Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public By law, the IRS generally cannot redact the information on the form
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OMB No 1545-0047

2013

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2013 , 2013, and ending 06-30-2014

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

C Name of organization
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
477 H STREET NW

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
WASHINGTON, DC 200012694

D Employer identification number
53-0214281

E Telephone number
(202) 371-8880

G Gross receipts $ 9,230,611

F Name and address of principal officer
AL AVINA
477 H STREET NW
WASHINGTON,DC 200012694

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☑ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status ☑ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J **Website:** ▶ WWW BVA ORG

K Form of organization ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☑ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1945

M State of legal domicile DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF BLINDED VETERANS - SEE PART III AND SCHEDULE O

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

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	11
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	11
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a)	5	38
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	277
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

			Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	3,292,689	5,322,585
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	362,621	688,004
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	269,744	256,048
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,925,054	6,266,637
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	16,080	13,400
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	1,484,024	1,467,808
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	24,000	0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶1,411,186		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	3,012,556	3,005,297
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,536,660	4,486,505
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-611,606	1,780,132

			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	9,646,310	11,520,643
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	266,991	308,614
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	9,379,319	11,212,029

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

****** 2014-11-11
Signature of officer Date

AL AVINA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
DAVID L JOHNSON				P00188102

Firm's name ▶ DIXON HUGHES GOODMAN LLP — Firm's EIN ▶ 56-0747981

Firm's address ▶ 1410 SPRING HILL ROAD STE 500
TYSONS, VA 22102 — Phone no (703) 970-0400

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☑ Yes ☐ No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . ☑

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF BLINDED VETERANS SO THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THEIR DISABILITIES, THEY MAY TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN A SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP AMONG BLINDED VETERANS SO THAT THEY MAY GIVE MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE TO ONE ANOTHER TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC SO THEY MAY UNDERSTAND WHAT BLINDED VETERANS MAY ACCOMPLISH AND HOW TO ASSIST BLINDED VETERANS THEY MAY ENCOUNTER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

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 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 $ 1,139,574 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

FIELD SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMSSEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code) (Expenses $ 1,313,433 including grants of $ 400) (Revenue $)

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONSEE SCHEDULE O

4c (Code) (Expenses $ 175,477 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

ADVOCACYSEE SCHEDULE O

(Code) (Expenses $ 296,234 including grants of $ 13,000) (Revenue $)

MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses $ 296,234 including grants of $ 13,000) (Revenue $)

4e **Total program service expenses ▶** 2,924,718

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?	2	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		No
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** 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*	4	Yes	
5	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*	5		No
6	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*	6		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		No
9	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*	9		No
10	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*	10		No
11	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			
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.*	11a	Yes	
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*	11b		No
c	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*	11c		No
d	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*	11d		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e		No
f	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*	11f	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a	Yes	
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*	12b		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		No
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*	14b		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	15		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	16		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)*	17		No
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		No
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

				Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*		21		No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*		22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*		23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*		24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*		25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*		25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? *If so, complete Schedule L, Part II*		26		No
27	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*		27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)				
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*		28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*		28b		No
c	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*		28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*		29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*		30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*		31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*		32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*		33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*		34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		35a		No
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)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*		35b		
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*		36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*		37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O		38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V . . . . ☐

					Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	15			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0			
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	38			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? **Note.** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?			3a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O*			3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			4a		No
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					
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b		
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**					
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d				
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			7h		
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.** Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8		
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**					
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b		
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter					
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a				
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b				
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter					
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a				
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b				
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b				
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**					
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O			13a		
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	13b				
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c				
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*			14b		

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . ☑

Section A. Governing Body and Management

					Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	11			
	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					
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	11			
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?			2		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		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?			4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? .			5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?			6	Yes	
7a	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?			7a	Yes	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?			7b	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following					
a	The governing body?			8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?			8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O*			9		No

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

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	Yes	
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?	10b	Yes	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	12a	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done*	12c	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
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	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		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 take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶AR , AZ , CT , GA , IL , MA , MD , ME , MN , MS , NC , ND , NJ , NM , NV , NY , OH , OR , PA , RI , SC , TN , UT , VA , WA , WV

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection Indicate how you made 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 made 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
▶BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION 477 H STREET NW
WASHINGTON,DC 20001 (202) 371-8880

Part VII **Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . ☐

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- 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, or 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: Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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
(1) SAMUEL L HUHN PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT	10 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) MARK CORNELL NATIONAL PRESIDENT	17 50	X		X				0	0	0
(3) ROBERT DALE STAMPER NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT	15 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) PAUL MIMMS NATIONAL TREASURER	20 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) DAVID VAN LOAN DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 1	11 10	X						0	0	0
(6) FREDDIE EDWARDS DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 2	16 90	X						0	0	0
(7) JOE PARKER NATIONAL TREASURER	20 00	X		X				0	0	0
(8) ROBERT MOWER DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 4	13 10	X						0	0	0
(9) DR GEORGE E STOCKING DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 5	14 00	X						0	0	0
(10) THOMAS ZAMPIERI DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 6	9 10	X						0	0	0
(11) PETER DAVIS DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 3	18 00	X						0	0	0
(12) ALBERTO AVINA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	37 50	X		X				95,263	0	2,013
(13) KATHRYN RUAIS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	37 50			X				108,399	0	1,663
(14) BRIGITTE JONES ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR	37 50			X				64,665	0	1,641
(15) STUART NELSON COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	37 50			X				51,860	0	10,800
(16) CHERYL SWAIM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	37 50			X				85,558	0	1,508

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

(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): Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(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

		(D)	(E)	(F)
1b	**Sub-Total** ▶			
c	**Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A** ▶			
d	**Total (add lines 1b and 1c)** ▶	405,745	0	17,625

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 ▶3

			Yes	No
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*	**3**		No
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*	**4**		No
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*	**5**		No

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
SOUTHWEST PUBLISHING & MAILING CORP 2600 NW TOPEKA BLVD TOPEKA KS 66617	LETTERSHOP SERVICES	423,624
PMC INC 4333 DAVENPORT ROAD FREDERICKSBURG VA 22408	LETTERSHOP & PRINTING SERVICES	255,764
ALANIZ LLC 425 N IRIS STREET MT PLEASANT IA 52641	LETTERSHOP & PRINTING SERVICES	241,302
MARCY YOLLES, 168 WOODSIDE TRAIL ANNAPOLIS MD 21401	PRINTING SERVICES	161,454

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶4

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII . . . . ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . . 1a	13,612				
	b	Membership dues 1b	26,479				
	c	Fundraising events 1c					
	d	Related organizations . . . 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	5,282,494				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $	266				
	h	**Total.** Add lines 1a-1f . . . . ▶		5,322,585			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	**Total.** Add lines 2a–2f . . . . ▶					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . ▶		205,714			205,714
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5	Royalties . . . . ▶					

