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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)

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 8/01, 2008, and ending 7/31, 2009

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. American Legion Post No. 1 W.B. Williamson 1530 Ninth Street Lake Charles, LA 70601	D Employer Identification Number 72-0411244
		E Telephone number 337-436-3300	G Gross receipts \$ 2,210,215.
F Name and address of principal officer Jack Young Same As C Above		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☒ No If 'No,' attach a list (see instructions)	
I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (19) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(c) Group exemption number 0925	
J Website: N/A			
K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other		L Year of formation 1919	M State of legal domicile LA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities <u>To provide a meeting place for veterans where they can socialize and get information related to veterans benefits, as well as providing support for organizations in the community.</u>		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	13	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	13	
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	37	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	65	
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	114,981.	
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	135,103.		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 6,602.	Current Year 4,736.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	4,743.	3,599.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	466.	382.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	265,300.	224,428.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	277,111.	233,145.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	8,478.	36,018.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	173,096.	168,409.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	181,574.	204,427.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	95,537.	28,718.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year 278,623.	End of Year 283,541.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	37,852.	14,052.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	240,771.	269,489.

Part II Signature Block

I, Jack T. Young , 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.			
PLEASE SIGN HERE Signature of officer Jack T. Young	Date 6-10-10		
Type or print name and title Jack T. Young, Finance Officer			
Preparer's signature J. Michael Pettaway, CPA	Date 6-9-10	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) N/A
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Patin Pettaway & Pettaway CPAs 2700 Second Ave. Lake Charles, LA 70601		EIN N/A Phone no 337-478-6760	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To provide a meeting place for veterans where they can socialize and get information
related to veterans benefits, as well as providing support for organizations in the
community.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?☒ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O

See Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported**4a** (Code: ☐) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ (Revenue \$)

Newsletter-This is a local and national newsletter to all of the members of Post #1.
It includes a calendar of events for the upcoming month, announcements regarding
members of our organization, and a listing of any changes that will affect the
members. There are approximately 650 copies per month.

4b (Code: ☐) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ (Revenue \$)

Recreation for Veterans-The legion provides a gathering place for social events
attended by approximately 550 members and their families.

4c (Code: ☐) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ (Revenue \$)

Support for and donations to other organizations and individuals, such as, The Ladies
Auxiliary, The Disabled American Veterans, other American Legion Posts, The American
Legion Baseball Program, and military veterans in need.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ \$ (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A.		X
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?		X
3 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.		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.		
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III.		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I.		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II.		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III.		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV.		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V.		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E.		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I.		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II.		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III.		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I.		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II.		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III.	X	
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H.		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J.		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? If 'Yes,' answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to question 25.		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.		
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.		
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II.		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III.		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	28a	X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34	X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35	X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	X	
3b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	X	
4a	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)?		X
4b	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.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If 'Yes,' to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
7b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7h	For all contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from other members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

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Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

For each 'Yes' response to lines 2-7b below, and for a 'No' response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee?		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? See Schedule O	X	
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? See Schedule O	X	
7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? See Sch O	X	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b If 'Yes,' does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 See Schedule O	X	
11 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies

	Yes	No
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13		X
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		X
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done		X
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?		X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization?		X
Describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosures

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ None

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public See Schedule O

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization

▶ Patin Pettaway & Pettaway CPAs 2700 Second Ave. Lake Charles LA 70601 337-478-6760

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) or more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Frank Streva Executive Direc	5	X						0.	0.	0.
Paul Toerner Executive Direc	20	X						7,900.	0.	0.
Ignace Deshotel Executive Direc	5	X						0.	0.	0.
Carrol Fruge Executive Direc	5	X						0.	0.	0.
Joe LaFleur Executive Direc	5	X						0.	0.	0.
Steve Rothermel Executive Direc	5	X						0.	0.	0.
Ronnie Odom Executive Direc	5	X						0.	0.	0.
Jim Benoit Executive Direc	5	X						0.	0.	0.
Albert Duplantis Commander	10			X				0.	0.	0.
Jack Young 1st Vice Cmndr	10			X				0.	0.	0.
Jim Jackson 2nd Vice Cmndr	10			X				0.	0.	0.
Rufus Nelands 3rd Vice Cmndr	10			X				3,600.	0.	0.
Bill Abshire Adjutant	10			X				0.	0.	0.

