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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 $500,000 and total assets less than $1,250,000 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*

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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending ,

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
SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
92 OAK LEAF LANE

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
CHAPEL HILL NC 27516-9440

D Employer identification number
74-2619854

E Telephone number
(919) 933-0989

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:** ► N/A

J **Tax-exempt status** (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (19) ◄ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

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

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 Form 990-EZ or Form 990 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 $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► $ 185,423.

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

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received			1 6,700.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts			2
	3	Membership dues and assessments			3 26,885.
	4	Investment income			4 742.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)			5c
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ► ☐			
	a	Gross revenue (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	111,932.	
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	65,194.	
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)			6c 46,738.
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	29,110.	
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	23,434.	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)			7c 5,676.
	8	Other revenue (describe ► See Other Revenue Statement)			8 10,054.
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8			► 9 96,795.
EXPENSES	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) See L-10 Stmt			10 7,800.
	11	Benefits paid to or for members			11
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits			12
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors			13 18,550.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance			14
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping			15 16,380.
	16	Other expenses (describe ► See Other Expenses Statement)			16 34,065.
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16			► 17 76,795.
NET ASSETS	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)			18 20,000.
	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)			19 210,099.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)			20
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20			► 21 230,099.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are $1,250,000 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	212,603.	22	222,447.
23	Land and buildings	3,858.	23	2,275.
24	Other assets (describe ► See L-24 Stmt)	20,638.	24	33,427.
25	**Total assets**	237,099.	25	258,149.
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ► See L-26 Stmt)	27,000.	26	28,050.
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	210,099.	27	230,099.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE ATTACHMENT

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title

Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others)

28	THE ANNUAL MEETING IS ATTENDED BY APPROX. 300 MEMBERS WHERE THEY ARE ADVISED OF SERVICE BENEFITS, POW ISSUES, AND ARE ALLOWED TO TELL THEIR STORY BEFORE A CAMERA AND TRAINED INTERVIEWERS (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐	28a	63,839.
29	PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO 10 COLLEGE STUDENTS TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION. (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐	29a	7,800.
30	DONATIONS WERE MADE TO A RECOGNIZED VETERANS CHARITY (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐	30a	1,300.
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► ☐	31a	
32	**Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a) ►	32	72,939.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instrs.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
CLETIS D. SINYARD 131 ST. CLAIRE DRIVE LEESBURG GA 31763	PRESIDENT 40.00	0.	0.	
CHARLES BERG 2640 CANYON VIEW DRIVE SANTA CLARA UT 84765	VICE-PRESIDENT 15.00	0.	0.	
TY FURBISH P.O. BOX 237961 COCOA FL 32923	SECRETARY 10.00	0.	0.	
MORRIS G. WORLEY 92 OAK LEAF LANE CHAPEL HILL NC 27516	TREASURER 40.00	0.	0.	
TOM CUNNINGHAM P.O. BOX 188 NEWMARKET NH 03857	EXEC. DIRECTOR 22.50	13,500.	0.	
ELDON A. BARGEWELL 1586 BARBOUR LANE EUFAULA AL 36027	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	
WILLIAM WERTHER 102 LIGHTNING SPRINGS ROAD PROTEM MO 65733	DIRECTOR 3.00	0.	0.	
ROBERT L. STRANGE 10005 MANCELONA ROAD MANCELONA MI 49659	DIRECTOR 5.00	0.	0.	
DAVID C. SMITH 2914 TALL CEDAR LANE TRINITY NC 27370	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	
RAYMOND M. FROVARP 4072 ARDENWOODS DRIVE FAYETTEVILLE NC 28306	DIRECTOR 5.00	0.	0.	

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

			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	33		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		X
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 why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T. See L-35 Stmt			
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		X
b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► 37a 0.			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		X
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 outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a		X
b	If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► _____, section 4912 ► _____, section 4955 ► _____			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ► _____			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► _____			
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	40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► _____			

42a The organization's books are in care of ► M.G. WORLEY Telephone no ► (919) 933-0989

Located at ► 92 OAK LEAF LANE CHAPEL HILL NC ZIP + 4 ► 27516

			Yes	No
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: ► _____	42b		X
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
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 ► _____	42c		X

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 ► 43

			Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		X
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	45		X

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

		Yes	No
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	46	
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48	Is the organization 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 a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's 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 and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 ►

51 Complete this table for the organization's 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

d 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 30 JUN 2010 Date

► M. G. Worley, Interim Treasurer Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ► Robert R. Smith, CPA	Date 06/29/10	Check if self-employed ► ☐	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► ROBERT R. SMITH, CPA, PC 406 N. WESTOVER BLVD. ALBANY GA 31707-2131		EIN ►	
		Phone no ► (229) 435-4611	

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

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than $15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
► Attach to Form990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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Name of the organization