		(i) Real	(ii) Personal
6a	Gross rents		
b	Less rental expenses		
c	Rental income or (loss)		

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . ▶				

		(i) Securities	(ii) Other
7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	3,440,926	
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	2,949,511	9,125
c	Gain or (loss)	491,415	-9,125

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
7d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . ▶		482,290			482,290
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ ______ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . a	9,147				
b	Less direct expenses . . . b	5,338				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶		3,809			3,809
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . a					
b	Less direct expenses . . . b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . a					
b	Less cost of goods sold . . b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶					
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a	MAILING LIST RENTAL TO OTHER 501(	900099	206,829			206,829
b	CONVENTION & RELATED	900099	45,410			45,410
c						
d	All other revenue					
e	**Total.** Add lines 11a–11d . . . . . . ▶		252,239			
12	**Total revenue.** See Instructions . . . . . ▶		6,266,637	0	0	944,052

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 or note to any line 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
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	13,400	13,400		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	461,392	60,586	296,348	104,458
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	685,858	470,952	207,849	7,057
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	3,437	1,863	1,175	399
9 Other employee benefits	216,689	63,756	141,975	10,958
10 Payroll taxes	100,432	49,728	40,292	10,412
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	16,069		16,069	
c Accounting	27,843		27,843	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,604,661	750,674	116,336	737,651
12 Advertising and promotion	5,706			5,706
13 Office expenses	977,104	415,613	128,594	432,897
14 Information technology	9,641	4,491	5,150	
15 Royalties . .				
16 Occupancy	35,234		35,234	
17 Travel	123,461	74,197	49,206	58
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	8,380	1,171	5,739	1,470
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates	116,152	116,152		
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	56,911		56,911	
23 Insurance	24,135		24,135	
24 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)				
a SEE SCH O ALLOC OF I	0	902,135	-1,002,255	100,120
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	4,486,505	2,924,718	150,601	1,411,186
26 **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 ▶ ☑ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	2,090,866	1,029,073	55,111	1,006,682

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X . . . . ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash–non-interest-bearing		776,193	1	406,496
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		101,350	2	26,508
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		680,876	3	2,667,772
	4	Accounts receivable, net		3,913	4	32,493
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	
	6	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			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		41,998	9	13,449
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,913,133			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b 1,387,377	1,554,408	10c	1,525,756
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		6,487,572	11	6,848,169
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11			15	
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		9,646,310	16	11,520,643
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		266,991	17	308,614
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue			19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	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			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	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			25	
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		266,991	26	308,614
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.**				
	27	Unrestricted net assets		9,149,755	27	10,962,857
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		229,564	28	249,172
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		9,379,319	33	11,212,029
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		9,646,310	34	11,520,643

Part XI **Reconcilliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	6,266,637
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,486,505
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,780,132
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	9,379,319
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	52,578
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	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	11,212,029

Part XII **Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . ☑

			Yes	No
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?	2a		No
	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?	2b	Yes	
	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?	2c	Yes	
	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?	3a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.

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Name of the organization
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
53-0214281

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

a ☐ Type I **b** ☐ Type II **c** ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated **d** ☐ Type III - 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?	**11g(i)**		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	**11g(ii)**		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	**11g(iii)**		

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 col **(i)** listed in your governing document? Yes	**(iv)** No	**(v)** Did you notify the organization in col **(i)** of your support? Yes	**(v)** No	**(vi)** Is the organization in col **(i)** organized in the U S ? Yes	**(vi)** No	**(vii)** Amount of monetary support
Total									

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")	3,880,975	5,957,958	5,080,161	3,333,809	5,717,556	23,970,459
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3	3,880,975	5,957,958	5,080,161	3,333,809	5,717,556	23,970,459
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						2,427,658
6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						21,542,801

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	3,880,975	5,957,958	5,080,161	3,333,809	5,717,556	23,970,459
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	221,936	244,434	223,100	251,517	261,883	1,202,870
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	248,030	242,764	240,959	235,248	206,829	1,173,830
11 **Total support** (Add lines 7 through 10)						26,347,159

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) | 12 | 101,526

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	81 770 %
15 Public support percentage for 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	86 480 %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶☑

b **33 1/3% support test—2012.** 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 **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶☐

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for **2013** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from **2012** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2013.** 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—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶☐

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **See separate instructions.** ▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.**

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If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then
- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization	**Employer identification number**
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION	53-0214281

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV

2 Political expenditures ▶ $

3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ $

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ $

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

4a Was a correction made? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $

3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ $

4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	**(b)** Address	**(c)** EIN	**(d)** Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	**(e)** Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

A Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	**(a)** Filing organization's totals	**(b)** Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	40,000	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	40,000	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	4,446,505	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	4,486,505	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	374,325	

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	**The lobbying nontaxable amount is:**
Not over $500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over $500,000 but not over $1,000,000	$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over $500,000
Over $1,000,000 but not over $1,500,000	$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over $1,000,000
Over $1,500,000 but not over $17,000,000	$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over $1,500,000
Over $17,000,000	$1,000,000

	(a)	**(b)**
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	93,581	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0	

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	**(a)** 2010	**(b)** 2011	**(c)** 2012	**(d)** 2013	**(e)** Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	371,181	378,619	418,239	374,325	1,542,364
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,313,546
c Total lobbying expenditures	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	160,000
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	92,795	94,655	104,560	93,581	385,591
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					578,387
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.		(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1 Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE C, PART II-A	BVA SENT LETTERS TO AND MET DIRECTLY WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LEGISLATORS, AND COMMUNICATED TO ITS MEMBERS BY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS BVA'S EFFORTS ARE CONCENTRATED ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING BLIND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO BLINDED VETERANS SEE SCHEDULE O FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BVA'S ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.

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Employer identification number
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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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II **Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)
☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)
☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

			Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶________

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶________

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ $ ________

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part 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.

1a 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
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other

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.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

			Amount
c	Beginning balance	1c	
d	Additions during the year	1d	
e	Distributions during the year	1e	
f	Ending balance	1f	

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

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part 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 year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance					
b	Contributions					
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d	Grants or scholarships					
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f	Administrative expenses					
g	End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the 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%

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

			Yes	No
	(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)		
	(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)		
b	If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b		

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. 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
1a Land		638,689		638,689
b Buildings		2,161,283	1,313,561	847,722
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		113,161	73,816	39,345
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶				1,525,756

Part VII **Investments—Other Securities.** Complete ıf the organızatıon answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lıne 11b. See Form 990, Part X, lıne 12.