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d	2,960.			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,776.			
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f. \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		4,736.			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code					
	2a Membership Dues & Assessments	900099	3,599.	3,599.		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		3,599.				
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		382.			382.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)		7,751.			7,751.
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a	2,149,568.			
	b Less: direct expenses	b	1,920,368.			
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		229,200.		114,981.	114,219.
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	44,179.			
	b Less cost of goods sold	b	56,702.			
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		-12,523.	-12,523.			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		233,145.	-8,924.	114,981.	122,352.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	11,350.			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.			
7 Other salaries and wages	22,251.			
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	2,417.			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	9,904.			
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs See Part IV, ln 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	5,192.			
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	16,325.			
17 Travel	2,813.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,209.			
23 Insurance	17,171.			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a <u>Community Support</u>	75,516.			
b <u>Repairs and Maintenance</u>	9,145.			
c <u>Supplies</u>	7,823.			
d <u>Membership Entertainment</u>	7,139.			
e <u>Baseball Program</u>	4,269.			
f All other expenses	4,903.			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	204,427.			
26 Joint Costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

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Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
ASSETS	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing	4,666.	1	4,350.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments.	190,579.	2	141,865.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,963.	9	7,713.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis.	10a 152,722.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 23,109.		
	11 Investments — publicly-traded securities.		11	
	12 Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	278,623.	16	283,541.	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,165.	17	4,972.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	31,687.	25	9,080.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	37,852.	26	14,052.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	240,771.	32	269,489.
	33 Total net assets or fund balances.	240,771.	33	269,489.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	278,623.	34	283,541.	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a X	
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	X
c If 'Yes' to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	X
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	X
b If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?	3b	

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**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

**Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that
answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

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American Legion Post No. 1

Employer identification number

72-0411244

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)	☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat	☐ Preservation of certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easement it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a ☐ Public exhibition
 b ☐ Scholarly research
 c ☐ Preservation for future generations

- d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
 e ☐ Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
1 c	
1 d	
1 e	
1 f	

- c Beginning balance
 d Additions during the year
 e Distributions during the year
 f Ending balance

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1 a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
 b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
 c Term endowment ▶ _____ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
 (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1 a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		98,596.	7,214.	91,382.
d Equipment				
e Other		54,126.	15,895.	38,231.
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				129,613.

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Part XI	Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements
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N/A

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| 1 | Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | .. |
| 2 | Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25) | . |
| 3 | Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | |
| 4 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | |
| 5 | Donated services and use of facilities | . . . |
| 6 | Investment expenses | . |
| 7 | Prior period adjustments | . |
| 8 | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | . |
| 9 | Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8 | . |
| 10 | Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9 | . |

Part XII	Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return	N/A
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- 1** Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements
- 2** Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:
 - a** Net unrealized gains on investments
 - b** Donated services and use of facilities
 - c** Recoveries of prior year grants
 - d** Other (Describe in Part XIV)
 - e** Add lines **2a** through **2d**
- 3** Subtract line **2e** from line **1**
- 4** Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line **1**.
 - a** Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b
 - b** Other (Describe in Part XIV)
 - c** Add lines **4a** and **4b**
- 5** Total revenue. Add lines **3** and **4c**. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)

Part XIII	Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return	N/A
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- 1** Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements
- 2** Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25
 - a** Donated services and use of facilities
 - b** Prior year adjustments
 - c** Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25
 - d** Other (Describe in Part XIV)
 - e** Add lines **2a** through **2d**
- 3** Subtract line **2e** from line **1**
- 4** Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:
 - a** Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b
 - b** Other (Describe in Part XIV)
 - c** Add lines **4a** and **4b**
- 5** Total expenses. Add lines **3** and **4c** (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)

