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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, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)

All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form

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

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2010

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A For the **2010** calendar year, or tax year beginning **01-01-2010**, and ending **12-31-2010**

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL POST 31

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)
P O BOX 33

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
LANCASTER, SC 29720

D Employer identification number
57-0374650

E Telephone number

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶

J Tax-Exempt status (check only one)—☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 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 \$50,000 A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 55,424

Part I

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	46,774
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	8,650
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5c	
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		
	6	Gaming and fundraising events	6d	
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)		
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceed \$15,000)		
	6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events		
Expenses	6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (Add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	7c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		
	7b	Less cost of goods sold		
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	55,424
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	3,488
	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	
Net Assets	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	18,620
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	37,529
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	59,637
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-4,213
	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	63,876
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	59,663

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Part II Balance Sheets

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☐

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	13,476	22	9,263
23 Land and buildings	50,400	23	50,400
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	0
25 Total assets	63,876	25	59,663
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) .	63,876	27	59,663

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
PROMOTE PATRIOTISM IN THE PUBLIC

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, and other relevant information for each program title

28 MENTORING AND SPONSORSHIP OF YOUTH PROGRAMS (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	27,459
29 ADVOCATING PATIOTISM AND HONOR (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	3,840
30 DEVOTION TO FWLLOW SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	6,659
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	37,958

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(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 & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
GENE WALLACE P O BOX 33 LANCASTER, SC 29720	POST ADJUNCT O	0	0	0

Part V

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	No
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, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? (see instructions)	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	No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	No
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 tax year covered by this return?	38a	No
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 did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its 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	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed SC		
42a	The organization's books are in care of GENE WALLACE Telephone no (803) 283-7700 P O BOX 33 Located at LANCASTER, SC ZIP + 4 29720		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	No
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	No
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	
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44a	No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	

		Yes	No
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R must be completed instead of Form990-EZ		No
45a	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R must be completed instead of Form990-EZ		No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No

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 47-49b and 52.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	
48	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	

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 & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

50(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

51(d) Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE:** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

☒ Yes ☐ No

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	***** Signature of officer		2011-05-10 Date		
	GENE WALLACE POST ADJUNCT Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Robert Mungo	Date 2011-06-16	Check if self-employed ☒	Preparer's taxpayer identification number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	Mungo & Son Tax & Financial Service 1651 Craig Farm Road Lancaster, SC 29720			EIN
					Phone no (803) 283-7700

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☐ Yes ☒ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL POST 31

Employer identification number
57-0374650

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)

3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

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A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

☐

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

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An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See**section 509(a)(4).**

11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a

☐

Type I

b

☐

Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other

e

☐

By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f

☐

If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g

☐

Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h

☐

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

▶

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		▶
b 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		▶
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		▶
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		▶
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		▶

Part IIIPart III

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")		10,135	7,240	9,839	8,650	35,864
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose		66,236	47,946	40,714	46,774	201,670
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5		76,371	55,186	50,553	55,424	237,534
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						237,534

Section B. Total Support							
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)		(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9	Amounts from line 6		76,371	55,186	50,553	55,424	237,534
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c	Add lines 10a and 10b						
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12	Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13	Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)	0	76,371	55,186	50,553	55,424	237,534
14	First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15	Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	100.000 %
16	Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100.000 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17	Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 %
18	Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a	33 1/3% support tests—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
b	33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
20	Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL POST 31	Employer identification number 57-0374650
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
01 List of grants and similar amounts paid (Part I, line 10)		ACTIVITY PALMETTO BOYS AND MISC CONTRIBUTION GRANTEE PALMETTO BOYS RELATIONSHIP NONE AMOUNT 3488

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
02 Description of other expenses (Part I, line 16)		DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMERICAN LEGION EXPENSES 3411 POST 31 PROGRAM EXPENSES 6659 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL EXPENSES 27459