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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at *www IRS gov/form990*

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2016 , and ending 06-30-2017

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

C Name of organization
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
125 N West Street 3rd Floor

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Alexandria, VA 22314

D Employer identification number
53-0214281

E Telephone number
(202) 371-8880

G Gross receipts $ 5,612,804

F Name and address of principal officer
Al Avina
125 N West Street 3rd Floor
Alexandria, VA 22314

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☑ No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status ☑ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW BVA ORG

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

L Year of formation 1945 | **M** State of legal domicile DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF BLINDED VETERANS - SEE PART III AND SCHEDULE O

2 Check this box ▶ ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	11
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	11
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	5	35
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	294
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

			Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	2,221,653	2,647,679
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	82,709	579,499
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	232,655	204,940
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,537,017	3,432,118
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	13,650	13,550
	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)	1,533,671	1,534,249
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	97,970	118,691
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶690,025		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	2,118,288	2,137,700
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,763,579	3,804,190
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-1,226,562	-372,072
			Beginning of Current Year	**End of Year**
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	12,929,630	12,863,077
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	287,017	310,357
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	12,642,613	12,552,720

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

****** 2017-12-14
Signature of officer | Date

Al Avina EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
David L Johnson	David L Johnson	2017-12-14		P00188102

Firm's name ▶ DIXON HUGHES GOODMAN LLP | Firm's EIN ▶ 56-0747981

Firm's address ▶ 1410 SPRING HILL ROAD SUITE 500 TYSONS, VA 221023056 | Phone no (703) 970-0400

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☑ Yes ☐ No

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

TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF BLINDED VETERANS SO THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THEIR DISABILITIES, THEY MAY TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN A SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP AMONG BLINDED VETERANS SO THAT THEY MAY GIVE MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE TO ONE ANOTHER TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC SO THEY MAY UNDERSTAND WHAT BLINDED VETERANS MAY ACCOMPLISH AND HOW TO ASSIST BLINDED VETERANS THEY MAY ENCOUNTER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

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 $ 1,287,861 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

See Additional Data

4b (Code) (Expenses $ 1,222,022 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

See Additional Data

4c (Code) (Expenses $ 241,767 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

See Additional Data

See Additional Data Table

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses $ 274,693 including grants of $ 13,550) (Revenue $)

4e **Total program service expenses ▶** 3,026,343

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)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part 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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4	Yes	
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	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?*If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI*	11a	Yes	
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX*	11d		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	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)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11f	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a	Yes	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional*	12b		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I* (see instructions)	17	Yes	
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18	Yes	
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	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? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to line 25a*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35b		
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	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	20			
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	Yes	
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	35			
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	Yes	
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		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f		
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	1a 11			
	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				
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 11			
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?		2		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?		3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		4	Yes	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		6	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?		7a	Yes	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		7b	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following				
a	The governing body?		8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		8b	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*		9		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?	10a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	Yes	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	12a	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done*	12c	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	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?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶

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

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
▶The Organization 125 N West Street 3rd Floor Alexandria, VA 22314 (202) 371-8880

Part VII **Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee): Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) Robert Dale Stamper NATIONAL PRESIDENT	7 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Joe Parker national vice president	23 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) paul mimms NATIONAL Secretary	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Joe McNeil NATIONAL TREASURER	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Mark Cornell pasT NATIONAL PRESIDENT	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) Dennis O'Connell DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 1	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) David Fox DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 2	12 00	X						0	0	0
(8) Vernon Richmond dirECTOR - DISTRICT 3	2 00	X						0	0	0
(9) Jhennicea Morrow DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 4	28 00	X						0	0	0
(10) Paul Kaminsky DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 5	15 00	X						0	0	0
(11) Dr Thomas Zampieri DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 6	51 00	X						0	0	0
(12) Alberto Avina Executive Director, asst	37 50			X				98,646	0	2,394
(13) kathryn ruais CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	37 50			X				115,565	0	1,793
(14) Brigitte Jones ADministrative Director	37 50			X				68,317	0	1,879
(15) Stuart Nelson communications coordinator	37 50			X				52,715	0	14,291

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees *(continued)*

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position: Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations

	(D)	(E)	(F)
1b Sub-Total . . . ▶			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . ▶			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . ▶	335,243	0	20,357

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 ▶ 1

			Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual* . . .	3		No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual* . . .	4		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization?*If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person* . . .	5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Lewis Advertising 325 East Oliver Street Baltimore, MD 21202	printing, mailing, data process	1,139,643

