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Form 990

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

Open to Public Inspection

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)

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

<b>A</b> For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning <u>Apr 1</u> , 2012, and ending <u>Mar 31</u> , 2013	
<b>B</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	<b>C</b> Name of organization <u>Elks National Veterans Service Commission</u> Doing Business As _____ Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street addr) <u>2750 N Lakeview Avenue</u> City, town or country <u>Chicago</u> State <u>IL</u> ZIP code + 4 <u>60614</u> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer <u>Robert Hennings 2750 N Lakeview Ave Chicago IL 60614</u>
<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number <u>13-1548228</u> <b>E</b> Telephone number <u>(773) 755-4810</u> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <u>1,162,343.</u>	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 <b>J</b> Website: <u>www.elks.org/vets</u> <b>K</b> Form of organization <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> <b>L</b> Year of Formation <u>1946</u> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile <u>DC</u>	
<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? If 'No,' attach a list (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number _____	

## Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities <u>Coordinated and provided funding for various programs of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA for the benefit of hospitalized and disabled veterans and for families of military reservists and national guard called to active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.</u>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<u>5</u>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<u>5</u>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<u>0</u>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<u>236,600</u>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<u>0.</u>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>		
Revenue	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>1,142,704.</u>	<u>1,143,498.</u>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>8,780.</u>	<u>10,393.</u>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>7,049.</u>	<u>8,452.</u>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>1,158,533.</u>	<u>1,162,343.</u>
	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<u>848,661.</u>	<u>873,267.</u>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
Expenses	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <u>0.</u>		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<u>212,037.</u>	<u>223,118.</u>
	<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>1,060,698.</u>	<u>1,096,385.</u>
	<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 <u>97,835.</u>	<u>97,835.</u>	<u>65,958.</u>
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>599,496.</u>	<u>699,178.</u>	
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 <u>581,024.</u>	<u>18,472.</u>	<u>48,955.</u>	

## 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	Signature of officer <u>Robert M Hennings</u>	Date <u>8-9-2013</u>			
	Robert M Hennings Type or print name and title	Director			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>Ronald A Diehl, CPA</u>	Preparer's signature <u>Ronald A Diehl, CPA</u>	Date <u>07/31/13</u>	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self employed	PTIN <u>P00080497</u>
	Firm's name <u>Diehl &amp; Associates</u>				
	Firm's address <u>2032 Burnham Place</u>				
	<u>Wheaton IL 60189</u>	Firm's EIN <u>36-4001917</u> Phone no <u>(630) 682-3763</u>			

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**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

Coordinated and provided funding for various programs of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA for the benefit of hospitalized and disabled veterans and for families of military reservists and national guard called to active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured 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: ) (Expenses \$ 755,971. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

The Organization coordinated and assisted in financing various programs of Elks state associations and subordinate lodges for the benefit of hospitalized and disabled veterans in Veterans Administration care centers, state Veterans homes, domiciliaries, and long-term care facilities throughout the United States. These programs included providing veterans with refreshments, toiletry accessories and personal hygiene items, clothing, magazines, playing cards, tooling leather and craft kits for use in occupational and recreational therapy and leather gloves for wheelchair bound individuals. The programs also procured televisions, entertainment systems and therapeutic equipment that benefit veterans in these facilities. The Organization assisted entertainers that performed at 113 VA medical centers and conducted programs to assist families of military reservists and national guard called to active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Organization estimates that through their veterans programs approximately 236,600 volunteers donated nearly 1.13 million hours of service and benefited 1,067,000 veterans and military families.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 60,850. including grants of \$ 60,850.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

The Organization provided grants to the US Dept of Veterans Affairs and unaffiliated exempt organizations for purposes that assist veterans and their families.

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 195,625. including grants of \$ 195,625.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

The Organization provided grants up to \$2,000 each to 100 Elks subordinate lodges to facilitate programs that support veterans and active military.

