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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)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2015Open to Public
Inspection**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

B Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

815 16TH STREET, NW

Room/suite

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

WASHINGTON, DC 20006-4103

F Name and address of principal officer: RICHARD J. FIESTA

SAME AS C ABOVE

D Employer identification number

52-2277805

E Telephone number

202-637-5399

G Gross receipts \$

8,533,531.

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) (4) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: WWW.RETIREDAMERICANS.ORG**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: 2000**M** State of legal domicile: DC**Part I Summary****1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities SEE 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

51

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

4

51

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)

5

29

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

6

56

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.

Activities & Governance

Revenue

Expenses

Net Assets or Fund Balances

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

Prior Year

Current Year

9,913,640.

8,175,082.

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

109,955.

96,989.

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

5,462.

9,690.

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

280,330.

251,770.

12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

10,309,387.

8,533,531.

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)

1,363,632.

1,002,057.

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)

2,862,365.

2,618,422.

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

116,396.

108,275.

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 833,470.**17** Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)

4,299,668.

4,092,262.

18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

8,642,061.

7,821,016.

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

1,667,326.

712,515.

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

Beginning of Current Year

End of Year

4,565,759.

5,571,386.

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

4,193,763.

4,753,973.

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

371,996.

817,413.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Date

4-14-2016

RICHARD J. FIESTA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

Paid

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check if self-employed

PTIN

SUBRINA L. WOOD, CPA

Subrina L. Wood

4/7/16

☐

P00365899

Preparer

Firm's name ▶ CALIBRE CPA GROUP PLLC

Firm's EIN ▶

47-0900880

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Firm's address ▶ 7501 WISCONSIN AVENUE, SUITE 1200 WEST
BETHESDA, MD 20814

Phone no. 202-331-9880

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

☒ X

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE ALLIANCE'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION TO REPRESENT THE NEEDS, VIEWS AND INTERESTS OF OLDER AND RETIRED WORKERS, AND TO GENERATE LIFELONG OPPORTUNITIES FOR

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 \$ 3,900,371. including grants of \$ 897,275.) (Revenue \$ 71,989.)

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS: RESEARCHES, ANALYZES, TRACKS, ADVISES AND EDUCATES THE ALLIANCE, ITS MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY MATTERS AFFECTING SENIORS AND RETIREES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE, AS WELL AS ANALYZE, ADVISE AND WORK WITH STATE ALLIANCES ON STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY MATTERS. ISSUES ANALYTICAL REPORTS ON SUCH LEGISLATIVE, POLICY AND POLITICAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE ALLIANCE CONSTITUENCY.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,426,712. including grants of \$ 104,782.) (Revenue \$ 25,000.)

FIELD MOBILIZATION: CHARTERS NEW STATE ALLIANCES TO AFFILIATE WITH THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE BY ORGANIZING AND MOBILIZING RETIREES AND SENIORS IN THOSE STATES LOCATING AND CREATING ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS AND STRUCTURES, INCLUDING BYLAWS AND INITIAL FOUNDING CONVENTIONS. SUPPORTS AND WORKS DAILY WITH EXISTING 35 STATE ALLIANCES, THEIR DIVERSE OFFICERS, BOARDS AND MEMBERS BY PROVIDING STAFF, GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDING, ADVICE, MEETINGS AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RETIREES AND SENIORS. COORDINATES ALLIANCE WORK WITH STATE ALLIANCES. IDENTIFIES AND TRAINS NEW SENIOR LEADERS, MOBILIZES ALLIANCE, SENIOR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS, EDUCATES MEMBERS ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THAT IMPACT SENIORS.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 604,384. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

COMMUNICATIONS: ADVISES ON PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE INCLUDING CREATING PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGNS TO PROMOTE THE ALLIANCE. WRITES, EDITS, PREPARES AND DISTRIBUTES NEWS RELEASES, WEEKLY NEWS ADVISORIES, INFORMATION BROCHURES AND PUBLICATIONS, AND PRESS KITS. HANDLES ALL MEDIA CONTACTS TO PROMOTE ALLIANCE. PROVIDES MEDIA ASSISTANCE TO STATE ALLIANCES, INCLUDING EDITING AND DESIGNING STATE ALLIANCE NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

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

4e Total program service expenses 5,931,467.