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 ▶ 1

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	8,323				
b Membership dues . .	1b	12,868				
c Fundraising events . .	1c	26,323				
d Related organizations	1d					
e Government grants (contributions)	1e	58,306				
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,541,859				
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $ 198						
h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f . . . . ▶			2,647,679			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
2a						
b						
c						
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue						
g **Total.** Add lines 2a–2f . . . . ▶						
Other Revenue						
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . . ▶			319,904			319,904
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶						
5 Royalties . . . . ▶						
	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
6a Gross rents						
b Less rental expenses						
c Rental income or (loss)						
d Net rental income or (loss) . . . . ▶						
	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	2,411,051					
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	2,151,456					
c Gain or (loss)	259,595					
d Net gain or (loss) . . . . . . ▶			259,595			259,595
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 26,323 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	23,525				
b Less direct expenses . . .	b	29,230				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶			-5,705			-5,705
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . .	a					
b Less direct expenses . . .	b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . .	a					
b Less cost of goods sold . .	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a CONVENTION & RELATED		900099	93,541			93,541
b MAILING LIST RENTAL TO OTHER 501(		900099	57,650			57,650
c						
d All other revenue			59,454			59,454
e **Total.** Add lines 11a–11d . . . . ▶			210,645			
12 **Total revenue.** See Instructions . . . . . ▶			3,432,118	0	0	784,439

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) Fundraisingexpenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	13,550	13,550		
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	364,845	70,646	288,916	5,283
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	842,832	566,662	219,787	56,383
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	4,342	2,673	1,711	-42
9 Other employee benefits	223,613	191,386	9,769	22,458
10 Payroll taxes	98,617	52,908	42,555	3,154
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	7,866		7,866	
c Accounting	64,643		64,643	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	118,691			118,691
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)	994,704	698,854	22,047	273,803
12 Advertising and promotion	13,065	13,065		
13 Office expenses	565,525	331,032	47,560	186,933
14 Information technology	75,330	17,904	57,426	
15 Royalties . .				
16 Occupancy	145,041		145,041	
17 Travel	154,538	103,391	50,798	349
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials .				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	19,937	10,157	9,380	400
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates	46,457	46,457		
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . .	22,444		22,444	
23 Insurance . . .	28,150		28,150	
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 See Sch O Alloc Of I	0	907,658	-930,271	22,613
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	3,804,190	3,026,343	87,822	690,025
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)	1,205,734	759,856	10,670	435,208

Part X Balance Sheet

Check 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		1,089,594	1	604,362
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		242,828	3	646,872
	4	Accounts receivable, net		17,050	4	13,003
	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		2,276	8	1,782
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		218,155	9	76,700
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 112,218			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b 44,146	90,515	10c	68,072
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11,269,212	11	11,452,286
	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)		12,929,630	16	12,863,077
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		287,017	17	310,357
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue			19	
	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		287,017	26	310,357
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		12,396,936	27	12,287,505
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		245,677	28	265,215
	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		12,642,613	33	12,552,720
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		12,929,630	34	12,863,077

Part XI Reconcilliation of Net Assets

Check 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	3,432,118
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,804,190
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-372,072
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	12,642,613
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	282,179
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	12,552,720

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check 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?	2a		No
	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			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes	
	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			
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?	2c	Yes	
	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?	3a		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	3b		

Additional Data

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Name: BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Form 990 (2016)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

FIELD SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMSSee Schedule O

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

Public Education and CommunicationSee Schedule O

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

ADVOCACYSee Schedule O

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	) (Expenses $	261,143	including grants of $	13,550	) (Revenue $	)
MEMBERSHIP						
(Code	) (Expenses $	13,550	including grants of $		) (Revenue $	)
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM						

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
53-0214281

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170 (b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☑ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture See instructions Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university

10 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f Enter the number of supported organizations

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant ")	3,333,809	5,717,556	3,521,522	2,300,620	2,756,539	17,630,046
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	**Total.** Add lines 1 through 3	3,333,809	5,717,556	3,521,522	2,300,620	2,756,539	17,630,046
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						2,236,673
6	**Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4						15,393,373

Section B. Total Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4	3,333,809	5,717,556	3,521,522	2,300,620	2,756,539	17,630,046
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	251,517	261,883	318,584	335,714	319,904	1,487,602
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	235,248	206,829	217,532	164,691	117,104	941,404
11	**Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						20,059,052

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) | 12 | 29,608

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . . ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 76 740 %

