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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.**

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A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2014 , and ending 06-30-2015

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
P O BOX 378

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
WAUKEGAN, IL 60085

D Employer identification number
36-2813345

E Telephone number
(847) 336-4930

F Group Exemption Number ▶ 1661

G Accounting Method ☑ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

I Website: ▶

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☐ 501(c)(3) ☑ 501(c)(19) ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

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

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are $200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $ 154,440

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☑

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received			1 4,500
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts			2 1,200
	3	Membership dues and assessments			3 455
	4	Investment income			4 55
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a 0		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b 0		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)			5c 0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events			
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than $15,000)	6a 126,580		
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 1,400 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds $15,000)	6b 19,070		
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c 24,275		
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)			6d 121,375
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a 2,580		
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b 1,746		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)			7c 834
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)			8 0
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶			9 128,419
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)			10 4,500
	11	Benefits paid to or for members			11 3,900
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits			12 24,391
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors			13 2,345
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance			14 100,358
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping			15 1,035
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)			16 0
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶			17 136,529
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)			18 -8,110
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)			19 22,819
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)			20 0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶			21 14,709

Part II **Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II . . . . . ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	22,819	22	14,709
23	Land and buildings	0	23	0
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	0
25	**Total assets**	22,819	25	14,709
26	**Total liabilities** (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	22,819	27	14,709

Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III . ☐

Expenses (Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
Our goalS are help provide community service to veterans at the north chicago va hospital (CAPT JAMES LOVELL),senior ,youth enviroment educational awards in the community, new homes were added to VA hospital the Green housing for the veterans TERMINAL ILL VETERANS WE SPONSOR MORE ACTIVITES at THIS FACILITY

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

28 Scholarships, for vod/pen award a student at North Chicago High School,We provide actitives EVERY THREE MONTHS for the VETERANS AND Senior in the community Also we open our door to patrons, who lose a love one sharing time with there relative, doing time of greiving This is our way to show concern and passionate (Grants $ 4,500) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**28a**	2,500
29 HELPING STUDENTS IN THE LOCAL THE COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE VETERANS EVERY THREE MONTHS SERVING DINNER AT THE FACILTY (Grants $ 4,500) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**29a**	1,800
30 (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**30a**	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**31a**	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . . ▶	**32**	4,300

Part IV **List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. . . . . ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) **(if not paid, enter -0-)**	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
See Additional Data Table				

Part V **Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V . . . . . ☐

			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34		No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a **Form 990-T** for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b		
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee **or** were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? . .	38a		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . 38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . . 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____			
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____			
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ _____			
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		No

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ IL

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ FREDIA M WASHINGTON Telephone no ▶ (773) 230-0932

Located at ▶ P O BOX WAUKEGAN, IL ZIP + 4 ▶ 60085

			Yes	No
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____			
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ?	42c		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____			

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** - Check here . . . . . ▶ ☐
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . ▶ 43

			Yes	No
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a		No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? *If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ*	44b		No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*	44d		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		No
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b		No

		Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	**46**		No

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

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

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

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

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and title of each employee	**(b)** Average hours per week devoted to position	**(c)** Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	**(d)** Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	**(e)** Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 . . . . . ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	**(b)** Type of service	**(c)** Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000. . . . . ▶

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ▶ ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

▶ Signature of officer	2015-11-12 Date
▶ FREDIA WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶			Phone no	

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

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Name: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e)Estimated amount of other compensation
CALVIN FARMERCOMMANDER	5	0	0	0
JESSE WOODLEYQUARTERMASTER	40	0	0	0
JOSEPH RIBANDOADJUTANT	5	0	0	0
FAYE EDMONDSFUND RASIER	10	0	0	0
MARLENE ROBERTSTREASURER	10	0	0	0
FREDIA M WASHINGTONPRESIDENT/ADMINISTRATOR	50	600	0	25
PEGGY GRAYCHAIRPERSONSECRETARY	20	0	0	0
ROBERT JONESBINGO ASSISTANT	10	0	0	0
IRENE JONESTRUSTEE	15	0	0	0
ROBERT ELLISASSISTANT FUND RAISER	10	100	0	0
BILLY NORWOOD ADVOCATE	10	0	0	0
MIGUEL CAMACHO JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER	15	0	0	0
LINDA CHAPMAN ASST SECRETARY	25	0	0	0
BRIAN KERR MAINTAINCE	20	0	0	0
ROBERT STULL BINGO ASSISTANT	6 00	0	0	0

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(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e)Estimated amount of other compensation
KATHY STULL FUND RAISER ASSISTANT	6 00	0	0	0

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SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than $15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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

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Name of the organization
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Employer identification number
36-2813345

Part I **Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities Check all that apply

- **a** ☐ Mail solicitations
- **b** ☐ Internet and email solicitations
- **c** ☐ Phone solicitations
- **d** ☐ In-person solicitations
- **e** ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
- **f** ☐ Solicitation of government grants
- **g** ☐ Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least $5,000 by the organization

	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	**(ii)** Activity	**(iii)** Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? Yes	No	**(iv)** Gross receipts from activity	**(v)** Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col **(i)**	**(vi)** Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
Total . . . . . ▶							

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II **Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than $15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than $5,000.

		(a) Event #1 FOOD REFRESHMENT (event type)	(b) Event #2 POPPIES AND TICKET RAFFLE (event type)	(c) Other events 3 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	6,478	9,395	5,657	21,530
	2 Less Contributions	0	0	0	0
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	6,478	9,395	5,657	21,530
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	0	0	0	0
	5 Noncash prizes	0	0	0	0
	6 Rent/facility costs	0	0	0	0
	7 Food and beverages	0	0	0	0
	8 Entertainment	328	600	1,532	2,460
	9 Other direct expenses	0	0	0	0
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				(2,460)
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				19,070

Part III **Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than $15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue	28,330	3,999	94,250	126,579
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes	16,949	2,960	250	20,159
	3 Non-cash prizes				0
	4 Rent/facility costs				0
	5 Other direct expenses				0
	6 Volunteer labor	☑ Yes 100 % ☐ No	☑ Yes 100 % ☐ No	☑ Yes 25 % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				20,159
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				106,420

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities IL

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☑ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☑ No

b If "Yes," explain

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activities conducted in

a	The organization's facility	13a	100 %
b	An outside facility	13b	0 %

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶ FREDIA M WASHINGTON

Address ▶ 1550 W GRAND AVE SUITE C
WAUKEGAN,IL 60085

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ $ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ $ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶ FREDIA M WASHINGTON

Gaming manager compensation ▶ $ 600

Description of services provided ▶ SEE SCHEDULE G PART IV STATEMENT

☑ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ $ 0

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

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Schedule G, Part I, Line 1	FORM 990 EZ PART1, LINE 16 OFFICERS TRAVEL EXPENSES TO THE STATE AND NATIONAL

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10	