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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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		X
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
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	X	
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		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
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		X
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 "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
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		X
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		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
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		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
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		X
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	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
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		
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		
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		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck 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.	25	
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
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.	29	
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).	X	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
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)?		X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
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?	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	X	
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?		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a Gross income from members or shareholders.		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
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.		
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.		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

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

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

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	1a	1b	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	51			
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		51		
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?				X
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?				X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?				X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?				X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?			X	
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?			X	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?				X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?			X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?				X
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				X

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?	X	
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?	X	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
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	X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
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	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization. If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	X	
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?		X
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?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records **SUZANNE ELNAHAL, DIR OF FINANCE & ADMIN - 202-637-5399**
815 16TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20006

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) BARBARA J. EASTERLING (JAN-SEP) PRESIDENT	20.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) ROBERT ROACH, JR. (SEP-DEC) PRESIDENT	20.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) ELIZABETH SHULER EXECUTIVE VP	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) RUBEN BURKS (JAN-SEP) SECRETARY-TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) JOSEPH PETERS, JR. (SEP-DEC) SECRETARY-TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(6) JAMES ANDREWS EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) CHARLIE AVERILL EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) JUDY BEARD EXECUTIVE BOARD	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) JOSEPH BOFFA EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.60	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) ROOSEVELT BROADNAX EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) DONALD BROWN EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) JO ETTA BROWN EXECUTIVE BOARD	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) R. THOMAS BUFFENBARGER EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) JIM CENTNER EXECUTIVE BOARD	2.40	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) SAM CHILIA EXECUTIVE BOARD	2.40	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) PAUL F. COLE EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) MARIA CORDONE EXECUTIVE BOARD	1.60	X						0.	0.	0.

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 line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) DAVID J. COX EXECUTIVE BOARD	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) GAIL DIETRICH EXECUTIVE BOARD	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) JEAN DOBASHI EXECUTIVE BOARD	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) LUIS DURAN EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) TIM FOLEY EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) GEORGE GALIS EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) RON GEOFFROY EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) LEO W. GERARD EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) MACK GOODMAN EXECUTIVE BOARD	0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total								0.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								560,667.	0.	239,970.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								560,667.	0.	239,970.

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 **4**

- 3** Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

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 **0**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

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Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck 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	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b	3,285,505.			
	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	4,889,577.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		8,175,082.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a	MEETING REGISTRATIONS	Business Code 900099	71,989.	71,989.		
	b	TRAINING	900099	25,000.	25,000.		
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		96,989.			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		9,690.			9,690.
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties		177,477.			177,477.
	6 a	Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b	Less: rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b	Less: direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b	Less: direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10 a	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			
11 a	MAILING LIST RENTAL	900099	51,927.			51,927.	
b	INCOME REIMBURSEMENT	900099	20,573.			20,573.	
c	OTHER INCOME	900099	1,793.			1,793.	
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		74,293.				
12	Total revenue. See instructions.		8,533,531.	96,989.	0.	261,460.	

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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	1,002,057.	1,002,057.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	438,342.	254,273.	179,144.	4,925.
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	1,363,058.	856,426.	345,692.	160,940.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	323,825.	207,701.	75,987.	40,137.
9 Other employee benefits	367,907.	239,631.	55,853.	72,423.
10 Payroll taxes	125,290.	79,562.	32,865.	12,863.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	93,140.	76,765.	16,375.	
c Accounting	43,679.		43,679.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	108,275.			108,275.
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	295,690.	319,234.	27,500.	<51,044.>
12 Advertising and promotion	3,762.	3,762.		
13 Office expenses	45,972.	27,535.	17,290.	1,147.
14 Information technology	54,339.	31,830.	18,741.	3,768.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	87,431.	49,271.	33,139.	5,021.
17 Travel	98,987.	94,925.	4,027.	35.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	313,497.	304,817.	8,521.	159.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,954.		3,954.	
23 Insurance	54,532.	38,659.	14,727.	1,146.
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 PRINTING	1,440,332.	1,190,412.	33,404.	216,516.
b POSTAGE	892,171.	720,538.	27,871.	143,762.
c POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT	340,909.	210,800.	97,398.	32,711.
d MAILING LIST RENTAL	241,338.	197,502.	8,129.	35,707.
e All other expenses	82,529.	25,767.	11,783.	44,979.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	7,821,016.	5,931,467.	1,056,079.	833,470.
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	2,734,442.	2,232,098.	65,848.	436,496.

Part X Balance SheetCheck 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	10,547.	1	55,685.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,053,792.	2	4,414,256.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,305,000.	3	732,686.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	23,864.	4	
	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 instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	165,663.	9	199,095.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment - cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 265,679.		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 214,240.	10c 3,393.	51,439.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	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	3,500.	15	118,225.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	4,565,759.	16	5,571,386.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	590,638.	17	628,867.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	4,688.	19	0.
	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	3,598,437.	25	4,125,106.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	4,193,763.	26	4,753,973.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	<933,004.>	27	<40,312.>
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,305,000.	28	857,725.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	371,996.	33	817,413.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	4,565,759.	34	5,571,386.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

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1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	8,533,531.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	7,821,016.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	712,515.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	371,996.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
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	<267,098.>
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	817,413.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	X	
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?		X
3b 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		

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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.**
▶ 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," on 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," on 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," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS	Employer identification number 52-2277805
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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

☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made?