(a) Descrıptıon of securıty or category (ıncludıng name of securıty)	(b)Book value	(c) Method of valuatıon Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)Fınancıal derıvatıves		
(2)Closely-held equıty ınterests		
Other		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) lıne 12)* ▶		

Part VIII **Investments—Program Related.** Complete ıf the organızatıon answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lıne 11c. See Form 990, Part X, lıne 13.

(a) Descrıptıon of ınvestment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuatıon Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) lıne 13)* ▶		

Part IX **Other Assets.** Complete ıf the organızatıon answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lıne 11d See Form 990, Part X, lıne 15

(a) Descrıptıon	(b) Book value
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) lıne 15.)* . . . . ▶	

Part X **Other Liabilities.** Complete ıf the organızatıon answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lıne 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, lıne 25.

1 (a) Descrıptıon of lıabılıty	(b) Book value
Federal ıncome taxes	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) lıne 25)* ▶	

2. Lıabılıty for uncertaın tax posıtıons In Part XIII, provıde the text of the footnote to the organızatıon's fınancıal statements that reports the organızatıon's lıabılıty for uncertaın tax posıtıons under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here ıf the text of the footnote has been provıded ın Part XIII ☑

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	6,677,167
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12				
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	52,578		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	352,614		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	5,338		
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	410,530
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	6,266,637
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			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)			5	6,266,637

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	4,844,457
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	352,614		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	5,338		
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	357,952
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	4,486,505
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			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)			5	4,486,505

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE ASSOCIATION IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 509(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, ACCORDINGLY, THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DO NOT REFLECT A PROVISION OR LIABILITY FOR FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAXES THE ASSOCIATION HAS DETERMINED THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY MATERIAL UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS OR OBLIGATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014 AND JUNE 30, 2013 YEARS ENDING ON OR AFTER JUNE 30, 2011 REMAIN SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY FEDERAL AND STATE TAX AUTHORITIES
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	FUNDRAISING - DIRECT EXPENSE REFLECTED ON PART VIII, LINE 8B 5,338
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	FUNDRAISING - DIRECT EXPENSE REFLECTED ON PART VIII, LINE 8B 5,338

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

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
▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 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? . . . . . . ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

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.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	**(b)** EIN	**(c)** IRC Code 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

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

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

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) SCHOLARSHIPS	7	13,000		CASH	
(2) SERVICE AWARDS	2	400		CASH	

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	**Explanation**
PART I, LINE 2	THE ATTENDING COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY LISTED ON THE RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS CONTACTED BY A BVA EMPLOYEE FUNDS ARE DISBURSED DIRECTLY TO THAT SCHOOL UPON RECEIPT OF AN INVOICE FOR PAYMENT RATIFYING THE FACT THAT THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED

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.
▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1	THE ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION (BVA) IS THE ONLY CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION (VSO) EXCLUSIVELY DEDICATED TO SERVING THE NEEDS AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF AMERICA'S BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BVA IS A NONPROFIT 501 (C)3 TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED IN 1945 IN AVON, CONNECTICUT, BY A SMALL GROUP OF COMBAT-BLINDED VETERANS FROM WORLD WAR II THE ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY PURPOSE INCLUDES LOCATING BLINDED VETERANS WHO NEED SERVICES, GUIDING THEM THROUGH THE REHABILITATION PROCESS, AND ACTING AS ADVOCATES FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, INCLUDING THE U S CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) BVA ALSO PROVIDES ROLE MODELS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CHALLENGES OF SUBSTANTIAL VISION LOSS CAN BE OVERCOME THE ASSOCIATION SERVES AS A MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION REGARDING ISSUES AFFECTING BLINDED VETERANS, SUPPORTS VOCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT FOSTER REHABILITATION, AND OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT VA ESTIMATES THAT SOME 130,000 AMERICAN VETERANS ARE CURRENTLY LEGALLY BLIND, AND THAT AT LEAST HALF OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN REMAIN UNAWARE OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL VETERANS BECOME BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED EVERY YEAR BVA PROGRAMS HELP VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES MEET THE CHALLENGES OF SUBSTANTIAL VISION LOSS THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ANY BVA SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT A PREREQUISITE ALL LEGALLY BLINDED VETERANS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE, WHETHER THEY BECAME BLIND DURING COMBAT OR AFTER ACTIVE DUTY DUE TO AGE OR DISEASE BVA WAS INCORPORATED IN 1947 AND CHARTERED BY CONGRESS IN 1958 TO REPRESENT ALL BLINDED VETERANS THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY GRANTS OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT, INSTEAD, IT IS SUPPORTED BY THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS WHO REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES OF OUR NATION'S BLINDED VETERANS THE ORGANIZATION IS MANAGED BY 11 VOTING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALONG WITH TWO HONORARY MEMBERS INCLUDING THE AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR, WHOSE POSITIONS ARE HELD ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS THEY GIVE FREELY OF THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES THEY ARE ALL MEMBERS OF BVA AND ALL MEET THE CRITERIA OF WHAT CONSTITUTES A BLINDED VETERAN AS DEFINED FOR ALL BVA MEMBERS THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE ALSO MET BY THE NATIONAL SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL INCLUDES ATTENDANCE AT TWO ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS, ONE HELD AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION LOCATION AND THE OTHER AT BVA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ALSO CONDUCT BUSINESS USING EMAIL AND THROUGH TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR THEY ARE INVOLVED NOT ONLY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL BUT ALSO WITHIN THE REGION IN WHICH THEY RESIDE, HOLDING OFFICES AND ASSISTING BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS FISCAL YEAR THE BOARD DONATED MORE THAN 7,300 TOTAL HOURS OF WORK AND MORE THAN $2,500 IN REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES THAT WERE NOT REQUESTED FOR PAYMENT THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS MANY COMMITTEES TO OVERSEE AND ADVISE IT ALL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS, SOME ARE ON THE BOARD WHILE OTHERS ARE REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE SIMPLY CONCERNED AND INTERESTED SIGHTED CITIZENS WHO WISH TO LEND A HELPING HAND DURING THE PAST FISCAL YEAR, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT ON THE BOARD DONATED OVER 100 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME BVA HAS 53 REGIONAL GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO WHO OFFER EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, SOCIAL EVENTS, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO VETERANS WITH SUBSTANTIAL VISION LOSS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL REGIONAL GROUPS ALSO INFLUENCE POLICY CHANGES THAT ARE INSTITUTED BY THE ASSOCIATION LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, DC, BVA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO CAPITOL HILL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) CENTRAL OFFICE