15 Public support percentage for 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | 79 290 %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2016.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☑

b **33 1/3% support test—2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

Part III **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public support.** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16	Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2016** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18	Investment income percentage from **2015** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a **331/3% support tests—2016.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

b **33 1/3% support tests—2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? *If "No," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how the supported organizations are designated If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation If historic and continuing relationship, explain*	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509 (a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)*	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? *If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below*	3a		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *when and how the organization made the determination*	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use*	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? *If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below*	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations*	4b		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? *If "Yes," explain in* ***Part VI*** *what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes*	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? *If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable) Also, provide detail in* ***Part VI,*** *including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document)*	5a		
b	**Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b		
c	**Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI.***	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)*	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? *If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)*	8		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI.***	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI.***	9b		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? *If "Yes," provide detail in* ***Part VI.***	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? *If "Yes," answer line 10b below*	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings)*	10b		

Part IV **Supporting Organizations** (continued)

			Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	**11a**		
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?	**11b**		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? *If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI*	**11c**		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year*	**1**		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization*	**2**		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s)*	**1**		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	**1**		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization (s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s)*	**2**		
3	By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard*	**3**		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year **(see instructions)**

- **a** ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test Complete **line 2** below
- **b** ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations Complete **line 3** below
- **c** ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

			Yes	No
2	Activities Test **Answer (a) and (b) below.**			
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in **Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain** how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities*	**2a**		
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement*	**2b**		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations **Answer (a) and (b) below.**			
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *Provide details in **Part VI.***	**3a**		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI.** the role played by the organization in this regard*	**3b**		

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

	Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5	Depreciation and depletion	5		
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8	**Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		

	Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e	**Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4		
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6	Multiply line 5 by 035	6		
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8	**Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)	8		

	Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2		
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6	**Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		

7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)**

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 **Total annual distributions.** Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016			
a			
b			
c From 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			
f **Total** of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7 $			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2016 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 **Excess distributions carryover to 2017.** Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b Excess from 2013.			
c Excess from 2014.			
d Excess from 2015.			
e Excess from 2016.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.**
Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then
- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION	53-0214281

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
2 Political expenditures ▶ $
3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ $
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ $
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ $
3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ $
4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	**(b)** Address	**(c)** EIN	**(d)** Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	**(e)** Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

A Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B Check ▶ ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	**(a)** Filing organization's totals	**(b)** Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	40,000	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	40,000	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	3,764,092	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	3,804,092	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	340,205	

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over $500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over $500,000 but not over $1,000,000	$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over $500,000
Over $1,000,000 but not over $1,500,000	$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over $1,000,000
Over $1,500,000 but not over $17,000,000	$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over $1,500,000
Over $17,000,000	$1,000,000

	(a)	(b)
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	85,051	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0	

j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	**(a)** 2013	**(b)** 2014	**(c)** 2015	**(d)** 2016	**(e)** Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	374,325	377,029	338,179	340,205	1,429,738
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,144,607
c Total lobbying expenditures	40,000	40,000	22,500	40,000	142,500
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	93,581	94,257	84,545	85,051	357,434
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					536,151
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity		(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B **Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV **Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1 Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule C, part II-A	BVA sent letters to and met directly with Government Officials and Legislators, and communicated to its members by electronic newsletters BVA's efforts are concentrated on Legislation affecting Veterans Benefits and, blind rehabilitation programs and services offered by the federal government through the Department of Veterans Affairs to blinded veterans See Schedule O for more information on BVA's advocacy program

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
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BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)
☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

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

			Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ ____________

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ ____________

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ ____________

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ $ ____________

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ ____________

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ ____________

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ ____________

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ ____________

Part III **Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV **Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

			Amount
b	If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table		
c	Beginning balance	1c	
d	Additions during the year	1d	
e	Distributions during the year	1e	
f	Ending balance	1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII . . . . ☐

Part V **Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	(c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b Permanent endowment ▶

c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

			Yes	No
	(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)		
	(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)		
b	If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b		

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI **Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c)Accumulated depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		112,218	44,146	68,072
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))* . . ▶ 68,072

Part VII **Investments—Other Securities.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

Part VIII **Investments—Program Related.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX **Other Assets.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	6,853,571
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12				
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	282,179		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	3,139,274		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	3,421,453
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	3,432,118
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line **1**				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)			5	3,432,118

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	6,943,464
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	3,139,274		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b			
c	Other losses	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	3,139,274
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	3,804,190
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line **1:**				
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)			5	3,804,190

Part XIII **Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII **Supplemental Information *(continued)***

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 53-0214281
Name: BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	The Association is exempt from federal and state income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, accordingly, the accompanying financial statements do not reflect a provision or liability for federal or state income taxes The Association has de termined that it does not have any material unrecognized tax benefits or obligations as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 Years ending on or after June 30, 2014 remain subject to examinat ion by federal and state tax authorities

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part XI, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	FUNDRAISING - DIRECT EXPENSE REFLECTED ON PART VIII, LINE 8B