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses **▶** 1,012,446.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
<b>3</b> 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		X
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations</b> 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		X
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		X
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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		X
<b>7</b> 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		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, 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		X
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes', then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI		X
<b>b</b> 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		X
<b>c</b> 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		X
<b>d</b> 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		X
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		X
<b>f</b> 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 (ASC 740)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, and XII	X	
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If 'Yes,' and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
<b>15</b> 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, Parts II and IV		X
<b>16</b> 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, Parts III and IV		X
<b>17</b> 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 (see instructions)		X
<b>18</b> 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		X
<b>19</b> 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		X
<b>20 a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	X	
<b>22</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	X	
<b>23</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J</i>		X
<b>24a</b> 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, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25</i>		X
<b>24b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<b>24c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
<b>24d</b> Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
<b>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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
<b>26</b> Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
<b>28</b> 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)		
<b>28a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
<b>28b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
<b>28c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
<b>35b</b> If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	X	
<b>37</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

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**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
<b>1 a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	<b>1 a</b> 4	
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	<b>1 b</b> 0	
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<b>1 c</b> X	
<b>2 a</b> 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.	<b>2 a</b> 0	
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	<b>2 b</b>	
<b>3 a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.	<b>3 b</b>	
<b>4 a</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)?	<b>4 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5 a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5 b</b>	X
<b>c</b> If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5 c</b>	
<b>6 a</b> 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 as charitable contributions?	<b>6 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6 b</b>	
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b> 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?	<b>7 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7 b</b>	
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7 c</b>	X
<b>d</b> If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	<b>7 d</b>	
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7 e</b>	X
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7 f</b>	X
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7 g</b>	
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7 h</b>	
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>	X
<b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b> Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9 b</b>	X
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	<b>10 a</b>	
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	<b>10 b</b>	
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders.	<b>11 a</b>	
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11 b</b>	
<b>12 a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12 a</b>	
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	<b>12 b</b>	
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	<b>13 a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	<b>13 b</b>	
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	<b>13 c</b>	
<b>14 a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14 a</b>	X
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.	<b>14 b</b>	

**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.Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

- 1 a** Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. **5**
- 1 b** Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent. **5**
- 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** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 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** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 4** Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? **4** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 5** Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? **5** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 6** Did the organization have members or stockholders? **6** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 7 a** Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? **7 a** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or other persons other than the governing body? **7 b** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 8** Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:
- a** The governing body? **8 a** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? **8 b** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 9** Is there any officer, director or 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. **9** ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

- 10 a** Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? **10 a** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? **10 b** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 11 a** Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? **11 a** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.
- 12 a** Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13. **12 a** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? **12 b** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c** Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done. **12 c** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 13** Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? **13** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 14** Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? **14** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 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?
- a** The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official. **15 a** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Other officers of key employees of the organization. **15 b** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)
- 16 a** Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? **16 a** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If 'Yes,' did the organization follow 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? **16 b** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed. **Illinois**
- 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 ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 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 during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:
- Robert M Hennings** **2750 N Lakeview Avenue** **Chicago** **IL** **60614-1889** **(773) 755-4810**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1 a** 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.

- 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, if any. 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.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) <u>Louis J. Grillo</u> Chairman	<u>1.00</u>	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) <u>Paul Helsel</u> Vice-chairman	<u>1.00</u>	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) <u>James Nicholson</u> Secretary/Treasurer	<u>1.00</u>	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) <u>Amos A. McCallum</u> Trustee	<u>1.00</u>	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) <u>Roger R. True</u> Trustee	<u>1.00</u>	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) <u>Robert M. Hennings</u> Director (operating)	<u>20.00</u>			X				0.	75,174.	11,232.
(7) <u>Bryan R. Klatt</u> COO/Grand Secretary	<u>2.00</u>			X				0.	124,323.	13,663.
(8) _____	_____									
(9) _____	_____									
(10) _____	_____									
(11) _____	_____									
(12) _____	_____									
(13) _____	_____									
(14) _____	_____									



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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) -----	-----									
(16) -----	-----									
(17) -----	-----									
(18) -----	-----									
(19) -----	-----									
(20) -----	-----									
(21) -----	-----									
(22) -----	-----									
(23) -----	-----									
(24) -----	-----									
(25) -----	-----									
<b>1 b Sub-total</b>								0.	199,497.	24,895.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								0.	199,497.	24,895.

