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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)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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

OMB No 1545-1150

2015

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2015, and ending 06-30-2016

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. \$ 145,234

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	1,000	
	3	Membership dues and assessments					3	403	
	4	Investment income					4	42	
	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		
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) 			6a	117,109			
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 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	19,950			
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events			6c	21,305			
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)					6d	115,754	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances			7a	2,230			
b	Less cost of goods sold			7b	1,385				
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)			7c	845				
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)					8			
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8					9	122,544		
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)					10	500	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members					11	2,985	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits					12	25,740	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors					13	1,881	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance					14	84,850	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping					15	2,325	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)					16	2,380	
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16					17	120,661	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)					18	1,883	
	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	14,709	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)					20		
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20					21	16,592	

Part VOther 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 ▶ 37a0		
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 39a		
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 sections 4912, 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		
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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	42b	No
	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 ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	42c	No
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		
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		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		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

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

(a) Name and title of each employee	(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			2016-11-07	
	Signature of officer		Date	
Paid Preparer Use Only	FREDIA WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATOR			
	Type or print name and title			
	Prnt/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

Additional Data

Software ID: 15000352
Software Version: v1.00
EIN: 36-2813345
Name: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)
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 \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► ☐		28a 500

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HELPING STUDENTS IN THE LOCAL THE COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE 29 VETERANS EVERY THREE MONTHS SERVING DINNER AT THE FACILTY (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	2,380

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	0	0	0	0
JESSE WOODLEYQUARTERMASTER	20	0	0	0
BILLY NORWOODADVOCATE	12	0	0	0
CARRIE PRICEVOLUNTEER	10 00	0	0	0
MARLENE ROBERTSTREASURER	10 00	0	0	0
FREDIA M WASHINGTON PRESIDENT/ADMINISTRATOR	45 00	7 00	0	2 00
PEGGY GRAYCHAIRPERSON SECRETARY	24 00	0	0	0
ROBERT JONESBINGO ASSISTANT	10 00	0	0	0
IRENE JONESTRUSTEE	10 00	0	0	0
ROBERT ELLIOTT ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	10 00	50	0	0
ANA BONILA VOLUNTEER	15 00	0	0	0
MIGUEL CAMACHO JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER	15 00	0	0	0
AARON PRICE VOLUNTEER	10 00	0	0	0
BRIAN KERR VOLUNTEER	8 00	0	0	0
ROBERT STULL BINGO ASSISTANT	10 00	0	0	0

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KATHY STULL ASSISTANT GAMING SECRETARY	20 00	20	0	0

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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" 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
- 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?		(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			
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" 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.

Revenue		(a)Event #1	(b)Event #2	(c)Other events	(d)
		Special Event	POPPIES AND	7	Total events
		(event type)	RAFFLE TICKETS	(total number)	(add col (a) through
			(event type)		col (c))
	1 Gross receipts	5,500	12,430	6,450	24,380
	2 Less Contributions	0	0	0	0
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	5,500	12,430	6,450	24,380
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	1,034	0	0	1,034
	8 Entertainment	0	0	0	0
	9 Other direct expenses	800	750	1,846	3,396
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				4,430
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				19,950

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.

Revenue		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d)
					Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross revenue	19,980	7,998	117,109	145,087
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes	21,305	5,920		27,225
	3 Noncash prizes				0
	4 Rent/facility costs			0	0
	5 Other direct expenses			5,400	5,400
	6 Volunteer labor	☒ Yes 80 % ☐ No	☒ Yes 80 % ☐ No	☒ Yes 80 % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				32,625
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). ▶				112,462

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 activity 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 RAND 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 ▶

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Gaming manager information

Name ▶ FREDIA M WASHINGTON

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ 700

Description of services provided ▶ My responsibilities are to maintain all records , renew all licenses before expire date Make sure the entire facility are cover with staff at all times , take care all event , activities , schedule all programs local statewide, nationwide with donation , administrative bingo and community service

☒ 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 complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)**Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Inspection**Name of the organization
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS**Employer identification number**

36-2813345

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10	Scholarships are provide by the organization for students as patriot pen and voice of democracy up to \$30,00 00 nationw ide
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16	Description,Amount^SPECIAL EVENT FOR CAPTIAN JAMES LOVELL VA,2380^Total,2380^