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	FUNDRAISING - DIRECT EXPENSE REFLECTED ON PART VIII, LINE 8B

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? Yes	No	(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
1 Lewis Advertising 325 east oliver street baltimore, MD 21202	direct mail solicitation		No	1,500,391	67,200	1,433,191
2 Thomas L Tobin 2310 Ardleigh Drive Cleveland Heights, OH 44106	Major DOnor Solicitation		No	25,689	9,550	16,139
3 Earl C Pike 3064 Coleridge Road Cleveland Heights, OH 44118	Corp/Foundation Solicitation		No	25,649	41,941	-16,292
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶				1,551,729	118,691	1,433,038

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

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY

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

		(a) Event #1 Golf Tournament (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	49,848			49,848
	2 Less Contributions	26,323			26,323
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	23,525			23,525
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	29,230			29,230
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				29,230
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-5,705

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

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

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

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

b If "No," explain ____________

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

b If "Yes," explain ____________

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

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

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility	**13a**	%
b	An outside facility	**13b**	%

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

Name ▶

Address ▶

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

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

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

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ $

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

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

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law 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 I (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.

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Name of the organization
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
53-0214281

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	8	13,100		CASH	
(2) SERVICE AWARDS	3	450		CASH	
(2)					
(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	THE ATTENDING COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY LISTED ON THE RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS CONTACTED BY A BVA EMPLOYEE FUNDS ARE DISBURSED DIRECTLY TO THAT SCHOOL UPON RECEIPT OF AN INVOICE FOR PAYMENT RATIFYING THE FACT THAT THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ** **Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.** ▶ **Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**	OMB No 1545-0047 **2016** **Open to Public Inspection**
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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1	The Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose The Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) is the on ly congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organization (VSO) exclusively dedicated to serving the needs and promoting the welfare of America's blinded veterans and their famili es BVA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization established in 1945 in Avon, Connec ticut, by a small group of combat-blinded veterans from World War II The organization's p rimary purpose includes locating blinded veterans who need services, guiding them through the rehabilitation process, and acting as advocates for them and their families in the pri vate and public sectors, including the U S Congress and the Department of Veterans Affair s (VA) BVA also serves as the role model to demonstrate that the challenges of substantia l vision loss can be overcome The Association serves as a medium of communication regardi ng issues affecting blinded veterans, supports vocational and recreational programs that f oster rehabilitation, and offers encouragement and emotional support VA estimates that so me 130,000 American veterans are currently legally blind, and that more than half of these men and women remain unaware of their eligibility for special services and benefits Thou sands of additional veterans become blind or visually impaired every year BVA programs he lp veterans and their families meet the challenges of substantial vision loss There is no charge for any BVA service and membership in the organization is not a prerequisite All legally blinded veterans are eligible for assistance, whether they became blind during the ir service or after active duty due to age or disease BVA was incorporated in 1947 and ch artered by Congress in 1958 to represent all blinded veterans The Association is primaril y supported by the generous contributions of thousands of Americans who remember the sacri fices of our nation's blinded veterans The organization is governed by 11 voting members of the National Board of Directors, along with two honorary members including the audit co mmittee chair, whose positions are held on a voluntary basis They give freely of their ti me and resources They are all members of BVA and all meet the criteria of what constitute s a blinded veteran as defined for all BVA members These requirements are also met by the National Sergeant-at-Arms and the National Chaplain Board member travel includes attenda nce at two annual Board meetings, one held at the annual convention location and the other at BVA National Headquarters Members of the Board also conduct business using email and through telephone conversations during the fiscal year They are involved not only at the national level but also within the region in which they reside, holding offices and assist ing blinded veterans and their families This fiscal year the Board donated more than 10,8 00 total hours of work and more than $2,500 in reimbursable expenses that were not request ed for payment The National B

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1	oard of Directors appoints many committees to oversee and advise it All of the committee members are volunteers, some are on the Board while others are regular members of the orga nization Some committee members are simply concerned and interested sighted citizens who wish to lend a helping hand During the past fiscal year, committee members who are not on the Board donated over 100 hours of volunteer time BVA has 52 regional groups in the Uni ted States and Puerto Rico who offer emotional support, social events, and recreational ac tivities to veterans with substantial vision loss and their families at the local level R egional groups also influence policy changes that are instituted by the Association BVA N ational Headquarters is currently located in the Old Town neighborhood of Alexandria, Virg inia, only a few miles across the Potomac River from our Nation's Capital and the Departme nt of Veterans Affairs (VA) Central Office in Washington, DC

