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Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Short Form  
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)  
▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form  
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-1150

**2008**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

**A** For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 1 January, 2008, and ending 31 December, 20 08

- B** Check if applicable
- Address change
  - Name change
  - Initial return
  - Termination
  - Amended return
  - Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions.

**C** Name of organization  
**Eldred American Legion Post 1135**

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**235 Locust Street PO Box 328**

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**Eldred, IL 62027**

**D** Employer identification number  
**97 1253104 37-6046623**

**E** Telephone number  
**( 217 ) 983-2781**

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**G** Accounting method  Cash  Accrual  
Other (specify) ▶

**I** Website: ▶

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**J** Organization type (check only one) —  501(c) ( 19 ) ◀ (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **83902**

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	0	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	0
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	2825	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0
4	Investment income	4	1041	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	529
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	11982
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	0
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	0	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ Depreciation, Sales Tax, Insurance, Licenses)	16	13458
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	25969
6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	0	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	2034
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	55873
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	91148	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	57907
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	83902				
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	7246				
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ Amusements (Pool/Jukebox/Video Games)/Legion Benefits)	8	16891				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	28003				

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**Part II Balance Sheets.** If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	35113	37490
23	Land and buildings	13203	13203
24	Other assets (describe ▶ Kitchen Appliances/Bar Equipment)	8457	7214
25	Total assets	55873	57907
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶)	0	0
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	55873	57907

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
35a	a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
35b	b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ <b>37a</b> 0		
37b	b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
38b	b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
39a	a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____ ; section 4912 ▶ _____ ; section 4955 ▶ _____		
40b	b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
	c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
	d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
40e	e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <u>Illinois</u>		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ <u>Eldred American Legion Post 1135</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>( 217 ) 983-2781</u> Located at ▶ <u>230 Locust Street Eldred, IL</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>62027</u>		
42b	b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	Yes	No
42c	c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . ▶ <b>43</b> _____ <input type="checkbox"/>		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

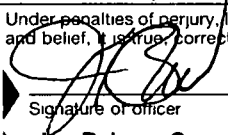
- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I Yes No
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 46 47
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a
- b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? 49b
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶		

**Sign Here** Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer:  Date: 10/2/10

Jon Baker Commander/President  
Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) address, and ZIP + 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions): \_\_\_\_\_

EIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  Yes  No

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