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?
- 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

▶ \$ _____

▶ \$ _____

▶ \$ _____

☐ Yes ☐ No

(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-

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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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)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns															
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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														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

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

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."

Part IV	Supplemental Information
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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, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.▶ Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	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, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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" on 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) Revenue included on 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 Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

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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 exhibitiond ☐ Loan or exchange programsb ☐ Scholarly researche ☐ Other _____c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets

to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes☐ No**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes☐ Nob If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII ☐**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 on 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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

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

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

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" on 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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		108,567.	108,236.	331.
e Other		157,112.	106,004.	51,108.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				51,439.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION	4,125,106.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

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

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	8,715,754.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	85,228.	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	96,995.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		182,223.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		8,533,531.
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		8,533,531.

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	7,674,935.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	85,228.	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	109,600.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		194,828.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		7,480,107.
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	340,909.	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		340,909.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5		7,821,016.

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

PART X, LINE 2:

THE ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOW THE AUTHORITATIVE GUIDANCE RELATING TO ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES INCLUDED IN THE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION (ASC) TOPIC INCOME TAXES. THESE PROVISIONS PROVIDE CONSISTENT GUIDANCE FOR THE ACCOUNTING FOR THE UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES RECOGNIZED IN AN ENTITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PRESCRIBE A THRESHOLD OF "MORE LIKELY THAN NOT" FOR RECOGNITION AND DERECOGNITION OF TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A TAX RETURN. THE ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR ANY TAX POSITIONS TAKEN AND, AS SUCH, DO NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE ORGANIZATION'S FORMS 990,

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX, FOR 2012 THROUGH 2014, ARE
SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE IRS, GENERALLY FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THEY
WERE FILED.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

INCOME OF ARA EDUCATION FUND	95,424.
INCOME OF ARA FOUNDATION	150.
INCOME OF ARA PAF	1,421.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D	96,995.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

EXPENSES OF ARA EDUCATION FUND	108,608.
EXPENSES OF ARA FOUNDATION	114.
EXPENSES OF ARA PAF	878.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2D	109,600.

PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

NET PERIODIC POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT COST	340,909.
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Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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.

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ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

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Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

2 a 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? ☒ **X** 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?		(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
		Yes	No			
INTEGRATED DIRECT MARKETING LLC - 1250 CONNECTICUT	DIRECT RESPONSE CONSULTING		X	3,947,467.	86,250.	3,861,217.
IMAGE WORKS CREATIVE GROUP INC. - 6550 MARLO DRIVE,	GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ART		X	0.	15,725.	<15,725.>
BENJAMIN EISENBERG - 87 SUMMIT CIRCLE, SHELburnE, VT	F/R STRATEGIC PLANS-ONLINE EMAIL CAMPAIGNS		X	0.	6,300.	<6,300.>
Total				3,947,467.	108,275.	3,839,192.

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

AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK
OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, MI, MA, NM

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SEE PART IV FOR CONTINUATIONS

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts				
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)				
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary: Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				
	11 Net income summary: Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary: Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary: Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

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

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 activity conducted in
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

- 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 ► _____

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► _____

☐ 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 to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____

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)

SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: INTEGRATED DIRECT MARKETING LLC

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER:

1250 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, SUITE 200, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: IMAGE WORKS CREATIVE GROUP INC.

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 6550 MARLO DRIVE, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: BENJAMIN EISENBERG

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 87 SUMMIT CIRCLE, SHELBURNE, VT 05482

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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
► Attach to Form 990.

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ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS

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 Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
IL ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS 27 E. MONROE STREET, SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60603	37-1767607	501(C)(4)	9,059.	0.			TO GROW MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FIELD ORGANIZING STAFF
MISSOURI ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS - 3301 HOLLENBERG DRIVE - BRIDGETON, MO 63044	75-3094765	501(C)(4)	12,500.	0.			TO GROW MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FIELD ORGANIZING STAFF
NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS - 3118 LONG CABIN COVE - HIGH POINT, NC 27265	55-0831647	501(C)(3)	25,000.	0.			TO GROW MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FIELD ORGANIZING STAFF
OH ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED EDUCATIONAL FUND - 395 E. BROAD STREET, STE. 300 - COLUMBUS, OH 43215	27-4468697	501(C)(4)	10,889.	0.			TO GROW MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FIELD ORGANIZING STAFF.
TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS - BOX 225822 - DALLAS, TX 75222	20-4836019	501(C)(3)	25,000.	0.			TO GROW MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FIELD ORGANIZING STAFF
TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS EDUCATIONAL FUND - BOX 225822 - DALLAS, TX 75222	47-4885489	501(C)(4)	10,000.	0.			TO GROW MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FIELD ORGANIZING STAFF

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

2.
5.