Part XIV	Supplemental Information
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Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4; Part X; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

Part XIV	Supplemental Information <i>(continued)</i>
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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(Add col. (a) through col. (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less: Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)				
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Non-cash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Other direct expenses				
	8 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4- through 7 in column (d)				
	9 Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d)				

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
					(Add col. (a) through col. (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross revenue	983,814.	1,165,754.		2,149,568.
	2 Cash prizes	656,291.	850,042.		1,506,333.
DIRECT EXPENSES	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs	38,222.	38,978.		77,200.
	5 Other direct expenses	175,082.	161,753.		336,835.
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes <u>0</u> % ☒ No	☐ Yes <u>0</u> % ☒ No	☐ Yes <u>0</u> % ☒ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				1,920,368.
	8 Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d)				229,200.

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities LA

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?

b If 'No,' Explain

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

b If 'Yes,' Explain

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

	YES	NO
9a	X	
10a		X
11	X	
12		X

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in**a** The organization's facility**b** An outside facility

13a	%
13b	100.0 %

14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:Name ▶ Paul ToernerAddress: ▶ 1530 Ninth Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601**15a** Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?**b** If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ _____.**c** If 'Yes,' enter name and address

Name. ▶ _____

Address: ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager informationName ▶ Paul ToernerGaming manager compensation ▶ \$ 7,600.Description of services provided ▶ Supervision and management of games☒ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions**a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?**b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year: ▶ \$ 232,982. See Supplemental

YES NO

15a

X

17a

X

SCHEDULE O
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Supplemental Information to Form 990

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► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide
additional information for responses to specific questions for the
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

Name of the organization **American Legion Post No. 1**
W.B. Williamson

Employer identification number
72-0411244

Part III, Line 17b

Distributions Required Under State Law

Louisiana \$ 232,982.
Total \$ 232,982.

Form 990, Part III, Line 3 - Ceased Conducting or Significant Changes To Services

Louisiana Boys State program is managed by the Louisiana Department of American
Legion. Our members volunteer their time to solicit donations for the program.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 - Explanation of Classes of Members or Shareholder

Organization has approximately 550 members who pay annual dues, of which a portion
goes to the national headquarters of the American Legion. Members have no claim to
the assets of the corporation.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - How Members or Shareholders Elect Governing Body

The members elect officers and board members to a term of one year to govern the
organization.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7b - Decisions of Governing Body Approval by Members or Shareholders

Changes made to the organization's by-laws or constitution must be approved by the
members before they can take effect.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 10 - Form 990 Review Process

The Commander, Finance Officer and Secretary will review the return prior to filing
and report any findings and/or recommendations to the governing body.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available

Governing documents, Return of Organization Exempt from Tax, and financial
statements are available to the public upon request.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

American Legion Post No. 1 W.B. Williamson

Employer identification number

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities

(A) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets	(F) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

(A) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Exempt Code section	(E) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(F) Direct controlling entity
Lake Charles American Legion Home, Inc. 1530 Ninth Street	To hold title of property for				
Lake Charles, LA 70601 72-1222116	W.B. Williamson Post #1	LA	501 (c) 2		N/A

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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV.

1 During the tax year did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV:

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)**e** Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)**f** Sale of assets to other organization(s)**g** Purchase of assets from other organization(s)**h** Exchange of assets**i** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)**k** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)**m** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets**n** Sharing of paid employees**o** Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses**p** Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses**q** Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)**r** Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

2 If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes,' see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(A) Name of other organization	(B) Transaction type (a-r)	(C) Amount involved
(1) Lake Charles American Legion Home, Inc.	a	2,960.
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		

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Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total asset or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See Instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships

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