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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

OMB No 1545-1150
2011
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011, and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization AMERICAN LEGION POST 296	D Employer identification number 59-6200343
	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P O BOX 218	E Telephone number (850) 621-4267
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 DESTIN, FL 32540	F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

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

I Website: ▶ N/A

J Tax-Exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c)(19) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 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. ▶ \$ 117,884

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		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	11	Benefits paid to or for members	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)
3	Membership dues and assessments	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20. ▶
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16		
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 exceeds \$15,000)				
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (Add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)				
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)				
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8				

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	23,512	22	16,505
23 Land and buildings	278,756	23	266,873
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	9,611	24	7,860
25 Total assets	311,879	25	291,238
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	1,362	26	1,159
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	310,517	27	290,079

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?
US ARMED FORCES VETERANS' ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE RECREATION AND SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL VETERANS, SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS, SUPPORT FOR OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE HEAD ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN LEGION

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 US ARMED FORCES VETERANS' ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE RECREATION AND SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL VETERANS, SUPPORT FOR THE VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29 US ARMED FORCES VETERANS' ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE RECREATION AND SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL VETERANS, SUPPORT FOR THE VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	32

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
See Additional Data Table				

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

Form 990-EZ (2011) Part V Other Information. Questions 33-45b regarding significant activities, changes, income reporting, political expenditures, loans, and tax shelter transactions.

Yes **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

46		No
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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 or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

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

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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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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

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 ▶ _____

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	2012-05-18 Date
	TED DUNCAN COMMANDER Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature WILLIAM P WELCH	Date 2012-05-15	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's taxpayer identification number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 WM PAUL WELCH PA 31 WALTER MARTIN RD NE FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 325484918			EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ (850) 244-2731

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

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.**

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization
AMERICAN LEGION POST 296

Employer identification number

59-6200343

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
OTHER EXPENSES	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	GENERAL FUND OFFICE 1,221 BAR 492 SUPPLIES 1,178 BANK CHARGES 46 CONVENTION 25 INSURANCE 4,168 JANITORIAL 3,120 LAUNDRY 75 MEMBERSHIP DUES 3,355 NEWSLETTER 1,099 PEST CONTROL 372 SECURITY 340 TELEPHONE 136 ADVERTISING 426 TAXES & LICENSES 816 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS 6,627 0 KITCHEN FUND KITCHEN 575 LAUNDRY 75 COST OF GOODS SOLD 12,708 0 BAR FUND BAR 532 BANDS & ENT 9,514 BAR FOOD PREP 150 BAR HELP 450 OVER & SHORT -41 PENALTIES 26 TV CABLE 1,792 TAXES & LICENSES 60 PAYROLL 1,333 COST OF GOODS SOLD 33,932 EXPENSES NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 12,582 TOTAL 97,184
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20	CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS OF DEPRECIATION 0 EXPENSES ON THE BUILDING RENOVATIONS & SIDING 0 IN THE PRIOR YEARS 0
OTHER ASSETS	FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE 7,860 7,860 PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEFERRED CHARGES 426 0 EQUIPMENT & OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS 468,224 468,224 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 234,469 247,049 9,611 0 TOTAL 251,652 229,035
OTHER LIABILITIES	FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE 315 308 FICA TAXES PAYABLE 256 169 MEDICARE TAXES PAYABLE 60 58 WH TAXES PAYABLE 80 0 SUTA PAYABLE 15 39 FUTA PAYABLE 33 23 SALES TAXES PAYABLE 603 562 PAYROLL LIABILITIES 0 0
PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE	FORM 990-EZ, PART III	US ARMED FORCES VETERANS' ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE RECREATION AND SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL VETERANS, SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS, SUPPORT FOR OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE HEAD ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN LEGION
ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT	FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 31	US ARMED FORCES VETERANS' ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE RECREATION AND SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL VETERANS, SUPPORT FOR THE VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 59-6200343

Name: AMERICAN LEGION POST 296

Form 990-EZ, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(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
LARRY CARPENTER  912 A LOWERY DR NW FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 32547	COMMANDER 000 00	0		
TED DUNCAN  315 BENNING DR DESTIN, FL 32541	1ST VICE COM 000 00	0		
JOHN VETTER  81 TAYNE ST LOT 22 MIRIMAR BEACH, FL 32550	1ST VICE COM 000 00	0		
MERLE HINTON  1586 INDIAN WOMAN RD SANTA ROSA BEACH, FL 32549	FINANCE OFFI 000 00	0		
ROBERT HORNER  602 FIRST AVE DESTIN, FL 32541	SGT/ARMS 000 00	0		

Form **4562**

**Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)**

OMB No 1545-0172
2011
Attachment
Sequence No **179**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return AMERICAN LEGION POST 296	Business or activity to which this form relates INDIRECT DEPRECIATION	Identifying number 59-6200343
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179
Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,000,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6 (a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2010 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2012 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	700
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2011	17	13,201
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	13,901
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

Table with 9 columns: (a) Type of property, (b) Date placed in service, (c) Business/investment use percentage, (d) Cost or other basis, (e) Basis for depreciation, (f) Recovery period, (g) Method/Convention, (h) Depreciation/deduction, (i) Elected section 179 cost.

25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) **25**

26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use

		%						
		%						
		%						

27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use

		%			S/L -		
		%			S/L -		
		%			S/L -		

28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1 **28**

29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1 **29**

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

Table with 6 main columns: (a) Vehicle 1, (b) Vehicle 2, (c) Vehicle 3, (d) Vehicle 4, (e) Vehicle 5, (f) Vehicle 6. Rows include 30-33 (miles driven) and 34-36 (availability and use).

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows include 37-41 (policy statements and requirements).

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles

Part VI Amortization

Table with 6 columns: (a) Description of costs, (b) Date amortization begins, (c) Amortizable amount, (d) Code section, (e) Amortization period or percentage, (f) Amortization for this year.

42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2011 tax year (see instructions)

43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2011 tax year **43**

44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report **44**

TY 2011 Compensation Explanation

Name: AMERICAN LEGION POST 296

EIN: 59-6200343

Person Name	Explanation
LARRY CARPENTER	
TED DUNCAN	
JOHN VETTER	
MERLE HINTON	
ROBERT HORNER	