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4	A) Fıeld Servıce and Volunteer Servıce Programs The BVA Fıeld Servıce Program consısts prı marıly of four Natıonal Fıeld Servıce Officers and Volunteer Servıce Officers who are lega lly blınd veterans themselves, provıdıng servıces throughout the Unıted States and Puerto Rıco The Natıonal Fıeld Servıce Officers are located at the Natıonal Fıeld Servıce Resour ce Center ın Alexandrıa, VA Actıng as role models, Natıonal Fıeld Servıce Officers and Ve teran Servıce Representatıves assıst blınded veterans ın takıng the first steps ın adjustı ng to blındness and are responsıble for lınkıng veterans wıth local servıces, assurıng tha t the newly blınded take advantage of VA Blınd Rehabılıtatıon Servıces and assıstıng them wıth the VA benefit claıms process They aım to help veterans brıng focus and dırectıon to theır lıves, provıdıng ınspıratıon and encouragement Understandıng the complexıtıes and emotıons that accompany the onset of blındness, Fıeld Servıce Officers are effectıve role models ın helpıng newly blınded veterans find and follow the road to ındependence They kn ow what ıs avaılable on both a local and natıonal level They know whom to call, what to s ay, and how to cut through the red tape sınce much of theır expertıse has been gaıned firs thand as a result of theır own personal experıences wıth blındness Durıng FY 2017, the BV A Fıeld Servıce Program was responsıble for 50 claıms granted for compensatıon and pensıon to veterans assısted by the program The program was responsıble for more than $1,056,515 00 ın total retroactıve payments The Fıeld Servıce Program transformed the Blınd Rehabıl ıtatıon Center (BRC) vısıts ıt conducted ın prevıous years ınto the comprehensıve Veterans Care Revıew Partnershıp and contınues to do so Havıng the Natıonal Fıeld Servıce Traının g Coordınator meet wıth VA staff, as well as veterans, gıves a comprehensıve overall pıctu re of the current status of the BRCs Thıs knowledge allows BVA to better spread best prac tıces from one BRC to another Thıs ınıtıatıve led to dramatıc ımprovements ın servıces pr ovıded to blınd veterans at several BRC facılıtıes durıng the current fiscal year The Nat ıonal Fıeld Servıce Traınıng Coordınator was able to reach and assıst veterans of whom BVA had not prevıously been aware Fıeld Servıce Officers hold educatıonal sessıons for all v eterans at the BRCs they vısıt, followed by one-on-one meetıngs wıth veterans who need fur ther help and advıce BVA provıded fundıng for travel through the Catastrophıcally Dısable d Travel Access Program (CDTAP) for at least 23 blınded veterans wıth lımıted means to att end varıous VA BRCs across the country As an addıtıonal meanıngful adjunct to the BVA Fıe ld Servıce Program, the volunteer offices are located ın VA Medıcal Centers, regıonal offı ces, and outpatıent clınıcs natıonwıde Volunteers are peer counselors and Volunteer Natıo nal Servıce Officers (VNSOs) The program provıdes another outlet for blınded veterans to help and serve one another sın

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4	ce a large number of BVA volunteers are blinded veterans themselves They listen and share ideas in groups, offer information on programs and services, encourage blinded veterans t o enter rehabilitation programs, and demonstrate equipment and aids used by the blind The y also reinforce the work of the National Field Service Officer by helping to lift fellow veterans from the discouragement and frustration they often face BVA volunteers are expec ted to be active in their communities and to be good sources of information about local pr ograms and services They are an important link in the BVA chain of services A total of 1 24 BVA volunteers donated 23,644 50 hours of time Operation Peer Support (OPS), was estab lished in FY 2006 to bring newly blinded Iraq and Afghanistan era veterans to the annual c onvention to offer peer support within this group and by meeting other previous generation s of war blinded BVA membership OPS constitutes an ongoing effort to connect newly blinde d veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan with other Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operatio n Enduring Freedom (OEF) service members OPS has expanded in the past two years to includ e Desert Storm - Gulf War I era blinded veterans from period 1990-1993 The number of even ts during the year increased by seven, with the OPS committee arranging additional events this year Plus, five blinded service members from the OIF/OEF period along with four olde r BVA veterans, accompanied by a spouse or family member, attended BVA's 71th National Con vention in Milwaukee, WI All travel, hotel, and registration expenses of the new particip ants were paid by BVA's OPS Program, while nine alumni returned to participate at their ow n expense They all felt the program was so beneficial they wanted to return and offer ass istance to the more recently blinded veterans Operation Peer Support expanded its activit ies to include supporting an OIF veteran's participation in the Boston Marathon in April 2 017 The Major Rob Soltes Memorial Golf Tournament hosted four blinded OPS veterans and th ree British Army war-blinded veterans in October 2016 in Irvine, California OPS, in coope ration with The Heroes New Hope Foundation, organized an all-inclusive deer hunting trip f or four blinded veterans from Friday, Nov 11 until Tuesday, Nov 15 The foundation is he lping the public remember that limitations' are merely goals to surpass, and to enable wou nded or injured veterans to overcome perceived limitations, and to allow for therapeutic h ealing of one's inner self through hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities Four Mem bers of OPS participated in The California International Marathon in December 2016 Member s conducted a May 2017 two-day policy education trip to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC to seek an appropriation of $15 million for annual DOD Vision Research Program (VRP) in coope ration with various professional vision research organizations and associations They also deployed 5 members in April,