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	FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4	A) FIELD SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMS THE BVA FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM CONSISTS PRI MARILY OF SEVEN NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS AND A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE LEGALLY B LIND VETERANS THEMSELVES, WORKING THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO THE NATION AL FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS WERE BASED IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DECATUR, GEORGIA, HINES, ILLINOIS, HOUSTON, TEXAS, SAN DIEGO, CA LIFORNIA, AND ST PAUL, MINNESOTA THEY ARE DEDICATED AND DEVOTED MEMBERS OF BVA'S STAFF ACTING AS ROLE MODELS, NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS ASSIST BLINDED VETERANS IN TAKING T HE FIRST STEPS IN ADJUSTING TO BLINDNESS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LINKING VETERANS WITH LOC AL SERVICES, ASSURING THAT THE NEWLY BLINDED TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VA BLIND REHABILITATION SER VICES AND ASSISTING THEM WITH THE VA BENEFIT CLAIMS PROCESS THEY AIM TO HELP VETERANS BRI NG FOCUS AND DIRECTION TO THEIR LIVES, PROVIDING INSPIRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT UNDERSTAND ING THE COMPLEXITIES AND EMOTIONS THAT ACCOMPANY THE ONSET OF BLINDNESS, FIELD SERVICE OFF ICERS ARE EFFECTIVE ROLE MODELS IN HELPING NEWLY BLINDED VETERANS FIND AND FOLLOW THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE THEY KNOW WHAT IS AVAILABLE ON BOTH A LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL THEY KNO W WHOM TO CALL, WHAT TO SAY, AND HOW TO CUT THROUGH THE RED TAPE SINCE MUCH OF THEIR EXPER TISE HAS BEEN GAINED FIRSTHAND AS A RESULT OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH BLINDNES S DURING FY 2014, THE BVA FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM WAS CONTACTED BY 7,310 VETERANS AND FAMIL Y MEMBERS VA GRANTED 280 CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION AND PENSION TO VETERANS ASSISTED BY THE PROGRAM THE PROGRAM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN $4,073,745 IN TOTAL RETROACTIVE PAYMENT S AND $245,973 IN MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS THERE WERE 62 CLAIMS AFFECTING BLINDED VETERANS THAT WERE PROCESSED AT THE BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS TOTAL NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICER PENDING CLAIMS STOOD AT 704 IN FY 2014 BVA WAS AWARDED ANOTHER GRANT FROM THE READER'S D IGEST PARTNERS FOR SIGHT FOUNDATION THIS ONE IS A $15,000 CHALLENGE GRANT WHICH CONTINUES TO ENABLE BVA'S SEVEN FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS TO TRAVEL TO THE 13 REGIONAL VA BRCS TO MEET WITH VETERANS AND STAFF AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR BVA RECEIVED $10,700 OF THE $15,00 0 WITH CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RECEIVE THE DONATIONS NECESSARY TO MEET THE CHALLENGE THE PUR POSE OF THE GRANT IS TO CONTINUE ALLOWING THE FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS TO CONNECT WITH AN AD DITIONAL NUMBER OF VETERANS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, AND TO ASSESS THE STANDARDS OF CARE AT THE BRC FACILITIES HAVING FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS MEET WITH VA STAFF AS WELL AS VETERANS G IVES A COMPREHENSIVE OVERALL PICTURE OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE BRCS THIS KNOWLEDGE ALL OWS BVA TO BETTER SPREAD BEST PRACTICES FROM ONE BRC TO ANOTHER THE GRANT CONTINUES TO ME ET THE INITIAL GOAL OF ALLOWING THE FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS TO REACH AND ASSIST VETERANS OF WHOM BVA HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARE FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS HOLD EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS FOR ALL VETERANS AT THE BRCS THEY VISIT, FOLLOWED BY ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH VETERANS WHO NEED FURTHER HELP AND ADVICE AS BVA COMPILED THE REPORTS FOR READER'S DIGEST PARTNERS FO R SIGHT, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE GRANTS NOT ONLY ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF REACHING MORE VETERA NS BUT ALSO ENABLE BVA TO BETTER MEET THE CURRENT NEEDS OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VET ERANS THE FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO REVITALIZE THE SITE VISIT PROCESS NOT ONLY T O REVIEW THE BRC BUT TO REVIEW FULL CONTINUUM OF CARE PROVIDED BY THE VA FACILITY NATIONA L FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS RECEIVED TRAINING TWICE IN FY 2014, ONCE AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTI ON IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, IN AUGUST (FIVE DAYS) AND AGAIN AT MID-WINTER MEETINGS IN WASHI NGTON, DC (THREE DAYS IN FEBRUARY) BVA PROVIDED FUNDING FOR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND ASSIS TANCE FOR AT LEAST 28 BLINDED VETERANS WITH LIMITED MEANS TO ATTEND VARIOUS VA BLIND REHAB ILITATION CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS AN ADDITIONAL MEANINGFUL ADJUNCT TO THE BVA FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM, THE VOLUNTEER OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN VA MEDICAL CENTERS, REGIONAL OFFICE S, AND OUTPATIENT CLINICS NATIONWIDE VOLUNTEERS ARE PEER COUNSELORS AND VOLUNTEER NATIONA L SERVICE OFFICERS (VNSOS) THE PROGRAM PROVIDES ANOTHER OUTLET FOR BLINDED VETERANS TO HE LP AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER SINCE A LARGE NUMBER OF BVA VOLUNTEERS ARE BLINDED VETERANS THEMS ELVES THEY LISTEN AND SHARE IDEAS IN GROUPS, OFFER INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, ENCOURAGE BLINDED VETERANS TO ENTER REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, AND DEMONSTRATE EQUIPMENT AND AIDS USED BY THE BLIND THEY ALSO REINFORCE THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICE R BY HELPING TO LIFT FELLOW VETERANS FROM THE DISCOURAGEMENT AND FRUSTRATION THEY OFTEN FA CE BVA VOLUNTEERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND TO BE GOOD SOURCES O F INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE BVA CHA IN OF SERVICES A TOTAL OF 209 BVA VOLUNTEERS DONATED 34,165 HOURS OF TIME AN EXTENSION O F THE FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM, OPERATION PEER SUPPOR