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

**3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual

**4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual

**5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
<b>3</b>		X
<b>4</b>		X
<b>5</b>		X

**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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(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 **0**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII ☐

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns <b>1 a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues <b>1 b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events <b>1 c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations <b>1 d</b>	1,135,283.			
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) <b>1 e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above <b>1 f</b>	8,215.			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lns 1a-1f \$				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f	1,143,498.			
<b>PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE</b>	<b>2 a</b> Business Code				
	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b>				
	<b>d</b>				
	<b>e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue				
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f				
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)	10,393.	0.	0.	10,393.
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	<b>5</b> Royalties				
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents (i) Real (ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less rental expenses				
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)				
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of (i) Securities (ii) Other assets other than inventory				
	<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)				
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 <b>a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses <b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 <b>a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses <b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				
	<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances <b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold <b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue Business Code					
<b>11 a</b> Reimb for recognition supplies 900099	8,452.	8,452.	0.	0.	
<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b> All other revenue					
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d	8,452.				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions	1,162,343.	8,452.	0.	10,393.	

**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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX ☐

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
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	256,475.	256,475.		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	616,792.	616,792.		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages				
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes				
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal				
<b>c</b> Accounting	5,475.	0.	5,475.	0.
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees	2,905.	0.	2,905.	0.
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amt, list line 11g expenses on Sch O)	148,721.	110,465.	38,256.	0.
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	12,010.	12,010.	0.	0.
<b>13</b> Office expenses	25,740.	0.	25,740.	0.
<b>14</b> Information technology	10,642.	0.	10,642.	0.
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy				
<b>17</b> Travel	4,301.	4,301.	0.	0.
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	12,403.	12,403.	0.	0.
<b>20</b> Interest				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
<b>23</b> Insurance				
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> Other	921.	0.	921.	0.
<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b> All other expenses				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,096,385.	1,012,446.	83,939.	0.
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>1</b> Cash – non-interest-bearing		<b>1</b>	
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments	254,835.	<b>2</b>	242,956.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net	1,760.	<b>4</b>	80.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b>	<b>10c</b>	
	<b>11</b> Investments – publicly traded securities	342,901.	<b>11</b>	456,142.
	<b>12</b> Investments – other securities. See Part IV, line 11		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments – program-related. See Part IV, line 11		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	599,496.	<b>16</b>	699,178.	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses	18,472.	<b>17</b>	48,955.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	18,472.	<b>26</b>	48,955.
<b>NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets	581,024.	<b>27</b>	650,223.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	581,024.	<b>33</b>	650,223.
<b>34</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	599,496.	<b>34</b>	699,178.	

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,162,343.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,096,385.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	65,958.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	581,024.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	3,241.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	650,223.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ 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?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:

☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:

☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

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

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?

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

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

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**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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**2012**

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

Elks National Veterans Service Commission

Employer identification number

13-1548228

**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 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ 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 ☐ 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 ☐ 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 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 — Non-functionally integrated
  - 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?
 

	Yes	No
(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 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)

(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 column (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

**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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	864,994.	969,446.	926,806.	1,142,704.	1,143,498.	5,047,448.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	864,994.	969,446.	926,806.	1,142,704.	1,143,498.	5,047,448.
<b>5</b> 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)						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,047,448.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	864,994.	969,446.	926,806.	1,142,704.	1,143,498.	5,047,448.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	21,755.	16,881.	8,521.	8,780.	10,393.	66,330.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets. (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						5,113,778.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	46,585.
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	98.70 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	98.34 %
<b>16a 33-1/3% support test – 2012.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33-1/3% support test – 2011.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2012.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2011.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part 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 yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include any 'unusual grants'.)						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33-1/3% support tests – 2012.** 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 – 2011.** 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. ▶ ☐



<b>Part IV</b>	<b>Supplemental Information.</b> 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).
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**SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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**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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
a Total number of conservation easements	2 a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2 b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2 c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2 d

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 XIII, 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.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958) 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 ☐ Public exhibition

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

c ☐ 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 XIII

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.