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4	2017 to The U S Army Mountain Ranger camp to test their physical limits with two Blind Ve teran UK members for a week in conjunction with Blind Endeavors Five BVA OPS members, and three military retired ophthalmologists, participated in the international award-winning London "Soldering On" in March 2017 The exchange, in its seventh year, known as Project G emini, occurred in May 2017 with Blinded Veterans United Kingdom at the Brighton Centre T he group also attended the first annual public educational seminar on Traumatic Brain Inju ry research in London, with over 155 registered guests attending The six speakers include d the Surgeon General UK Vice Admiral Walker, the three ophthalmology research experts, al ong with London university TBI speaker, moderated by Major General Nick Caplin (Ret UK), CEO of BVUK OPS hosted 5 members of the Blind Veterans UK in Members of the Congressiona lly Chartered Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) and their counterparts in the Blind Veter ans United Kingdom joining together in Washington to recognize the Centennial anniversary of World War One on April 6, 2017 For one week in the nation's capital during April 2-8 t hey participated in educational forums, meetings with senior leaders of federal agencies, visited with British Embassy and Department of Defense leaders, visited with VA rehabilita tion experts, visited with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center TBI and eye trauma specialists, rehabilitation medical experts, toured the U S Capitol, had policy meetings , and a tour of the Pentagon This event focused on the exchange of ideas and views regard ing the best research, rehabilitation, and how to support visually impaired or blinded vet erans BVA OPS continues to increase public awareness at all levels regarding the needs of blinded veterans and their families, including those who have experienced Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and subsequent visual dysfunction by providing the news media, federal agenc ies, congressional members, in cooperation with various national vision research organizat ions, with our information on the issues surrounding these military vision injuries These efforts have resulted in newspaper, radio, newsletters, and articles posted in various me dia outlets, making BVA well known for advocacy in this area The World War I Centennial C ommission official web site newsletter posted two of the Project Gemini exchange stories i n April and in May, and their website has over 10 million followers

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a	BVA Sports was established in FY 2017 With the support from a grant provided by the VA, BVA has been able to help over one hundred visually impaired athletes through this initiative BVA Sports constitutes an ongoing effort to expand sporting opportunities for blinded veterans and increase their well-being, balance and health It also seeks to connect the newly blinded service members with blinded veterans from all war eras This fiscal year, seven blinded service members accompanied by a spouse or family member, attended the BVA Blind Hockey Weekend in Arlington, VA Thirty-three other participants also accepted the opportunity to attend making it the largest blind hockey event to date All expenses of the Veteran participants were paid by BVA's Blind Hockey program All participants felt that the program was so beneficial that they wanted to return and offer assistance to the more recently blinded veterans BVA Blind Hockey team members also conducted a Try Blind Hockey event at the Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Arlington, VA BVA Blind Hockey expanded its activities to include supporting veterans at the USA Hockey's Disabled Festival BVA Blind Hockey took five veterans to San Jose, CA , to compete against the top visually impaired athletes from across North America BVA Blind Hockey supported the US Blind Hockey Summit At the beginning of this program, we took a coach and veteran to Chicago to participate and lead the sport forward BVA Blind Hockey team members conducted a Try Blind Hockey event at the Westminster School in Simsbury, CT This event started the Hartford Braillers blind hockey team, which continues to support veterans who play on the team The BVA will return in the next fiscal year holding an annual tournament The BVA couldn't have helped over 100 visually impaired athletes achieve their goals without the help of their volunteers This year alone, we've had 50 volunteers from skating coaches to eye doctors who give selflessly to the BVA Sports program