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	FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4	T (OPS), WAS ESTABLISHED IN FY 2006 OPS CONSTITUTES AN ONGOING EFFORT TO CONNECT NEWLY BL INDED VETERANS FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WITH OTHER OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) AND OPER ATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) SERVICE MEMBERS IT ALSO SEEKS TO CONNECT THE NEWLY BLINDED S ERVICE MEMBERS WITH BLINDED VETERANS FROM THE FIRST GULF WAR, VIETNAM, KOREA, AND WORLD WA R II THIS PAST YEAR, EIGHT NEWLY BLINDED SERVICE MEMBERS FROM AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ, ACCOM PANIED BY A SPOUSE OR FAMILY MEMBER, ATTENDED BVA'S 68TH NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, W ASHINGTON FOUR BRITISH SOLDIERS AND ONE RETURNING BLIND VETERANS UK PARTICIPANT ALSO ACCE PTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE EDUCATIONAL PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS ALL EXPENSES OF THE NEW PARTICIPANTS WERE PAID BY BVA'S OPS PROGRAM WHILE 13 ALUMNI RETURNED TO PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE THEY ALL FELT THE PROGRAM WAS SO BENEFICIAL THAT THEY WANTED TO RETURN AND OFFER ASSISTANCE TO THE NEWLY BLINDED SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHILE OPS P ROVIDES THESE VETERANS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN TOGETHER AT BVA'S NATIONAL CONVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES, A SPIN OFF PROGRAM, PROJECT GEMINI, ALLOWS A SIMILAR FOR HOSTING IN ENGLAND BY BLIND VETERANS UK IN FY 2014, EFFORTS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR SIX AMERICAN BLINDE D VETERANS TO EXPERIENCE BRITISH HOSPITALITY ALL OF BVA'S PROGRAMS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY A ND ATTRIBUTED TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS AND PRIVATE COMPANIES BVA APPRECIATE S AND IS VERY THANKFUL FOR THE CONTINUAL SUPPORT PROVIDED EVERY YEAR BVA'S WEBSITE, WWW B VA ORG, PROVIDES ONE MEANS OF FACILITATING GREATER SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ALL OF ITS PROGRAMS BY OFFERING ONLINE DONATION CAPABILITIES

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	FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B	B) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION AT THE FOUNDATION OF ALL BVA COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBL IC RELATIONS EFFORTS NATIONALLY IS THE BVA BULLETIN, CURRENTLY A QUARTERLY PERIODICAL SENT TO ALL BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR WHOM THE ASSOCIATION HAS CONTACT INFORMATI ON THE PUBLICATION IS ALSO MAILED TO DOZENS OF LIBRARIES, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS, VSOS, VA BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR OUTREACH AND MARKETING PURPOSES, MULTIPLE COPIES OF THE BULLETIN WERE SENT TO APPROXIMATELY 85 INDIVIDU AL DESTINATIONS ALTHOUGH THE BULLETIN FOCUSES ON ISSUES AND EVENTS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO BLINDED VETERANS, IT IS ALSO THE PUBLIC FACE OF THE ORGANIZATION IT COVERS BOTH GENERA L TOPICS ABOUT VETERANS AS WELL AS BLINDNESS (I E., TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL ISSUES, ETC) AVER AGE CIRCULATION OF THE LARGE-PRINT VERSION OF THE BULLETIN WAS APPROXIMATELY 14,125 IN FIS CAL YEAR 2014 A COMPACT DISK VERSION, WHICH IS MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLY, HAD AN AVE RAGE CIRCULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 90 FOR THE FOUR ISSUES COMPARED TO 65 THE PREVIOUS YEAR THE NUMBER OF BVA MEMBERS RECEIVING THE BULLETIN VIA EMAIL IS NOW 175, AN INCREASE OF 12 PERCENT FROM 2013 IT CAN ALSO BE HEARD BY DOWNLOADING AN MP3 FILE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE ON T HE BULLETIN PAGE OF THE BVA WEBSITE. THROUGH THE DONATED SERVICES OF NORTH AMERICAN PRECIS SYNDICATE (NAPS), BVA DISTRIBUTED A SERIES OF NEWSPAPER, RADIO, AND TELEVISION RELEASES H IGHLIGHTING ITS WORK DURING FY 2014, BVA PRODUCED TWO 2-COLUMN NATIONAL NEWSPAPER RELEASE S, ONE SPANISH NEWSPAPER RELEASE, THREE 30-SECOND NATIONAL RADIO RELEASES, ONE SPANISH 60- SECOND RADIO RELEASE, AND TWO 30-SECOND NATIONAL TELEVISION RELEASES BY VIRTUE OF THE HEA VILY DISCOUNTED PACKAGE SELECTED, THE ASSOCIATION RECEIVED ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PRODU CTION AND DISTRIBUTION FOR A PAYMENT OF $18,250 ALL OF THE RELEASES PROVIDED AN OUTLINE O F BVA'S MISSION, HISTORY, AND SERVICES, BUT THE LEAD-IN FOR EACH RELEASE DIFFERED FROM ONE RELEASE TO THE NEXT THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE DONATED MEDIA TIME AND SPACE FOR THE RELEASES AIRED AND PRINTED IN FY 2014, IF PAID FOR BY BVA FOR ACTUAL NEWSPAPER, RADIO, AND TELEVIS ION ADVERTISEMENTS, WAS $343,042 THIS DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE 75,530,832 TOTAL UNI QUE VISITORS TO THE TWO 2-COLUMN NEWSPAPER NATIONAL RELEASES AND THE 2-COLUMN SPANISH RELE ASE DISTRIBUTED IN FY 2014 NEWS RELEASES WERE AIRED OR PRINTED A TOTAL OF 7,415 TIMES THR OUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS TERRITORIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR, A RATHER SIZEABLE IN CREASE OF 1,611 OVER THE FIGURE OF 5,704 FOR FY 2013 THE BVA WEBSITE HAS HAD A SIGNIFICAN T INCREASE IN VISITORS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IT ATTRACTED AN AVERAGE OF 188 UNIQUE VISITORS PER DAY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2014 A DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE MAJORITY OF THE VISIT S ORIGINATED THROUGH THE GOOGLE SEARCH ENGINE. OTHER SEARCH ENGINES CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFF ORT MORE THAN EVER BEFORE BUT STILL TO A LESSER EXTENT THAN DID GOOGLE. ALTHOUGH STILL REL ATIVELY SMALL IN NUMBER, THE NUMBER OF VISITS THROUGH LINKS ON OTHER SITES IS INCREASING THE BVA SITE IS A CONSTANT WORK IN PROGRESS THAT HAS MADE CONSISTENT IMPROVEMENTS BUT WHIC H HAS CONSIDERABLE WORK AHEAD IN ORDER TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION FULFILL ITS MISSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY IN FY14, BVA UTILIZED TWO PRINT BROCHURES IN SPREADING ITS MESSAGE. ONE IS USED PRIMARILY FOR FUNDRAISING PURPOSES, REACHING OUT TO OTHER VSOS AND TO OFFICES ON CAPI TOL HILL THE OTHER IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO INTEREST PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS BVA MAINTAIN S SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS ON MAJOR SITES SUCH AS FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND YOUTUBE. OVER THE PA ST YEARS, BVA HAS ATTRACTED A LARGE FOLLOWING AND CURRENTLY COMMANDS A SOCIAL MEDIA AUDIEN CE OF MORE THAN 6,000 FOLLOWERS BVA USES THESE RESOURCES TO SPREAD INFORMATION TO ITS FOL LOWERS ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES AND RECENT LEGISLATIVE NEWS, AND TO EDUCATE THEM ABOUT ISSUES FACING BLINDED VETERANS SOCIAL MEDIA IS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN COORDINATING W ITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATING BVA FOLLOWERS ABOUT THE HELPFUL RESOURCES AVAILABL E. BVA DISTRIBUTES DIRECT MAIL LITERATURE TO FRIENDS AND PROSPECTIVE SUPPORTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS PART OF ITS JOINT PUBLIC AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS THERE ARE SE VERAL CALLS FOR ACTION IN EACH OF THE APPEALS AND EACH IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE AUDIEN CE TO GET DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MEANINGFUL WAYS TO HELP THE ASSOCIATION CARRY OUT ITS MISSI ON THE FIRST IS A REQUEST FOR NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF BLINDED VETERANS WHO MIGHT NEED ASSISTANCE. RESPONSES ARE PASSED ALONG TO BVA NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFIC ERS FOR ACTION THE SECOND IS A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO DISTRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL LITERATUR E TO REACH BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES INFORMATIO NAL BROCHURES ARE MAILED TO THOSE RESPONDING THE THIRD IS A REQUEST TO LEARN "WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SEE A BLIND PERSON" AND TO ACT ACCORDINGLY WHEN MEETING SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL THERE IS A FOURTH CALL FOR ACTION IN SOME OF THE APPEAL