1 a 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 XIII and complete the following table

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1 c	
1 d	
1 e	
1 f	

2 a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years	(d) Three years	(e) Four years
1 a 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 current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %

b Permanent endowment ☐ %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3 a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

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

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**Part VII Investments – Other Securities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) -----		
(B) -----		
(C) -----		
(D) -----		
(E) -----		
(F) -----		
(G) -----		
(H) -----		
(I) -----		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.)		

**Part VIII Investments – Program Related.** See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.)		

**Part IX Other Assets.** See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 15.)	

**Part X Other Liabilities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.)	

**2.** FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	1,162,679.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
	a Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	3,241.	
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	3,241.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,159,438.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	2,905.	
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII )	4b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	2,905.
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 )		5	1,162,343.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	1,093,480.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
	a Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
	b Prior year adjustments	2b		
	c Other losses	2c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,093,480.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	2,905.	
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII )	4b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	2,905.
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 )		5	1,096,385.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Sch D, Part X, Ln 2 The Commission is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and similar state income tax laws. The Commission is also classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) and contributions to the Commission qualify for charitable tax deductions by the donor.

The Commission must recognize the financial statement impact of any tax benefit associated with tax positions taken or expected to be taken in its tax return unless it is more-likely-than-not the position will be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority.

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**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

Any interest and penalties associated with the tax position would also be recognized in the financial statements.

The Commission performed an evaluation of uncertain tax positions for the year ended March 31, 2013 and determined there were no matters that would require recognition in the financial statements or that may have any effect on its tax-exempt status.

As of March 31, 2013, the Commission's tax returns for 2010 through the current year remain open and subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state jurisdictions. The Commission is not currently under audit nor is any audit pending.

**SCHEDULE I**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
- Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Dept of Veterans Affairs 2121 North Ave (11K) Grand Junction CO 81501		Govt entity	6,000.				Winter sports
(2) Dept of Veterans Affairs 1201 Broad Rock Blvd Richmond VA 23249		Govt entity	6,000.				Wheelchair gam
(3) Dept of Veterans Affairs 1 Jefferson Barracks Dr St Louis MO 63125		Govt entity	6,000.				Golden age gam
(4) Dept of Veterans Affairs 4801 Veterans Drive St Cloud MN 56303		Govt entity	6,000.				Creative arts
(5) Dept of Veterans Affairs 601 Highway 6 W Iowa City IA 52246		Govt entity	6,000.				TEE tourney
(6) Dept of Veterans Affairs 3350 LaJolla Village Dr San Diego CA 92161		Govt entity	6,000.				Summer sports
(7) -----							
(8) -----							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

6

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

0

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**Part III** **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1 Amenities benefiting vets	300,000		528,957.	Book	Toiletries & misc items
2 Playing cards distributed to vets	40,000		6,122.	Book	Playing cards
3 Leather goods distributed to vets	65,000		62,106.	Book	Leather goods
4 Entertainment activities for vets	5,688		19,607.	Book	Entertainment
5					
6					
7					

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Pt I Line 2 ----- Grants are awarded to support events for the benefit of disabled veterans. These -----  
----- events are presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other exempt -----  
----- organizations that are dedicated to serving disabled veterans. -----  
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-----  
Pt III Line 1 ----- Volunteers are given a monthly allowance to purchase refreshments, toiletry -----  
----- accessories and personal hygiene items, clothing, magazines, and -----  
----- miscellaneous items for use by hospitalized or disabled veterans. Funds -----  
----- are also used to procure televisions, entertainment systems and -----  
----- therapeutic equipment that benefit veterans in these facilities. -----  
----- The volunteers provide the organization with a monthly accounting of their -----

See Schedule I (Form 990) - Part IV - Supplemental Information (Continuation Sheet)

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2012)



## Schedule I (Form 990) - Part IV - Supplemental Information (continued)

**Schedule I (Form 990) - Part IV - Supplemental Information (Continuation Sheet)**

activities and use of funds. This reporting and other annual survey reports are the basis for the Organization's estimate of the number of veterans served.