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4b	B) Public Education and Communication At the foundation of all BVA communications and publ ic relations efforts nationally is the BVA Bulletin This is a bi-monthly periodical sent to all blinded veterans and their families for whom the Association has updated contact in formation The publication is also mailed to dozens of libraries, health care institutions , Veterans Service Organizations, VA Blind Rehabilitation Service employees, and nonprofit organizations As the face of BVA, the Bulletin focuses on issues and events relating spe cifically to blinded veterans It also covers general topics about veterans as well as gen eral topics about blindness (i e , technology, social issues, etc) Average circulation o f the large-print version of the Bulletin was approximately 7,900 in FY 2017 The Compact Disc version, which is made available to members only, had an average circulation of 117 f or the six issues, a sizeable increase from the 92 in at the end of FY 2016 The publicati on is also available for reading on the BVA website and by email, upon request, in two dif ferent formats The number of BVA members receiving the Bulletin via email is now approxim ately 1,300 Through the donated services of North American Precision Syndicate (NAPS), BV A distributed a series of newspaper, radio, and TV releases highlighting its work During FY 2017, BVA produced two 3-column national newspaper release (800 words each), five 60-se cond national radio releases, one 30-second radio release and two national TV releases Al l of the releases provided a brief comment about BVA services and gave BVA contact informa tion at the end (toll-free number and/or website URL) What differed for each set of relea ses, however, were the lead paragraphs in the print articles and the introductory statemen t in the electronic media releases Different also were a few additional paragraphs of ens uing anecdotal material that made up the storylines Such storylines were 1) "How Blind V eterans Help Themselves and Others to a Better Quality of Life" (Wade Davis' Veterans Care Reviews for newspaper), 2) "A Look at the Vibrancy of the Human Spirit" (blinded veterans participating in the Bataan Death March a newspaper release), 3) "Technology Improving Li ves" for radio), 4) "Veterans Helping Veterans" for radio), 5) "A New Way to Help Veterans " (advocacy work on behalf of beneficiary travel legislation) for radio), 6) "Veterans' Ne ws and Notes" for radio), 7) "An Inspiring Trek (for radio), 8) "Blind Hockey for Veterans " (for radio), 9) "Blind Hockey for Veterans" (for television), and 10) "An Inspiring Tr ek" (for television) If BVA had purchased the media time and space for the NAPS releases aired/printed in FY 2017, the total cost would have been in excess of $3 million All BVA NAPS releases print, radio, and television are now accessible online and can be downloaded BVA owns the material outright Therefore, any editor or producer can download and place the releases at will, as can

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4b	about the Association's activities and recent legislative news, and to educate them about issues facing blinded veterans Social media is also instrumental in coordinating with pa rtner organizations and educating BVA followers about the helpful resources available BVA 's monthly e-newsletter campaign informs supporters, donors, and members of recent BVA doi ngs and provides a digest of monthly news shared on social media The donor-targeted newsl etter has 2,328 subscribers currently, up from 1,839 in FY16, and an average readership of 20% monthly BVA allocates a portion of its Direct Marketing expenses to Public Education , and Management and General according to AICPA Statement of Position 98-2 (SOP 98-2), Acc ounting for Costs of Activities of Not-For-Profit Organizations and state and local govern mental entities that include fundraising, now codified in FASB Accounting Standards Codifi cation 958-720, Not-For-Profit Entities-Other Expenses (ASC 958-720) BVA undertakes a pre liminary analysis of its activities to determine if the purpose, audience, and content cri teria are met, and, if so, applies a systematic, rational joint cost allocation methodolog y BVA makes its financial information available to the general public and watchdog agenci es BVA adheres to the requirements set forth by the Combined Federal Campaign (#10513), t he Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, and Guidestar org BVA is proud to display its seal awarded by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) as an accredited charity At the ann ual convention, BVA presents awards and certificates to honor individuals for their outsta nding achievements The Major General Melvin J Maas Achievement Award is presented to a v eteran with service-connected blindness that proves himself/herself outstanding in employm ent performance and adjustment to daily living The David L Schnair Award is presented to a volunteer for his/her outstanding contribution to the BVA volunteer program The Irving Diener Award is presented to the BVA member who has made an outstanding contribution to t he growth and development of his/her regional group A Certificate of Appreciation is awar ded to recognize individuals, groups, and employers who have provided outstanding services to blinded veterans and/or to BVA at the national level In FY 2017, at the National Conv ention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the MAAS, Schnair and Diener awards were awarded to BVA me mbers and one Certificate of Appreciation was presented to a deserving individual At the Annual Convention, education sessions included the following topics Volunteer Service Off icer training, iPhone fundamentals, Voice Control your Home, and Toastmasters

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4b	The National Convention hosts 53 exhibitors who offer product demonstrations and information about programs and services for the blind and visually impaired community The exhibit hall is open to the public and invitations are extended to the blind and visually impaired services community

