

Enrique Leyva
Office Technician
Registry of Charities and Fundraisers
Office of Attorney General
(916)210-7621

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CA NONPROFIT CORPORATION
California Secretary of State
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Sacramento, California 95814
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Entity Details			
Corporation Name	THE ELITE SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS NETWORK		
Entity No.	2295215		
Formed In	CALIFORNIA		
Street Address of California Principal Office of Corporation			
Street Address of California Office	None		
Mailing Address of Corporation			
Mailing Address	3829 UNIVERSITY AVENUE THE ELITE SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS NETWORK SAN DIEGO, CA 92105		
Attention	Lesslie Severns Chair		
Officers			
Officer Name	Officer Address	Position(s)	
+ Jerry Bell	25143 THORNBERRY DR PLAINFIELD, IL 60544	Secretary	
+ DONELL JOHNSON	3911 NORTH CORDOBA, AVE E. SPRING VALLEY, CA 91977	Chief Financial Officer	
+ LESSLIE SEVERNS	PO BOX 1056 JULIAN, CA 92036	Chief Executive Officer	
Additional Officers			
Officer Name	Officer Address	Position	Stated Position
Agent for Service of Process			
California Registered Corporate Agent (1505)		REGISTERED AGENTS INC Registered Corporate 1505 Agent	
Email Notifications			
Opt-in Email Notifications		No, I do NOT want to receive entity notifications via email. I prefer notifications by USPS mail.	
Electronic Signature			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By signing, I affirm that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized by California law to sign.			
mrjohnstump@619at3leaf.com		05/07/2025	
Signature		Date	