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	FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B	S THIS IS A REQUEST FOR FRIENDS AND PROSPECTIVE DONORS TO WRITE A PERSONAL MESSAGE ON AN ENCLOSED GREETING CARD AND MAIL IT TO A BLINDED VETERAN THROUGH BVA BVA RECEIVES THOUSAND S OF THESE CARDS AND DELIVERS THEM TO BLINDED VETERANS IN REHABILITATION CENTERS AROUND TH E COUNTRY EACH CALL FOR ACTION IS IN SUPPORT OF BVA'S MISSION TO LOCATE AND ASSIST BLINDE D VETERANS AND TO HELP THEM TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACES IN SOCIETY AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLI C ABOUT BLINDNESS ISSUES RECIPIENT RESPONSES ARE RECORDED WHEN POSSIBLE BVA ALLOCATES A PORTION OF ITS DIRECT MAIL EXPENSES TO PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL ACCORD ING TO AICPA STATEMENT OF POSITION 98-2 (SOP 98-2), ACCOUNTING FOR COSTS OF ACTIVITIES OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT INCLUDE FUNDR AISING, NOW CODIFIED IN FASB ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION 958-720, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENT ITIES-OTHER EXPENSES (ASC 958-720) BVA UNDERTAKES A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF ITS ACTIVITIE S TO DETERMINE IF THE PURPOSE, AUDIENCE, AND CONTENT CRITERIA ARE MET AND, IF SO, APPLIES A SYSTEMATIC, RATIONAL JOINT COST ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY BVA MAKES ITS FINANCIAL INFORMAT ION AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND WATCHDOG AGENCIES BVA ADHERES TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BY THE COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (#10513), THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU WISE GIVI NG ALLIANCE, AND GUIDESTAR ORG BVA IS PROUD TO DISPLAY ITS SEAL AWARDED BY THE BETTER BUS INESS BUREAU (BBB) AS AN ACCREDITED CHARITY BVA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DISTRIBUTES BROCHUR ES, EXTRA COPIES OF THE BULLETIN, AND OVERRUNS FROM ITS DIRECT MAIL PIECES TO REGIONAL GRO UPS AND INDIVIDUAL BLINDED VETERANS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN OUTREACH EFFORTS LOCALLY THE MAILING OF THE MATERIALS IS PARTICULARLY HEAVY IN THE EARLY AUTUMN AS BVA REGIONAL GROUPS PREPARE FOR WHITE CANE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY AND VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES BLINDED VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ARE FREQUENTLY INVOLVED IN PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS, LOCAL C HAPTERS OF OTHER VSOS LOCATED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND LOCAL GROUPS SUCH AS LIONS AND ROT ARY CLUBS AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION, BVA PRESENTS AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES TO HONOR INDIVID UALS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS THE MAJOR GENERAL MELVIN J MAAS ACHIEVEMENT AWAR D IS PRESENTED TO A VETERAN WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED BLINDNESS THAT PROVES HIMSELF/HERSELF O UTSTANDING IN EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE AND ADJUSTMENT TO DAILY LIVING THE DAVID L SCHNAIR AWARD IS PRESENTED TO A VOLUNTEER FOR HIS/HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE BVA VOLUNTEE R PROGRAM THE IRVING DIENER AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE BVA MEMBER WHO HAS MADE AN OUTSTAND ING CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF HIS/HER REGIONAL GROUP A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IS TO RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED OUTSTAN DING SERVICES TO BLINDED VETERANS AND/OR TO BVA AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN FY 2014, AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, WA, THE MAAS AND SCHNAIR AWARDS WERE REWARDED AND THREE CE RTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION WERE PRESENTED TO DESERVING INDIVIDUALS

