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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION INC

Doing business as

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

Room/suite

934 ASHTON OAKS CIRCLE

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

LAKELAND, FL 33813

F Name and address of principal officer

PETE BUSCETTO

934 ASHTON OAKS CIRCLE

LAKELAND, FL 33813

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

D Employer identification number

74-2619854

E Telephone number

(863) 669-7602

G Gross receipts \$ 229,107

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (19) ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.SPECIALOPERATIONS.ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1977

M State of legal domicile FL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

UNITE PAST AND PRESENT AMERICAN AND ALLIED MILITARY SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT

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

9

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

4

9

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)

5

0

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

6

40

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

7a

0

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

7b

0

Revenue

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

88,153

58,714

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

100,440

106,149

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

112

115

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

34,958

38,970

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

223,663

203,948

Expenses

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

34,566

17,777

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)

0

0

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

0

0

16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

170,721

173,337

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

205,287

191,114

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

18,376

12,834

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

251,246

256,207

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

0

35

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

251,246

256,172

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

2017-04-05

Date

PETE BUSCETTO TREASURER

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

TORI LEHMAN

Preparer's signature

TORI LEHMAN

Date

2017-04-05

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P00313085

Firm's name ▶ CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 41-0746749

Firm's address ▶ 402 SOUTH KENTUCKY AVENUE SUITE 600

Phone no (863) 680-5600

LAKELAND, FL 33801

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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 ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

A VETERAN'S FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF PAST AND PRESENT AMERICAN/ALLIED MILITARY SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO FREE WORLD FORCES WHO SUPPORTED OR PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN MISSIONS DEEP INSIDE HOSTILE TERRITORY IN A COMBAT CAPACITY

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 \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 - TO UNITE FRATERNALLY ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE OR ARE NOW CONDUCTING OR SUPPORTING CLASSIFIED "SPECIAL OPERATIONS" DEEP IN HOSTILE ENEMY TERRITORY OR HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO MILITARY UNITS WHICH CONDUCTED SUCH OPERATIONS, AND, - TO PERPETUATE THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS "ESPRIT DE CORPS, AND, - TO COMMEMORATE FITTINGLY THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF THE FREE WORLD AND TO THOSE WHO SERVED IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS AND ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR AS POW/MIA THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SOA GEORGE C. MORTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FUND SINCE 1983, OVER \$415,500 HAS BEEN AWARDED OR COMMITTED THUS FAR TO 130 DESERVING YOUNG SCHOLARS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ►

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>	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	
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>	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7	No
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>	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9	No
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>	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	11a	No
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>	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f	No
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>	12a	No
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>	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions) 	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> 	18	No
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> 	19 Yes	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	No
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions) a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	No
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

☐

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

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
	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		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	Yes	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.		No

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	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?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	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.	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		No
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done.	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		No
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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official.		No
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization.		No
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	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: _____

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.
 ▶ PETER J BUSCETTO 934 ASHTON OAKS CIRCLE LAKE LAND, FL 33813 (863) 669-7602

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

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

[illegible]

[illegible]

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 ▶ 0

	Yes	No
3		No
4		No
5		No

4		No
5		No

5		No
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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.

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

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Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514		
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues . . .	1b	24,855				
	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	33,859				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	58,714					
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	REUNION INCOME	900099	106,149	106,149			
	b	_____						
	c	_____						
	d	_____						
	e	_____						
	f	All other program service revenue						
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f	106,149						
Other Revenue	3		Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	115			115	
	4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5		Royalties	5,231			5,231	
	6a	(i)	Real	(ii)	Personal			
		Gross rents						
		b	Less rental expenses					
		c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a	(i)	Securities	(ii)	Other			
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory						
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
	8a	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					
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		a				
		b	Less direct expenses	b	28,995			
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities			21,521		21,521
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a				
b		Less cost of goods sold	b	29,753				
c		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			12,068		12,068	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		990009	150			150	
b	_____							
c	_____							
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			150				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			203,948	106,149	0	39,085	

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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.	2,613			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	15,164			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.				
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.				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.				
10 Payroll taxes.				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	212			
c Accounting.	3,986			
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	8,306			
12 Advertising and promotion.				
13 Office expenses.	29,056			
14 Information technology.	8,443			
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	3,412			
17 Travel.	16,659			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	98,170			
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.				
23 Insurance.	1,915			
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				
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses.	3,178			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	191,114			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		66,612	1	50,817
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		184,634	2	204,815
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			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 instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L.			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			9	575
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c	
	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			15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		251,246	16	256,207	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			17	
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue			19	35
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.			21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D.			25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		0	26	35
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
	27	Unrestricted net assets		251,246	27	256,172
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances		251,246	33	256,172	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		251,246	34	256,207	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	203,948
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	191,114
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	12,834
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	251,246
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	3,092
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-11,000
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	256,172

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b 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 ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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Name: SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION INC

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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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

e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

c ☐ Phone solicitations

g ☐ Special fundraising events

d ☐ In-person solicitations
- 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)
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
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.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Direct Expenses	1 Gross revenue			28,995	28,995
	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes			4,500	4,500
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses			2,974	2,974
Revenue	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☒ No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				7,474
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				21,521

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

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 | 100 000 % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶ PETER J BUSCETTO

Address ▶ 934 ASHTON OAKS CIRCLE
LAKELAND, FL 33813

- 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 ▶ ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RAFFLE FUNDRAISERS

☒ 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

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION INC

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.

