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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
2012
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012, and ending 12-31-2012

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. **\$ 135,251**

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	24,879
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	95,370
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	322
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	13,616
	b 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)	6b	
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	8,843	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	4,773	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	1,064	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	126,408	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	11,365
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	27,062
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	22,141
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	24,801
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	133
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	59,488
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	144,990	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-18,582
	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	289,373
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	4,906
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	275,697

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	16,497	22 7,660
23 Land and buildings	45,000	23 45,000
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	229,035	24 224,699
25 Total assets	290,532	25 277,359
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	1,159	26 1,662
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	289,373	27 275,697

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

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)	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 title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
LARRY CARPENTER COMMANDER	12 00	0		
TED DUNCAN 1ST VICE COM	000 00	0		
JOHN VETTER 1ST VICE COM	000 00	0		
LARRY CARPENTER FINANCE OFFI	28 00	0		

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the

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

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
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
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
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
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
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?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
40b 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
40c 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
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e 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
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of JAMES R FOREMAN Telephone no (850) 621-4267 Located at 316 SPANISH MOSS TRAIL 316 SPANISH MOSS TRAIL DESTIN, FL ZIP + 4 32541
42b 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.
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
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
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b 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 may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

	Yes	No
46		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

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

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

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

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

48 Is the organization a school as 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?

b 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 title of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

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	2013-08-22 Date
	LARRY CARPENTER COMMANDER Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature WILLIAM P WELCH	Date 2013-08-22	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name <input type="checkbox"/> WM PAUL WELCH CPA PA			Firm's EIN <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Firm's address <input type="checkbox"/> 31 WALTER MARTIN RD NE FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 325484918			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

2012

**Open to Public
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Name of the organization
AMERICAN LEGION POST 296

Employer identification number

59-6200343

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
OTHER REVENUE	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	CORRECTION 1,064 TOTAL 1,064
GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMTS PAID TO ORGANIZATIONS	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	CONTRIBUTIONS 7,895 0 0
OTHER EXPENSES	FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	GENERAL FUND ADVERTISING 803 SUPPLIES AND OTHER 3,211 KITCHEN FUND COST OF GOODS SOLD 10,121 BAR FUND INSURANCE 287 COST OF GOODS SOLD 23,613 EXPENSES INSURANCE 3,804 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 17,649 TOTAL 59,488
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 BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE 4,906
OTHER ASSETS	FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE 7,860 7,860 EQUIPMENT & OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS 468,224 470,522 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 247,049 253,683 TOTAL 229,035 224,699
OTHER LIABILITIES	FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE 308 490 FICA TAXES PAYABLE 169 270 MEDICARE TAXES PAYABLE 58 93 WH TAXES PAYABLE 0 15 SUTA PAYABLE 39 287 FUTA PAYABLE 23 26 SALES TAXES PAYABLE 562 481 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

Form **4562**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service (99)

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172
2012
 Attachment
 Sequence No **179**

▶ 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 2011 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 2013 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	4,919
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 2012	17	12,363
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 2012 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		4,919	7 0	MQ	200 DB	367
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	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2012 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	17,649
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
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)
(b) Date placed in service
(c) Business/investment use percentage
(d) Cost or other basis
(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)
(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)
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1

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.

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?
(a) Vehicle 1 (b) Vehicle 2 (c) Vehicle 3 (d) Vehicle 4 (e) Vehicle 5 (f) Vehicle 6
Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No

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)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of vehicles, and retain the information received?
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)
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

(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 2012 tax year (see instructions)
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2012 tax year
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report

TY 2012 Compensation Explanation

Name: AMERICAN LEGION POST 296

EIN: 59-6200343

Person Name	Explanation
LARRY CARPENTER	
TED DUNCAN	
JOHN VETTER	
LARRY CARPENTER	