Pt III, Line 2 The Organization procured donations of playing cards and distributed 40,000 decks to hospitalized and disabled veterans.

Pt III, Line 3 The leather program encompasses processing donated animal hides into leather, manufacturing leather craft kits, and purchasing leather gloves. The kits and tooling leather are used in occupational and recreational therapy. The gloves are provided to wheelchair bound veterans.

Pt III, Line 4 The Organization provides lodging and meal subsidies for an entertainment group performing for hospitalized or disabled veterans. Performances were held at 113 VA medical centers and state homes during the year.

**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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Pt VI, Line 6 The Organization's Board of Trustees is appointed by the Grand Exalted  
Ruler (GER) of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States  
of America (BPOE). The GER is elected by membership of the BPOE.

Pt VI, Line 7a Refer to response Pt VI-A, Line 6

Pt VI, Line 11b Members of the Board of Trustees receive a copy of Form 990 prior to its  
filing with the IRS. Questions and comments that arise are discussed with  
the Director and are resolved before the return is signed and filed.

Pt VI, Line 12c The Organization maintains a written conflict of interest policy  
that is signed by each Trustee upon joining the Board. In addition,  
In addition, each Trustee and the Organization's officers are  
required to annually review the policy and sign a conflict of  
interest certification to acknowledge the policy was reviewed.  
They are required to disclose all material facts of any actual or possible conflicts  
of interests by themselves or their family to the other Board  
members. The Board, exclusive of the interested person, determine  
whether a conflict of interest exists and whether it is in the  
best interest of the Organization to enter into the transaction  
or arrangement.

Pt VI, Line 15a The Organization utilized employees of the Benevolent and Protective  
Order of Elks of the United States of America (BPOE) and reimburses  
them for their wages and related payroll costs. The BPOE  
maintains a compensation committee that reviews annual salaries  
based on performance reviews and market data.

Pt VI, Line 15b Refer to response Pt VI, Line 15a

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Pt VI, Line 19 Requests for audited financial statements, tax returns,  
and governing documents are channeled through the Director.  
In accordance with Federal disclosure requirements, the documents  
are made available on the same day if the request is made in person at  
2750 N Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL or within 30 days if written  
requests are received.

**SCHEDULE R**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

▶ Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.  
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) ----- ----- ----- ----- -----					
(2) ----- ----- ----- ----- -----					
(3) ----- ----- ----- ----- -----					

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
(1) Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the USA 2750 N Lakeview Ave Chicago, IL 60614 36-0793011	Fraternal Organization	DC	501(c)(8)	N/A	N/A	X
(2) Elks lodges ----- ----- ----- ----- -----	Fraternal Organization	Throughout US	501(c)(8)	N/A	BPOE	X
(3) Elks National Foundation Inc 2750 N Lakeview Ave Chicago, IL 60614 23-3718342	Public Charity	IL	501(c)(3)	7	N/A	X
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**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropor- tionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
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**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.)**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?**a** Receipt of **(i)** interest **(ii)** annuities **(iii)** royalties or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)**f** Dividends from related organization(s)**g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)**h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)**i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)**k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)**m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)**n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)**o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)**p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses**q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses**r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)**s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)**2** If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes,' see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) Elks lodges	b	195,625	Book
(2) Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the USA	b	112,420	Book
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(6)			

**Part VI** **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unre- lated, excluded from tax under section 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropor- tionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 Form (1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
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**Part VII** **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).