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

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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to 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

(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
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

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

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1) SCHOLARSHIPS	10	10,000			
(2) OPERATION BRIGHTLIGHT	3	1,044			
(3) WARRIOR'S FAMILY FUND	2	4,120			
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	THERE IS A COMMITTEE THAT MANAGES THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND RECIPIENTS APPLICANTS SUBMIT APPLICATIONS THAT ARE JUDGED BASED ON NEED AND FUNDS AVAILABLE TO GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS THE AWARDEES ARE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MUST SUBMIT TRANSCRIPT WITH SATISFACTORY GRADES IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES ONCE APPROVED, THE SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS ARE MADE OUT TO THE INDIVIDUAL RECIPIENTS

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	MEMBER CLASSES -- MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL CONSIST OF TWO CLASSES GENERAL MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER THESE TWO CLASSES SHALL BE THE VOTING AND OPERATIONAL MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION NO OTHER DESIGNATION OF ANY AFFILIATE, ASSOCIATE, AGENT, GUEST, INVITEE , OR OTHER RELATIONSHIP TO THE ASSOCIATION, SHALL CONSTITUTE A MEMBER, AND NO PERSONS, OTHER THAN GENERAL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, OF ANY DESIGNATION OR RELATIONSHIP WHATSOEVER TO THE ASSOCIATION, SHALL ENJOY THE PRIVILEGES AND ENTITLEMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP, OR SHALL BE CONSIDERED MEMBERS GENERAL MEMBER -- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP IS GRANTED UPON APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, TO THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE REQUESTED GENERAL MEMBER STATUS AND WHO CAN DOCUMENT THAT THEY ARE VETERANS OR MEMBERS OF A U S ARMED FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT AS DEFINED BY THIS ASSOCIATION, WHO HAS CONDUCTED SPECIAL OPERATIONS AS AN OPERATIONAL COMBAT ELEMENT OR PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE OPERATIONAL COMBAT ELEMENT IN AN OPERATIONAL ROLE WITHIN AN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS THE ROUTINE OR NORMAL DUTY OF THE APPLICANT WHILE AT THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST HAVE PLACED THE APPLICANT IN DIRECT THREAT/EXPOSURE TO HOSTILE FIRE THE APPLICANT MUST SUPPLY ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE ASSIGNMENT TO A SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THIS ASSOCIATION DURING THAT UNIT'S PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS PLACED IN DIRECT THREAT/EXPOSURE TO HOSTILE FIRE IF ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION IS NOT AVAILABLE, ONE GENERAL MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING MUST VERIFY THE CREDENTIALS OF THE APPLICANT FROM PERSONAL FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT WHILE IN THIS ASSIGNMENT IN THOSE CASES WHERE A GENERAL MEMBER IS NOT AVAILABLE TO VOUCH FOR THE APPLICANT, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, BASED UPON THE DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE, AND ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, MAY GRANT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP TO THE APPLICANT FURTHER, GENERAL MEMBERS MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP AS SPECIFIED IN IRS CODE 501(C) (19) ALL GENERAL MEMBERS ENJOY FULL PRIVILEGE AND ENTITLEMENTS OF A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTENDANCE AT ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, VOTING, THE RIGHT TO MAKE MOTIONS AND BE HEARD IN DEBATE AT ALL SUCH MEETING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IS GRANTED TO ANY PERSON APPLYING FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE APPLICANT MUST BE A VETERAN OR MEMBER OF A U S ARMED FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT AS DEFINED BY THIS ASSOCIATION, WHO SUPPORTED THE CONDUCT OF HIS UNIT'S SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN A NON-OPERATIONAL DIRECT SUPPORT ROLE THE ASSOCIATE MEMBER'S ROUTINE OR NORMAL DUTY DID NOT INVOLVE DIRECT THREAT OR EXPOSURE TO HOSTILE FIRE THE APPLICANT MUST ALSO SUPPLY ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE ASSIGNMENT TO A SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE ASSOCIATION DURING THAT UNIT'S PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY, OR ONE GENERAL MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING MUST VERIFY THE CREDENTIALS OF THE APPLICANT FROM PERSONAL FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	ANT WHILE IN THIS ASSIGNMENT IN THOSE CASES WHERE A GENERAL MEMBER IS NOT AVAILABLE TO VO UCH FOR THE APPLICANT, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, BASED UPON THE DOC UMENTATION AVAILABLE, AND ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, MAY GRANT ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TO THE A PPLICANT FURTHER, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP SPECIFIED IN IRS CODE 501(C) (19) EXCEPTIONS TO ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ENJOY FULL PRIVILEGE AND ENTIT LEMENTS OF A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CHAIRING AND/OR SERVI NG ON COMMITTEES AND VOTING THEREIN, ATTENDANCE AT ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND THE RIGHT T O BE HEARD AND ENTER INTO DISCUSSION AT ALL SUCH MEETINGS HOWEVER, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DO N OT HAVE THE RIGHT TO HOLD OFFICE, TO OBJECT TO ANY ACTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR TO PARTICIPATE IN AND VOTE ON THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR THE RIGHT TO MAKE MO TIONS OR VOTE ON ANY MOTIONS AT ANY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS BE PROVIDED TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW BEFORE IT IS FILED