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

74-2619854

Part I **Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 17 Form 990EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities Check all that apply

- ☐ Mail solicitations
- ☐ Internet and email solicitations
- ☐ Phone solicitations
- ☐ In-person solicitations
- ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
- ☐ Solicitation of government grants
- ☐ Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If 'Yes,' list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least $5,000 by the organization

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? Yes	(iii) No	(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
Total ►						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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 REUNION (event type)	(b) Event #2 RAFFLE (event type)	(c) Other Events NONE (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col. (a) through col (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts	86,512.	25,420.		111,932.
	2 Less Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	86,512.	25,420.		111,932.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	25,628.			25,628.
	7 Food and beverages	28,186.			28,186.
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	10,025.	1,355.		11,380.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4- through 9 in column (d)			►	65,194.
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column (d) and line 10			►	46,738.

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				
DIRECT EXPENSES	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)			►	
	8 Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1, column (d) and line 7			►	

		YES	NO
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities			
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a		
b If 'No,' explain			
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a		
b If 'Yes,' explain			
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11		
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?	12		

			YES	NO
13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in.				
a The organization's facility	**13a**	%		
b An outside facility	**13b**	%		
14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records				
Name. ►				
Address ►				
15a Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?		**15a**		
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 of the third party:				
Name. ►				
Address ►				
16 Gaming manager information				
Name. ►				
Gaming manager compensation ► $_____				
Description of services provided ►				
☐ 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?		**17a**		
b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► $				

Form 990-EZ
Part II

Other Assets and Liabilities

2009

Name as Shown on Return	Employer Identification No
SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.	74-2619854

Line 24 - Other Assets:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
INVENTORY OF MEMORABILIA ITEMS	18,138.	28,427.
REUNION DEPOSIT	2,500.	5,000.
Totals to Form 990-EZ, Part II, line 24	20,638.	33,427.

Line 26 - Total Liabilities:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
SCHOLARSHIPS PAYABLE	27,000.	23,550.
OTHER PAYABLES		4,500.
Totals to Form 990-EZ, Part II, line 26	27,000.	28,050.

Additional Information

EXEMPT PURPOSE - FORM 990EZ, PART III (PAGE 1 OF 2)

1. TO PERPETUATE THE ESPRIT DE CORPS OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMUNITY
2. TO UNITE FRATERNALLY VETERANS OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES WHO, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR 1, HAVE CONDUCTED OR SUPPORTED "SPECIAL OPERATIONS"
3. TO COMMEMORATE FITTINGLY THE MEMORY OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF THE FREE WORLD AND TO THOSE WHO SERVED IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS AND ARE STIL UNACCOUNTED FOR AS POW/MIA
4. TO PROMOTE PATRIOTISM THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITIES OF THE COUNTRY
5. TO EDUCATE ITS MEMBERS AND THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS, AND TO KEEP ABREAST OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS AS IS CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY REGULATIONS

Additional Information

EXEMPT PURPOSE - FORM 990EZ, PART III (PAGE 2 OF 2)

6. TO ENCOURAGE EVERY MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION TOWARD A CLOSER PERSONAL AND A FRIENDLY SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION
7. TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF THE MEMBERS, AND TO IMPROVE BY ALL LAWFUL MEANS THEIR STATUS AND CONDITION
8. TO BE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR ALL SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8
Other Revenue Statement

Other revenue (describe)	
VENDOR AREA INCOME	4,046.
ROYALTY INCOME	3,365.
MISCELLANEOUS	2,643.
Total	10,054.

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses Statement

Other expenses (describe)	
BANK CHARGES	2,415.
LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,073.
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,215.
PLAQUES	1,028.
TRADE SHOW EXPENSES	1,292.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS	13,905.
MISCELLANEOUS	13,137.
Total	34,065.

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10
Grants and Similar Amounts Paid

Purpose of Payment SCHOLARSHIP TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Class of Activity	Grantee's Name and Address	Grantee's Relationship	Amount Given
SCHOLARSHIP	Business [ ] Person [X] NO INDIVIDUAL GRANT OVER $5,000		7,800.

If property other than cash was given, the following additional information needs to be provided:
Description of Property
Date of Gift

Book Value	How Book Value Determined
FMV	How FMV Determined

Explanation Statement

Form/Line: Form 990-EZ, Part V Line 35
Explanation of: Not Reporting Income on Form 990-T

THE ANNUAL MEETING REPORTED ON LINE 6 A IS NOT REGULARLY CARRIED ON AS IT IS A ONE-TIME EVENT TO SUPPORT THE COSTS OF 300 MEMBERS MEETING TO DISCUSS SERVICE BENEFITS, POW ISSUES, AND APPEARING BEFORE A CAMERA AND TRAINED INTERVIEWERS TO TELL THEIR STORY.