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4c	nd subsequent visual dysfunction This occurs by providing the news media with information on the issues surrounding these vision injuries Such efforts have resulted in newspaper, radio, research articles in various media outlets Due to the growing popularity of podca sts, BVA also began producing a series of podcasts, with the goal of reaching an even broa der audience

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 4	Organization's bylaws were revised

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6	THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ASSEMBLED AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION HAVE VOTING RIGHTS AND ARE THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a	THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ASSEMBLED AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION ELECT THE NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRICT

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b	The members and associate members assembled at the annual national convention vote to approve issues and amendments that arise regarding rules, bylaws, resolutions, and reports presented to said membership

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b	A DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 IS SENT TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BY THE PREPARER IT IS EMAILED TO THE FINANCIAL EXPERT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO ALONG WITH THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REVIEW THE RETURN TOGETHER AND DISCUSS ANY ISSUES OF CONCERN THEY MAY INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY SPEAK WITH THE PREPARER TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS OR REVIEW THE FORM IN DETAIL AFTER ANY CHANGES ARE MADE, A COPY IS SENT TO THE FULL BOARD PRIOR TO FILING ANY COMMENTS THEY HAVE ARE REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED WITH THE PREPARER WHEN COMPLETED, THE FORM 990 IS SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	BVA'S WRITTEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY QUESTIONNAIRE IS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND APPROPRIATE OUTSIDE PARTIES BY THE CFO PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION THE CFO ENSURES THAT ALL QUESTIONNAIRES ARE COMPLETED, REVIEWS THEM, AND DISCLOSES ANY CONFLICTS AT THE PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONFLICTS DO NOT VOTE ON ANY ISSUES PERTAINING TO THAT CONFLICT

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE ASSOCIATION INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OTHER OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES THEY MEET ANNUALLY, AND AS NEEDED, TO REVIEW, DETERMINE, AND APPROVE ANY CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THE COMPENSATION PROGRAM DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPARES THE SALARIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OTHER OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES AGAINST EITHER SALARY SURVEYS PREPARED BY INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTIES, OR COMPARABILITY DATA FROM PEER ORGANIZATIONS TO DETERMINE HOW THEY COMPARE AGAINST THE COMPETITIVE MARKET THIS COMPARISON HAS HISTORICALLY SHOWN TRENDS OF COMPARABILITY IN SOME POSITIONS AND BELOW PEERS IN OTHERS THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS RECOMMENDATIONS AND INPUT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DURING DELIBERATIONS REGARDING OTHER OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES USUALLY, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION WHEN DISCUSSING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION WITHOUT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENT DURING THIS TIME THEY EVALUATE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE AND DETERMINE COMPENSATION THESE DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS ARE DOCUMENTED THE PRESIDENT INFORMS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ANY CHANGES AFTER THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED

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Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	THE BYLAWS AND CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE AVAILABLE ON BVA'S WEBSITE, ALONG WITH THE FORM 990 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	bulletin Program service expenses 66,249 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 66,249 printing Program service expenses 9,971 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 7,779 Total expenses 17,750 professional fees Program service expenses 35,775 Management and general expenses 8,072 Fundraising expenses 5,714 Total expenses 49,561 Public relations Program service expenses 15,000 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 15,000 DIRECT MAIL data prOCESSING Program service expenses 97,669 Management and general expenses 1,372 Fundraising expenses 55,941 Total expenses 154,982 DIRECT MAIL donOR prOCESSING Program service expenses 18,343 Management and general expenses 258 Fundraising expenses 10,506 Total expenses 29,107 DIRECT MAIL list rental Program service expenses 46,562 Management and general expenses 654 Fundraising expenses 26,668 Total expenses 73,884 DIRECT MAIL PACKAGE AND shipPING Program service expenses 26,884 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 38,525 Total expenses 65,409 DIRECT MAIL production cost Program service expenses 11,092 Management and general expenses 156 Fundraising expenses 6,353 Total expenses 17,601 education data processing Program service expenses 5,701 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 66,313 Total expenses 72,014 education creative Program service expenses 4,580 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 27,700 Total expenses 32,280 Research/Data Program service expenses 2,007 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 1,508 Total expenses 3,515 HGRT Rest Program service expenses 31,161 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 31,161 DM Printing Program service expenses 201,952 Management and general expenses 2,836 Fundraising expenses 115,668 Total expenses 320,456 DM Mailing Program service expenses 65,646 Management and general expenses 922 Fundraising expenses 37,599 Total expenses 104,167 Professional FR Program service expenses 59,365 Management and general expenses 7,777 Fundraising expenses -126,471 Total expenses -59,329 FSP Restriction Program service expenses 897 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 897

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Form 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	The review process has not changed from previous years