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	ANY DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE WITH BOARD-DELEGATED POWERS WHO HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST IS AN INTERESTED PERSON. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AN INTERESTED PERSON MUST DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OF HIS OR HER FINANCIAL INTEREST AND MUST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCLOSE ALL MATERIAL FACTS TO THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES WITH BOARD-DELEGATED POWERS CONSIDERING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT. AFTER DISCLOSURE OF THE FINANCIAL INTEREST AND ALL MATERIAL FACTS, AND AFTER ANY DISCUSSION WITH THE INTERESTED PERSON, HE OR SHE SHALL LEAVE THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEETING WHILE THE DETERMINATION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS DISCUSSED AND VOTED UPON. THE REMAINING BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL DECIDE IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS. AN INTERESTED PERSON MAY MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEETING, BUT AFTER SUCH PRESENTATION, HE OR SHE SHALL LEAVE THE MEETING DURING THE DISCUSSION OF, AND THE VOTE ON, THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT INVOLVING THE POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE SHALL, IF APPROPRIATE, APPOINT A DISINTERESTED PERSON OR COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE DATA AS TO COMPARABLE TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT. APPROPRIATE DATA AS TO COMPENSATION SHALL INCLUDE COMPENSATION DATA FROM THREE COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA FOR SIMILAR SERVICES. APPROPRIATE DATA AS TO A PROPERTY TRANSACTION MAY INCLUDE INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS AND/OR OFFERS RECEIVED AS PART OF AN OPEN AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS. THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS WHETHER THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT IS IN THE CORPORATION'S BEST INTERESTS, FOR ITS OWN BENEFIT, AND WHETHER THE TRANSACTION IS FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THE CORPORATION AND SHALL MAKE ITS DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO ENTER INTO THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT IN CONFORMITY WITH SUCH DETERMINATION. IF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A MEMBER HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, IT SHALL INFORM THE MEMBER OF THE BASIS FOR SUCH BELIEF AND AFFORD THE MEMBER AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE ALLEGED FAILURE TO DISCLOSE. IF, AFTER HEARING THE RESPONSE OF THE MEMBER AND MAKING SUCH FURTHER INVESTIGATION AS MAY BE WARRANTED IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT THE MEMBER HAS IN FACT FAILED TO DISCLOSE AN ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, IT SHALL TAKE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY AND CORRECTIVE ACTION. THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD AND ALL COMMITTEES WITH BOARD-DELEGATED POWERS SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS WHO DISCLOSED OR OTHERWISE WERE FOUND TO HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH AN ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE NATURE OF THE FINANCIAL INTEREST, ANY ACTION TAKEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAS PRESENT, AND THE BOARD'S OR COMMITTEE'S DECISION AS TO WHETHER

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	ER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN FACT EXISTED THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS WHO WERE PRESENT FOR D ISCUSSIONS AND VOTES RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT, THE CONTENT OF THE DISCUS SION, INCLUDING ANY ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT, AND A RECORD OF ANY VOTES TAKEN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPARABILITY OR OTHER DA TA OBTAINED AND RELIED UPON BY THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE AND HOW THAT DATA WAS OBTAINED A DE SCRIPTON OF THE TERMS OF THE TRANSACTION THAT WAS APPROVED AND THE DATE IT WAS APPROVED A RECORD OF THE ACTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE HAVING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSACTION

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES IT GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	CHANGE IN RESTRICTED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS -11,000

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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Name of the organization
SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number
74-2619854

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
(1)SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION 934 ASHTON OAKS CIRCLE LAKELAND, FL 33813 47-1679461	FUNDING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AND VETERANS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	FL	501(C)(3)	LINE 7	SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION INC	Yes	

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

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)

Yes

No

1a

No

1b

Yes

1c

No

1d

No

1e

No

1f

No

1g

No

1h

No

1i

No

1j

No

1k

No

1l

No

1m

No

1n

No

1o

No

1p

No

1q

Yes

1r

No

1s

No

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

Schedule R (Form 990) 2016

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

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