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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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

OMB No 1545-1150  
**2016**  
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**A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016**

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

**C** Name of organization  
 American Legion Post #55

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
 PO Box 25

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
 Brandon, VT 05733

**D** Employer identification number  
 03-0173356

**E** Telephone number  
 (802) 247-5709

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**I** Website: ▶ N/A

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

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

**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**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. ▶ \$ 105,323

**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		Expenses		Net Assets	
<b>1</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>10</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .
<b>2</b>	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>11</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>19</b>	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) . . . . .
<b>3</b>	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>12</b>	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>20</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .
<b>4</b>	Investment income . . . . .	<b>13</b>	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>21</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .
<b>5a</b>	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>14</b>	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .		
<b>5b</b>	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>15</b>	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .		
<b>5c</b>	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		
<b>6</b>	Gaming and fundraising events	<b>17</b>	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . .		
<b>6a</b>	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .				
<b>6b</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .				
<b>6c</b>	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .				
<b>6d</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .				
<b>7a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .				
<b>7b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .				
<b>7c</b>	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .				
<b>8</b>	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .				
<b>9</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . .				

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	88,330	<b>22</b>	88,071
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .	49,229	<b>23</b>	43,480
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
<b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .	137,559	<b>25</b>	131,551
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O). . . . .	3,465	<b>26</b>	1
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21)	134,094	<b>27</b>	131,550

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?  
to uphold the bylaws of the Vermont and National American Legion while supporting civic activities

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

<b>28</b> See Additional Data Table			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>28a</b>	
<b>29</b>		<b>29a</b>	
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>30</b>		<b>30a</b>	
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>31a</b>	
<b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . .		<b>32</b>	66,715

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
AARON TUCKER Commander	5 00	0		
GARY STANLEY 1st Vice Commmander	2 00	0		
GEORGE PALSHAM 2nd Vice Commander	2 00	0		
DICK BROSSE Adjutant	2 00	0		
CHARLES MUNGER Finance Officer	2 00	0		
BURT REYNOLDS Chaplain/Historian	2 00	0		
BOB GEARWAR Sergeant at Arms	2 00	0		
ALAN HENDERSON Board Member	2 00	0		
GARRENT ANDERSON Board Member	2 00	0		
BURT REYNOLDS Executive board	2 00	0		

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>46</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>46</b>	

**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 . . . . .

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	<b>47</b>	
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<b>48</b>	
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	<b>49a</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	<b>49b</b>	

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b> Signature of officer	2017-11-13 Date
AARON TUCKER COMMANDER Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name FRANCIS X FRAGA	Preparer's signature	Date 2017-11-15	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶ FRAGA AND LILJA			Firm's EIN ▶		
Firm's address ▶ 2 CROSS ST MIDDLEBURY, VT 057531404			Phone no (802) 388-9863		

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

# Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 03-0173356

**Name:** American Legion Post #55

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

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
<b>28</b> MEMBERSHIP DUES, COMMUNITY DONATIONS & AMERICAN FLAGS (Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>	66,715

**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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization  
American Legion Post #55

**Employer identification number**  
03-0173356

**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.
- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations</p> <p><b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations</p> <p><b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations</p> <p><b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations</p> | <p><b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants</p> <p><b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants</p> <p><b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events</p> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
- 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						
<b>Total</b> ▶						

**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)
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .				
	<b>2</b> Less Contributions . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .				
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .				
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
	<b>11</b> 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.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Direct Expenses	<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .				
	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
Revenue	<b>6</b> 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	
	<b>7</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
	<b>8</b> 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
- |                                      |            |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| <b>a</b> The organization's facility | <b>13a</b> | % |
| <b>b</b> An outside facility         | <b>13b</b> | % |
- 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 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 complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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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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Name of the organization  
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Employer identification number

03-0173356

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	Donation, donation, Boys State c/o Otter Valley HS, Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 100

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	Scholarship, scholarship, Dennis Ryan c/o Otter Valley H S , Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 250

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	scholarship, scholarship, Ben Francoeur c/o Otter Valley HS, Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 250

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	scholarship, scholarship, Michaela Sherwin c/o Otter Valley H S , Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 250

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	scholarship, scholarship, Kristen Lee c/o Otter Valley H S , Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 250

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, Brandon Boys & Girls Club PO Box 224, Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 150

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, Brandon Recreation Dept 49 Center St, Brandon, VT, 05755, none, 400

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, Neshobe P T O 17 Neshobe Circle, Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 250

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, American Legion Ladies Aux PO Box 25, Brandon, VT, 05733, associate group, 500

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, Brandon Library 4 Franklin St, Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 150

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, Otter Valley HS Football 2997 Franklin St, Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 100

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, VCIL 11 East State St, Montpelier, VT, 05602, none, 200

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, Gary Gero 620 North Road, Brandon, VT, 05733, member, 100

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, Gene P Scott 1548 Forest Dale Rd, Brandon, VT, 05733, member, 200

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 10	donation, donation, AAU U12 Celtics c/o Neshobe School, Brandon, VT, 05733, none, 125

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Depreciation 5749

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 16	Contributions 3683

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990EZ, Part I, Line 20	Unreconciled difference 828

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990EZ, Part II, Line 26	Rounding 1