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**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

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Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 1A:

RICHARD FIESTA, SUZANNE ELNAHAL, AND JOSE CRUZ RECEIVE TAX GROSS-UP
PAYMENTS TO COVER THE TAXABLE PORTION OF EMPLOYER-PROVIDED PARKING.

RICHARD FIESTA IS REIMBURSED FOR MONTHLY DUES RELATED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, WHICH IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES
OF THE ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN MR. FIESTA'S
TAXABLE COMPENSATION.

PART I, LINE 1B:

WE HAVE A WRITTEN POLICY REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF BUSINESS RELATED
EXPENSES (ALL ITEMS IN 1A ABOVE ARE NOT ALLOWED AS BUSINESS RELATED
EXPENSES UNLESS NEGOTIATED AS PART OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OR RELOCATION
AGREEMENT).

PART I, LINE 3:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIANCE EXERCISES GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF THE ALLIANCE
AND THIS INCLUDES DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ 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, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANT AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF OLDER
AND RETIRED WORKERS TO THE LIFE OF THIS NATION, THE IMPORTANCE OF
MAINTAINING THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF LOCAL, STATE,
AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS, THE UNIQUE AND COMPLEX ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEIR
WELL-BEING, AND THE OFTEN INADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN
THE POLICY DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEM NATIONWIDE, THE ALLIANCE'S
MISSION IS TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES, THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE
ORGANIZATION TO REPRESENT THE NEEDS, VIEWS AND INTERESTS OF OLDER AND
RETIRED WORKERS, AND TO GENERATE LIFELONG OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE
CITIZENSHIP, EDUCATION, AND AWARENESS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, EDUCATION, AND AWARENESS.

THE ALLIANCE PURSUES THIS MISSION BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
ADVOCACY, RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND MOBILIZATION ON THE WIDE RANGE OF
ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE LIVES OF OLDER AND RETIRED WORKERS, SUCH AS, BUT
NOT LIMITED TO, AFFORDABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CARE, ADEQUATE
RETIREMENT AND INCOME SECURITY, MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT, AND AFFORDABLE
AND ADEQUATE HOUSING. THE ALLIANCE STRIVES TO ENSURE THAT THESE ISSUES
REMAIN PROMINENT IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL
POLICY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

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THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS. MEMBERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TREASURER. THEY ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR CHANGE IN THE ORGANIZATIONS'S RESOLUTIONS AT ITS CONVENTION HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

EVERY 4 YEARS, THE MEMBERS ELECT THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TREASURER AT THE ALLIANCE CONVENTION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B:

THE COMMITTEES DO NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY. THE COMMITTEES REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

IN 2015, A COPY OF FEDERAL FORM 990 WAS EMAILED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS, BEFORE THE RETURN WAS FILED WITH THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

WE SEND AN ANNUAL LETTER (SAFE HARBOR LETTER) TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WHO SERVED DURING THE YEAR, WITH A LIST OF THE BOARD TO REPORT ANY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AND AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHETHER IT BE A FAMILY OR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY OTHER BOARD MEMBER.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIANCE EXERCISES GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF THE ALLIANCE AND THIS INCLUDES DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THE COMPENSATION OF KEY EMPLOYEES/HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND ALL NON BARGAINING UNIT STAFF. FOR OTHER BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES, THE ANNUAL COLA SALARY INCREASES OR STEP PROGRESSION INCREASES ARE NEGOTIATED WITH THE OPEIU LOCAL 2 UNION PERIODICALLY.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:

AL,AK,AR,CA,CO,FL,GA,IL,KS,KY,ME,MD,MN,MS,MO,NH,NJ,NY,NC,ND,OH,OK,OR,PA,RI
SC,TN,UT,VA,WA,WV,WI,HI,DC,CT,MA,MI,NM

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT MAKE THESE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

OTHER CHANGES IN POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION -267,098.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THE PROCESS HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED FROM PRIOR YEAR.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS EDUCATIONAL FUND - 20-0475553, 815 16TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20006	EDUCATIONAL	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	501(C)(3)		N/A		X
ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS FOUNDATION - 27-2143744, 815 16TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20006	EDUCATIONAL	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	501(C)(3)		N/A		X
ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS POLITICAL ACTION FUND - 26-0415844, 815 16TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20006	POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	527		N/A		X

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

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part VII	Supplemental Information
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Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

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