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Form 990

OMB No 1545-0047

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung
benefit trust or private foundation)Open to Public
Inspection

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning JULY 1, 2009, and ending JUNE 30, 2010

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization AMERICAN LEGION, EAU CLAIRE Doing Business As POST 53		D Employer identification number 39 0380392
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number (715) 834-4091
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	F City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703-5633		G Gross receipts \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	F Name and address of principal officer:		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(19) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	J Website: ►		H(c) Group exemption number ►
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		L Year of formation
			M State of legal domicile

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: *A VETERANS ORGANIZATION
SUPPORTING LOCAL + REGIONAL VETERANS + YOUTH
PROGRAMS*

2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

3	9
4	11
5	5
6	50
7a	101,623
7b	(6463)

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Activities & Governance

Revenue

Expenses

Net Assets or
Fund Balances

			Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1b) NOV 16 2010	97	20,583	17,695
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		55,275	57,713
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3-4, and 7d)		1,711	1,430
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		111,630	109,037
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		189,199	185,875
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)			
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)			
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)			185,615
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12			260
			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)		229,107	226,266
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		72,250	69,149
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		156,857	157,117

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

► *MARY ANN CHRISTOPHERSON* COMMANDER

11/11/10

Date

Signature of officer

► *MARY ANN CHRISTOPHERSON*

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self- employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		EIN ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Phone no. ► ()

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

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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.

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: *B1N40*) (Expenses \$ *49,468* including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ *51,940*)

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4b (Code: *B1S*) (Expenses \$ *1800* including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ *295*)

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

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4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ *51,268* including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ *52,235*)

4e Total program service expenses ►

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?

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

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 similar funds or 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

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

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

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

10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

- Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI
- Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII
- Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII
- Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX
- Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X
- Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X

12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII

12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional

13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I

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

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

17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

	Yes	No
1	✓	
2	✓	
3	✓	
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6	✓	
7	✓	
8	✓	
9	✓	
10	✓	
11	✓	
12		
13	✓	
14a	✓	
14b	✓	
15	✓	
16	✓	
17	✓	
18	✓	
19	✓	
20	✓	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.	21	✓
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	✓
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	✓
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, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a	✓
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	✓
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	✓
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	✓
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	25a	
25b	b Is the organization 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	25b	
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	26	✓
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	✓
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
28a	a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	✓
28b	b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	✓
28c	c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	✓
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	✓
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	✓
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	✓
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	✓
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	34	✓
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35	✓
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	✓
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. <i>SCH. NOT AVAILABLE</i>	38	✓

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	1a	5
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	2
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	✓
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	2a	5
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)</i>	2b	✓
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	✓
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)?	4a	✓
b 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	✓
5b	5b	✓
5c	5c	
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	✓
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	✓
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d	
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	
e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g	
g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h	
h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	8	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9b	
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	10a	
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	10b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	11a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	11b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a Gross income from members or shareholders	12a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	12b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a 9	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b 11	
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?	2	✓
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?	3	✓
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	✓
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	✓
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	✓
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	✓
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	✓
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	✓
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	✓
9 Is there any officer, director, 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	9a	✓

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	✓
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?	10b	
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	✓
11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.	12a	✓
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12b	✓
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12c	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	13	✓
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	14	✓
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	15a	✓
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?	15b	✓
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	16a	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	16b	✓
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, 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?		
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. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► WI
- 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.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► LARRY LINDQUIST 5916 N WEST SHORE LANE
(715) 865-3074 STONE LAKE, WI 54876

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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. 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. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee"
- 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) of 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.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

Check this box if the organization did not complete any current officer, director, or trustee.

Part VII **Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)**

1b Total

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ► 0

	Yes	No
3	✓	
4		✓
5		✓

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

Compensation from the organization:		
(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ►

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	14,378		
	c Fundraising events	1c			
	d Related organizations	1d			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	3,317		
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$			17,695	
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f				
Program Service Revenue	2a BINGO	Business Code	51,940		
	b BADGER BOYS STATE		295		
	c HONOR GUARD		3,790		
	d ADVERTISING		1,748		
	e				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		57,773		
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1430	1430	
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
Other Revenue	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
	b Less: rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)				
	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	3999			
b Less: direct expenses	b	520			
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		3479	3479		
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	147,755			
b Less: cost of goods sold	b	44,593			
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		103,162		103,162	
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a FLINGS		209			
b SOCIALS		1167			
c BINGO		1020			
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		2396			
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		185,875	4909	103,162	

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).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(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				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	880			
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	4437			
13 Office expenses	693			
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	264			
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				
23 Insurance 13,156.0	49468			
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 EXPENSE 990-T	106,740			
b DUES	11,491			
c PULL TABS	520			
d FLAGS	339			
e HONOR GUARD	1411			
f All other expenses OTHER	9,372			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24	185,615			
26 Joint costs. Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	26,357	1	24,911
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	69,568	2	70,989
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. 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	3719
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	246,743		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	120,096	10c	126,647
	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)	229,107	16	226,266
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial 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	72,250	23	69,149
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	72,250	26	69,149
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	156,857	32	157,117
	33 Total net assets or fund balances		33	
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	229,107	34	226,266

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .	2a	✓
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . .	2b	✓
c If "Yes" to line 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? . . . If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	2c	
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
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	✓
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.	3b	

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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39 0380392**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 can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring 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 a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 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 Tax Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation 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 section 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.

1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	d <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
b <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	e <input type="checkbox"/> Other
c <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations	

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 Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the 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
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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 the 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
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and 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

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

(ii) related organizations

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) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	91,006			91,000
b Buildings	128,575		80,253	48,322
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	52,088			
e Other	1,381			1,381

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ►

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

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AMERICAN LEGION Post 53

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Employee Identification Number
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Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ 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.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a 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.

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 (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue				
1 Gross receipts				
2 Less: Charitable contributions				
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
4 Cash prizes				
5 Noncash prizes				
6 Rent/facility costs				
7 Food and beverages				
8 Entertainment				
9 Other direct expenses				
10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ► ()				
11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 ►				

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	51,940	3,999		55,939
Direct Expenses				
2 Cash prizes	27,300	UNKNOWN		
3 Noncash prizes				
4 Rent/facility costs	4,940			
5 Other direct expenses	17,228	520		
6 Volunteer labor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 100 % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 100 % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ► ()				(49,988)
8 Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7 ►				5,951

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

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

b If "No," explain:

Yes	No
9a	✓

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

b If "Yes," explain:

Yes	No
10a	✓

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
11	✓

Yes	No
12	✓

		Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:	13a 100 %	13b %
a	The organization's facility		
b	An outside facility		
14	Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:	Name ► LARRY WINRICH Address ► 2609 SINE ST., FEAU CLAIRE, WI 54703	
15a	Does the organization have a contract 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer <input type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> 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 to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____	