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	FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C	C) ADVOCACY THE ASSOCIATION'S CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER DESIGNATES BVA AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL A DVOCATE FOR ALL BLINDED VETERANS BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF GOVERNME NT THE BVA NATIONAL PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBERS, AND NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PRESENT TESTIMONY BEFORE BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON VETERANS AFFA IRS IN ORDER TO SHARE INFORMATION AND CONCERNS RELATED TO SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS AND SERVICE S OFFERED BY VA TO VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND BLINDED VETERANS THEY ALSO MEET PERIODICALLY WIT H MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THEIR KEY STAFF, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD), THE WHITE HOUSE, AND VA OFFICIALS TO INFORM AND EDUCATE THEM REGARDING THE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE BLINDED AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VETERANS IN AMERICA BVA'S EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS SEEK TO ENHAN CE THE SPECIALIZED REHABILITATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED BY VA THE GOALS ARE TO ASSIS T BLINDED VETERANS IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADJUSTMENT TO THE LOSS OF VISION AND TO HELP T HEM ACQUIRE THE ADAPTIVE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATED INTO THEIR FAMIL IES AND COMMUNITIES ACTIVE EFFORTS ARE CONTINUALLY MADE TO EDUCATE FEDERAL AGENCIES AND L EGISLATORS SUCH EFFORTS ARE THE IMPORTANT MEANS BY WHICH BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMIL Y MEMBERS EVENTUALLY BECOME EQUIPPED WITH THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ACCESS THE HEALTH CAR E SERVICES AND BENEFITS THEY HAVE EARNED BVA CONTINUED TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE THIS PAST YEA R, PRESENTING BLINDED VETERANS' PRIORITY ISSUES BEFORE CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF ME MBERS IN A VARIETY OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES ALSO MET FREQUENT LY WITH OTHER VETERAN'S SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, DISABILITY ADVOCACY ASSOCIATIONS, AND REPRE SENTATIVES FROM VA AND DOD BVA'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT PRESENTED HIS ANNUAL TESTIMONY IN FEB RUARY BEFORE THE JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE VA COMMITTEES LEGISLATIVE UPDATES WERE SENT BY EM AIL TO THE BVA BOARD, STAFF, MEMBERS AND REGIONAL GROUPS NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS C ONGRESSIONAL OFFICES AND A VARIETY OF COMMITTEES WERE ATTENDED IN AN EFFORT TO ACTIVELY MO NITOR AND SUPPORT THE WIDE VARIETY OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS THAT IMPACTS VETE RANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BVA, IN CONCERT WITH OTHER MAJOR VSOS, PROVIDED THE NECESSARY INF ORMATION TO ENSURE THAT FY 2014-FY 2015 ADVANCED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VHA BUDGET WERE IN CREASED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VETERANS' HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS CONTINUED EFFORTS WERE DEVOTE D THIS PAST YEAR TO DOD'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VISION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (VCE) AND DEFE NSE VETERANS EYE INJURY VISION REGISTRY (DVEIVR) AS A RESULT, VCE HAS INCREASED DOD STAFF ING TO TEN AND VHA IS PLANNING INCREASED STAFFING (INTERVIEWS ARE IN PROGRESS) BVA CONTIN UES TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR OIF AND OEF VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY VISUAL SYSTEM DYSFUNCTION TO ENSURE THAT SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND VISION RESEARCH ARE FUNDED BVA'S EFFORTS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN TRYING TO SECURE ADDITIONAL VA CO-OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR FY 2014- 2015 IN THE VA BUDGET FOR VCE. EFFORTS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT DVEIVR CONTINUE WI TH DOD INSERTING 17,375 SERVICE MEMBERS' RECORDS INTO THE SYSTEM VA, HOWEVER, HAS LAGGED FAR BEHIND IN PROVIDING EXTRACTORS ACCESS TO CLINICAL EYE RECORDS IN THE VA VIST DATABASE. WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR EYE AND VISION RESEARCH (NAEVR), BVA ATTENDED MEET INGS WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND KEY BUDGET STAFF WITH THE AIM OF INCREAS ING THE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR VISION BVA CONTINUES TO ADV OCATE FOR ALTERNATIVE DEFENSE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) VISION RESEARCH PROGRAMS, SECUR ING $10 MILLION IN FY 2014 FUNDING FOR THE VISION TRAUMA RESEARCH PROGRAM (VTRP) FUNDING, AND $10 MILLION FOR FY 2015 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR VTRP BVA CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE WAITING TIMES, LENGTH OF STAYS, AND STAFFING FOR THE 13 EXISTING VABLIND CENTERS TO ENSURE THAT VETERANS RECEIVE THE REHABILITATION THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THEM BVA HAS ALSO BEEN ACT IVELY INVOLVED IN SPECIAL WORK GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY VA PROSTHETICS & SENSORY AIDS SERVICE (PSAS) TO DEVELOP PRESCRIPTION RECOMMENDATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROSTHETIC APPLIANC ES FOR BLINDED VETERANS BVA IS ON THE VA WORK GROUP CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING VARIOUS SPECI FICATIONS AND THE ISSUANCE OF HANDBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPUTERS AND ADAPTIVE TECHNOLO GY DEVICES FOR BLINDED AND LOW-VISION VETERANS BVA WORKED TO HAVE THE BENEFICIARY TRAVEL SECTION OF THE U S CODE CHANGED TO INCLUDE TRAVEL BENEFITS TO ONE OF THE 13 REGIONAL BLIND REHABILITATION CENTERS FOR INPATIENT ADMISSION FOR BLINDED VETERANS CURRENTLY NOT ELIGIBL E. THESE EFFORTS CONTINUE WITH LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE VA COMMITTEES, RESPECTIVELY BVA CONTINUED FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH VA VETERANS TRAVEL PROGRAM OFFICIALS BVA CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR VA TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 508 OF THE AMERICANS WI TH DISABILITIES ACT BY MAKING ALL ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE VA SYST EMS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO BLINDED VETERANS AND FURTHE

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	FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C	R ELIMINATING PROBLEMS OF ACCESS THE VA ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AP PROPRIATED $11 MILLION IN FUNDING AND 17 FULL TIME STAFF WERE HIRED IN FY 2014 BVA CONTIN UED ITS MANY VISITS WITH BLINDED OIF AND OEF SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE NEW WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER BVA CONTINUED TO LOCATE SERVICE MEMBERS AND RAISE FUNDS NEEDED FOR ELIGIBLE BLINDED VETERANS TO JOIN BVA'S OPERATION PEER SUPPORT AND PROJECT GEMINI INITIATIVES BVA JOINED WITH OTHER VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN A NUM BER OF PARTNERSHIPS BVA SUBMITS PERTINENT INFORMATION ON VA BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICES , OIF AND OEF-RELATED EYE INJURIES, AND TBI VISION SYSTEM IMPAIRMENTS, THUS RAISING AWAREN ESS AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THESE INJURIES AND THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THEM BVA A LSO PARTICIPATES WITH OTHER BLINDNESS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS IN MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIV E WORKING GROUP (LWG) TO ASSURE THAT ALL BLINDED INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE THE SERVICES AND ACCO MMODATIONS THEY DESERVE BVA CONTINUES TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AT ALL LEVELS REGARDIN G THE NEEDS OF BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED T RAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND SUBSEQUENT VISUAL DYSFUNCTION THIS OCCURS BY PROVIDING THE NEWS MEDIA WITH INFORMATION ON THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THESE VISION INJURIES SUCH EFFORTS HAVE RESULTED IN NEWSPAPER, RADIO, RESEARCH ARTICLES IN VARIOUS MEDIA OUTLETS, MAKING BVA WELL KNOWN FOR ADVOCACY IN THIS AREA

