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May 5, 2004

Department of State Division of Corporations Corporate Filings P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Reference: Not-for-Profit Corporation Filing – Maritime Security Institute, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed, please find the Articles of Incorporation for the above referenced notfor-profit corporation. Please file said articles at the earliest opportunity and return to the following address a certificate of filing:

> Mr. John Banner Maritime Security Council 3471 N. Federal Highway Suite 506 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33306

I have also enclosed a check for \$78.75 to be allocated as follows:

\$70.00 for the filing fee \$8.75 for the certificate of filing

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenneth P. Bergquist FL Bar # 129429

Encl.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MARITIME SECURITY INSTITUTE, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of the Maritime Security Institute, Inc., under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

### ARTICLE I.

#### NAME

The name of this corporation (the "Corporation") is the Maritime Security Institute, Inc.

### ARTICLE II. ADDRESS

The mailing and street address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be:

3471 N. Federal Highway, Suite 508 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33306

### ARTICLE III. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the Company's registered office shall be Kenneth P. Bergquist, Esq., 444 29<sup>th</sup> Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33407, and the registered agent for the Company at that address shall be Kenneth P. Bergquist, Esq.

### ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purposes for which this Corporation is organized under the Florida Not-For-Profit Act is to effect the education and training of persons in any and all aspects of maritime security and to undertake any other lawful purpose or purposes not specifically prohibited to corporations under other laws of this state. The Corporation is specifically prohibited from making any distribution of profit or income to its members, trustees, officers or others.

### ARTICLE V. INCORPORATORS

The name and street address of the incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

<u>Name</u>

<u>Address</u>

John Banner

3471 N. Federal Highway

Suite 506

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33306

#### ARTICLE VI.

### **ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A Board of Trustees shall govern the Corporation. There shall be three Trustees of the Corporation who shall have all the powers authorized to a board of directors under the Florida Not-For-Profit Act and who shall be initially appointed by the incorporator. The initial Trustees of the Corporation shall serve terms of three, four and five years, respectively. Thereafter, the terms of the Trustees shall be three years. Trustee vacancies shall be filled by election by the remaining Trustees. Trustees must be unanimously elected.

### **ARTICLE VII.**

#### **ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

The Corporation may admit Members upon approval of the Board of Trustees. Memberships are not transferable. Membership may be terminated in accordance with the Corporation's bylaws, as amended from time to time.

Without the express written authority of the Board of Trustees, no Member of the Corporation can be an agent of the Corporation or has the authority to (i) bind the Corporation, (ii) enter into contracts, and (iii) enter into any transactions or otherwise make any commitments on behalf of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Incorporation on May 5, 2004.

offin Banner, Incorporator

### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/OFFICE OF MARITIME SECURITY INSTITUTE, INC.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 617.0202 AND 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. The name of the corporation is the Maritime Security Institute, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is Kenneth P. Bergquist, Esq., c/o Kenneth P. Bergquist, Esq., 444 29<sup>th</sup> Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

(Signature)

May 5, 2004