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C	D) MEMBERSHIP BVA IS A MEMBERSHIP-DRIVEN ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP IN BVA CONSTITUTES MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS IN A LOCAL REGIONAL GROUP IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BE A MEMBER TO BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICES BVA PROVIDES IN FACT, BVA OFFERS THE CHOICE OF THE DIGITAL OR PRINT VERSION OF THE QUARTERLY BVA BULLETIN TO ANY BLINDED VETERAN REGARDLESS OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS THE BVA BULLETIN IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE THAT BLINDED VETERANS FIND USEFUL IN ORDER TO KEEP ABREAST OF RELEVANT INFORMATION BVA MEMBERSHIP ALSO PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET NEW PEOPLE FACING SIMILAR CHALLENGES, TO ESTABLISH FRIENDSHIPS, AND TO GAIN A VOICE AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTIONS WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP, THE AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAMS WOULD NOT EXIST SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY MEMBERS AND DEVELOPED WITH THEIR NEEDS IN MIND A BLINDED VETERAN CAN JOIN AS EITHER AN ANNUAL OR A LIFE MEMBER BVA'S MEMBERSHIP TOTAL HAS GROWN STEADILY OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES IN FY 2014, THERE WERE 455 NEW MEMBERS FROM 1992 THROUGH 2014, THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP INCREASED FROM 7,252 TO 11,111 THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS A LARGE NUMBER OF RENEWALS OF LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS AS WELL AS NEW MEMBERS THAT HAD NEVER JOINED BEFORE ALL LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DEPOSITED INTO A LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND, WHICH IS MANAGED BY A LIFE MEMBERSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT THE DUES ARE INVESTED AND THE ANNUAL EARNINGS (INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS) ARE APPORTIONED TO THE REGIONAL GROUP BASED ON THE NUMBER OF LIFE MEMBERS IN EACH GROUP BVA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DOES NOT BENEFIT FINANCIALLY AT ALL FROM THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES BUT ONLY MANAGES, OR ADMINISTERS, THE FUND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND AN EXTERNAL PORTFOLIO MANAGER IT IS A BOARD-DESIGNATED FUND E) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BVA'S KATHERN F GRUBER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COMPLETED ITS 31ST YEAR THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN TO A DEPENDENT CHILD, GRANDCHILD, OR SPOUSE OF A BLINDED VETERAN OR AN ACTIVE-DUTY BLINDED SERVICE MEMBER OF THE U S ARMED FORCES THE BLINDNESS MAY BE EITHER SERVICE-CONNECTED OR NONSERVICE-CONNECTED FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-14, THERE WERE SIX SCHOLARSHIPS OF $2,000 EACH THE THOMAS H MILLER SCHOLARSHIP HAS COMPLETED ITS 3RD YEAR, ANNUALLY AWARDING ONE SCHOLARSHIP OF $1,000 THE GUIDELINES ARE THE SAME AS THOSE ESTABLISHED FOR THE KATHERN F GRUBER SCHOLARSHIP BUT WITH ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION TOWARDS MUSIC AND FINE ARTS STUDENTS WHEN POSSIBLE AND APPLICABLE

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ASSEMBLED AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION HAVE VOTING RIGHTS AND ARE THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ASSEMBLED AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION ELECT THE NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRICT

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ASSEMBLED AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION APPROVE ISSUES AND AMENDMENTS THAT ARISE REGARDING LAWS, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS, OR POLICIES ADOPTED BY SAID MEMBERSHIP

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	A DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 IS SENT TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BY THE PREPARER IT IS EMAILED TO THE FINANCIAL EXPERT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO ALONG WITH THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REVIEW THE RETURN TOGETHER AND DISCUSS ANY ISSUES OF CONCERN THEY MAY INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY SPEAK WITH THE PREPARER TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS OR REVIEW THE FORM IN DETAIL AFTER ANY CHANGES ARE MADE, A COPY IS SENT TO THE FULL BOARD PRIOR TO FILING ANY COMMENTS THEY HAVE ARE REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED WITH THE PREPARER WHEN COMPLETED, THE FORM 990 IS SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	BVA'S WRITTEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE IS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND APPROPRIATE OUTSIDE PARTIES BY THE CFO PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION THE CFO ENSURES THAT ALL QUESTIONNAIRES ARE COMPLETED, REVIEWS THEM, AND DISCLOSES ANY CONFLICTS AT THE PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONFLICTS DO NOT VOTE ON ANY ISSUES PERTAINING TO THAT CONFLICT

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE ASSOCIATION INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OTHER OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES THEY MEET ANNUALLY, AND AS NEEDED, TO REVIEW, DETERMINE, AND APPROVE ANY CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THE COMPENSATION PROGRAM DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPARES THE SALARIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OTHER OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES AGAINST EITHER SALARY SURVEYS PREPARED BY INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTIES, OR COMPARABILITY DATA FROM PEER ORGANIZATIONS TO DETERMINE HOW THEY COMPARE AGAINST THE COMPETITIVE MARKET THIS COMPARISON HAS HISTORICALLY SHOWN TRENDS OF COMPARABILITY IN SOME POSITIONS AND BELOW PEERS IN OTHERS THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS RECOMMENDATIONS AND INPUT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DURING DELIBERATIONS REGARDING OTHER OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES USUALLY, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WHEN DISCUSSING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION WITHOUT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENT DURING THIS TIME THEY EVALUATE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE AND DETERMINE COMPENSATION THESE DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS ARE DOCUMENTED THE PRESIDENT INFORMS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ANY CHANGES AFTER THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE BYLAWS AND CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE AVAILABLE ON BVA'S WEBSITE, ALONG WITH THE FORM 990 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	BUILDING MAINTANANCE MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 30,167 TOTAL EXPENSES 30,167 BULLETIN PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 76,310 TOTAL EXPENSES 76,310 PRINTING PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 8,233 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 11,368 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 96,509 TOTAL EXPENSES 116,110 PROFESSIONAL FEES MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 13,648 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 23,000 TOTAL EXPENSES 36,648 PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 21,450 TOTAL EXPENSES 21,450 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 27,312 TOTAL EXPENSES 27,312 WEB DESIGN PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 12,790 TOTAL EXPENSES 12,790 DIRECT MAIL DATA PROCESSING PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 39,676 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 2,125 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 38,813 TOTAL EXPENSES 80,614 DIRECT MAIL DONOR PROCESSING PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 38,555 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 2,065 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 37,716 TOTAL EXPENSES 78,336 DIRECT MAIL LIST RENTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 47,200 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 2,528 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 46,173 TOTAL EXPENSES 95,901 DIRECT MAIL PACKAGE AND SHIPPING PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 494,683 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 26,492 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 483,919 TOTAL EXPENSES 1,005,094 DIRECT MAIL PRODUCTION COST PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 11,777 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 631 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 11,521 TOTAL EXPENSES 23,929

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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE REVIEW PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS