

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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2013

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2013** and ending **JUN 30, 2014**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION		D Employer identification number 53-0214281
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (202) 371-8880
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 9,230,611.
	477 H STREET, NW		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20001-2694		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
F Name and address of principal officer: AL AVINA SAME AS C ABOVE		H(c) Group exemption number	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: WWW.BVA.ORG			
K Form of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	11
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	11
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a)	38
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	277
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year: 3,292,689. Current Year: 5,322,585.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0. 0.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	362,621. 688,004.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	269,744. 256,048.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,925,054. 6,266,637.
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)
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)		1,484,024. 1,467,808.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		24,000. 0.
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		1,411,186.
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		3,012,556. 3,005,297.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,536,660. 4,486,505.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-611,606. 1,780,132.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year: 9,646,310. End of Year: 11,520,643.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	266,991. 308,614.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	9,379,319. 11,212,029.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer <i>AL AVINA</i>	Date 11/12/14			
	AL AVINA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name DAVID L. JOHNSON	Preparer's signature <i>David L. Johnson</i>	Date 11/11/2014	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00188102
	Firm's name DIXON HUGHES GOODMAN LLP	Firm's EIN 56-0747981			
	Firm's address 1410 SPRING HILL ROAD, STE 500 TYSONS, VA 22102		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 [X]

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

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 [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

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 \$ 1,139,574. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) FIELD SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMS

SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,313,433. including grants of \$ 400.) (Revenue \$) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

SEE SCHEDULE O

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 175,477. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) ADVOCACY

SEE SCHEDULE O

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 296,234. including grants of \$ 13,000.) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 2,924,718.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	X	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	X	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If so, complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
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	X	

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

Main form area containing questions 1a through 14b with columns for Yes/No and numerical input fields.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (11), 1b (11), 2 (X), 3 (X), 4 (X), 5 (X), 6 (X), 7a (X), 7b (X), 8a (X), 8b (X), 9 (X).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (X), 10b (X), 11a (X), 12a (X), 12b (X), 12c (X), 13 (X), 14 (X), 15a (X), 15b (X), 16a (X), 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AR, AZ, CT, GA, IL, MA, MD, ME, MN, MS, NC, ND
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [X] Another's website [X] 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, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION - 202-371-8880 477 H STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

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, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) SAMUEL L. HUHNS PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) MARK CORNELL NATIONAL PRESIDENT	17.50	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) ROBERT DALE STAMPER NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT	15.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) PAUL MIMMS NATIONAL TREASURER	20.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) DAVID VAN LOAN DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 1	11.10	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) FREDDIE EDWARDS DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 2	16.90	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) JOE PARKER NATIONAL TREASURER	20.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(8) ROBERT MOWER DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 4	13.10	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) DR. GEORGE E. STOCKING DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 5	14.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) THOMAS ZAMPIERI DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 6	9.10	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) PETER DAVIS DIRECTOR - DISTRICT 3	18.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) ALBERTO AVINA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	37.50	X		X			95,263.	0.	2,013.	
(13) KATHRYN RUAIS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	37.50			X			108,399.	0.	1,663.	
(14) BRIGITTE JONES ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR	37.50			X			64,665.	0.	1,641.	
(15) STUART NELSON COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	37.50			X			51,860.	0.	10,800.	
(16) CHERYL SWAIM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	37.50			X			85,558.	0.	1,508.	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a 13,612.					
	b Membership dues	1b 26,479.					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 5,282,494.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	266.					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		5,322,585.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a	Business Code				
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)		205,714.			205,714.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
		d Net gain or (loss)		482,290.			482,290.
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a 9,147.					
		b Less: direct expenses	b 5,338.				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		3,809.			3,809.
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less: direct expenses		b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11 a MAILING LIST RENTAL TO OTHER 501(900099		206,829.			206,829.	
b CONVENTION & RELATED	900099		45,410.			45,410.	
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			252,239.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			6,266,637.	0.	0.	944,052.	

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 X

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	13,400.	13,400.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	461,392.	60,586.	296,348.	104,458.
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	685,858.	470,952.	207,849.	7,057.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	3,437.	1,863.	1,175.	399.
9 Other employee benefits	216,689.	63,756.	141,975.	10,958.
10 Payroll taxes	100,432.	49,728.	40,292.	10,412.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	16,069.		16,069.	
c Accounting	27,843.		27,843.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	1,604,661.	750,674.	116,336.	737,651.
12 Advertising and promotion	5,706.			5,706.
13 Office expenses	977,104.	415,613.	128,594.	432,897.
14 Information technology	9,641.	4,491.	5,150.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	35,234.		35,234.	
17 Travel	123,461.	74,197.	49,206.	58.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	8,380.	1,171.	5,739.	1,470.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates	116,152.	116,152.		
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	56,911.		56,911.	
23 Insurance	24,135.		24,135.	
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.	902,135.	-1,002,255.	100,120.
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	4,486,505.	2,924,718.	150,601.	1,411,186.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	2,090,866.	1,029,073.	55,111.	1,006,682.

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	776,193.	1	406,496.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	101,350.	2	26,508.	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	680,876.	3	2,667,772.	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	3,913.	4	32,493.	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	41,998.	9	13,449.	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,913,133.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,387,377.	1,554,408.	10c	1,525,756.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	6,487,572.	11	6,848,169.	
	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)	9,646,310.	16	11,520,643.		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	266,991.	17	308,614.	
	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	266,991.	26	308,614.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	9,149,755.	27	10,962,857.	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	229,564.	28	249,172.	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	9,379,319.	33	11,212,029.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	9,646,310.	34	11,520,643.		

Part XI Reconciliation 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	6,266,637.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,486,505.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,780,132.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	9,379,319.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	52,578.
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	11,212,029.

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: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Form 990 (2013)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2013

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 11, 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.)
- 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 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.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Non-functionally integrated
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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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, or 8 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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3,880,975.	5,957,958.	5,080,161.	3,333,809.	5,717,556.	23,970,459.
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	3,880,975.	5,957,958.	5,080,161.	3,333,809.	5,717,556.	23,970,459.
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)						2,427,658.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						21,542,801.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	3,880,975.	5,957,958.	5,080,161.	3,333,809.	5,717,556.	23,970,459.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	221,936.	244,434.	223,100.	251,517.	261,883.	1,202,870.
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 IV.)	248,030.	242,764.	240,959.	235,248.	206,829.	1,173,830.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						26,347,159.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	101,526.
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	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	81.77 %
15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	86.48 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2013. 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test - 2012. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2013. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(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 IV.)						
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 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2013. 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 - 2012. 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

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
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Name of the organization

BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

53-0214281

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>200,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>2,200,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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2013

Open to Public
Inspection

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.**
- ▶ **See separate instructions.** ▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

If the organization answered "Yes," to 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," to 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," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

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

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

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 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-.

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

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1 a 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		4,446,505.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		4,486,505.													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		374,325.													
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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.														
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Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		93,581.													
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?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	371,181.	378,619.	418,239.	374,325.	1,542,364.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					2,313,546.
c Total lobbying expenditures	40,000.	40,000.	40,000.	40,000.	160,000.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	92,795.	94,655.	104,560.	93,581.	385,591.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					578,387.
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 to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	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, line 2; and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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 BLIND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO BLINDED VETERANS.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, 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" to 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) Revenues included in 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 Revenues included in 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| 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? 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" to 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 in 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" to 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" to 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		638,689.		638,689.
b Buildings		2,161,283.	1,313,561.	847,722.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		113,161.	73,816.	39,345.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				1,525,756.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	6,677,167.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	52,578.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	352,614.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	5,338.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	410,530.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,266,637.
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	6,266,637.

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	4,844,457.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	352,614.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	5,338.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	357,952.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,486,505.
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	4,486,505.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

PART X, LINE 2:

THE 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 DETERMINED THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY MATERIAL UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS OR OBLIGATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014 AND JUNE 30, 2013. YEARS ENDING ON OR AFTER JUNE 30, 2011 REMAIN SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY FEDERAL AND STATE TAX AUTHORITIES.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

FUNDRAISING - DIRECT EXPENSE REFLECTED ON PART VIII, LINE

8B 5,338.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

FUNDRAISING - DIRECT EXPENSE REFLECTED ON PART VIII, LINE

8B 5,338.

**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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

- 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 ▶ _____

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Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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
SCHOLARSHIPS	7	13,000.	0.	CASH	
SERVICE AWARDS	2	400.	0.	CASH	

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

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.

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Name of the organization

BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1

THE ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION (BVA) IS THE ONLY CONGRESSIONALLY
CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION (VSO) EXCLUSIVELY DEDICATED TO
SERVING THE NEEDS AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF AMERICA'S BLINDED
VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

BVA IS A NONPROFIT 501(C)3 TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED IN 1945
IN AVON, CONNECTICUT, BY A SMALL GROUP OF COMBAT-BLINDED VETERANS FROM
WORLD WAR II. THE ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY 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 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, INCLUDING THE U.S. CONGRESS
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA). BVA ALSO PROVIDES ROLE
MODELS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CHALLENGES OF SUBSTANTIAL VISION LOSS
CAN BE OVERCOME. THE ASSOCIATION SERVES AS A MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION
REGARDING ISSUES AFFECTING BLINDED VETERANS, SUPPORTS VOCATIONAL AND
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT FOSTER REHABILITATION, AND OFFERS
ENCOURAGEMENT AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT.

VA ESTIMATES THAT SOME 130,000 AMERICAN VETERANS ARE CURRENTLY LEGALLY
BLIND, AND THAT AT LEAST HALF OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN REMAIN UNAWARE OF
THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS. THOUSANDS OF
ADDITIONAL VETERANS BECOME BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED EVERY YEAR. BVA
PROGRAMS HELP VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES MEET THE CHALLENGES OF

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2013)

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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 COMBAT OR AFTER ACTIVE DUTY DUE TO AGE OR DISEASE.

BVA WAS INCORPORATED IN 1947 AND CHARTERED BY CONGRESS IN 1958 TO REPRESENT ALL BLINDED VETERANS. THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY GRANTS OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT; INSTEAD, IT IS SUPPORTED BY THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS WHO REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES OF OUR NATION'S BLINDED VETERANS.

THE ORGANIZATION IS MANAGED BY 11 VOTING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALONG WITH TWO HONORARY MEMBERS INCLUDING THE AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR, WHOSE POSITIONS ARE HELD ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. THEY GIVE FREELY OF THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES. THEY ARE ALL MEMBERS OF BVA AND ALL MEET THE CRITERIA OF WHAT CONSTITUTES 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 ATTENDANCE 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 ASSISTING BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS FISCAL YEAR THE BOARD DONATED MORE THAN 7,300 TOTAL HOURS OF WORK AND MORE THAN \$2,500 IN REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES THAT WERE NOT REQUESTED FOR PAYMENT.

Name of the organization BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 53-0214281
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THE NATIONAL BOARD 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 ORGANIZATION. 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 53 REGIONAL GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO WHO OFFER EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, SOCIAL EVENTS, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO VETERANS WITH SUBSTANTIAL VISION LOSS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. REGIONAL GROUPS ALSO INFLUENCE POLICY CHANGES THAT ARE INSTITUTED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, DC, BVA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO CAPITOL HILL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) CENTRAL OFFICE.

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

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4

A) FIELD SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMS

THE BVA FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF SEVEN NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS AND A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE LEGALLY BLIND

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VETERANS THEMSELVES, WORKING THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO. THE NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS WERE BASED IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; DECATUR, GEORGIA; HINES, ILLINOIS; HOUSTON, TEXAS; SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; AND ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. THEY ARE DEDICATED AND DEVOTED MEMBERS OF BVA'S STAFF.

ACTING AS ROLE MODELS, NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS ASSIST BLINDED VETERANS IN TAKING THE FIRST STEPS IN ADJUSTING TO BLINDNESS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LINKING VETERANS WITH LOCAL SERVICES, ASSURING THAT THE NEWLY BLINDED TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VA BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICES AND ASSISTING THEM WITH THE VA BENEFIT CLAIMS PROCESS. THEY AIM TO HELP VETERANS BRING FOCUS AND DIRECTION TO THEIR LIVES, PROVIDING INSPIRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEXITIES AND EMOTIONS THAT ACCOMPANY THE ONSET OF BLINDNESS, FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS ARE EFFECTIVE ROLE MODELS IN HELPING NEWLY BLINDED VETERANS FIND AND FOLLOW THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE. THEY KNOW WHAT IS AVAILABLE ON BOTH A LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL. THEY KNOW WHOM TO CALL, WHAT TO SAY, AND HOW TO CUT THROUGH THE RED TAPE SINCE MUCH OF THEIR EXPERTISE HAS BEEN GAINED FIRSTHAND AS A RESULT OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH BLINDNESS.

DURING FY 2014, THE BVA FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM WAS CONTACTED BY 7,310 VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. VA GRANTED 280 CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION AND PENSION TO VETERANS ASSISTED BY THE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN \$4,073,745 IN TOTAL RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS AND \$245,973 IN MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS. THERE WERE 62 CLAIMS AFFECTING

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BLINDED VETERANS THAT WERE PROCESSED AT THE BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS.

TOTAL NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICER PENDING CLAIMS STOOD AT 704.

IN FY 2014 BVA WAS AWARDED ANOTHER GRANT FROM THE READER'S DIGEST PARTNERS FOR SIGHT FOUNDATION. THIS ONE IS A \$15,000 CHALLENGE GRANT WHICH CONTINUES TO ENABLE BVA'S SEVEN FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS TO TRAVEL TO THE 13 REGIONAL VA BRCS TO MEET WITH VETERANS AND STAFF. AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR BVA RECEIVED \$10,700 OF THE \$15,000 WITH CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RECEIVE THE DONATIONS NECESSARY TO MEET THE CHALLENGE. THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT IS TO CONTINUE ALLOWING THE FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS TO CONNECT WITH AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF VETERANS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, AND TO ASSESS THE STANDARDS OF CARE AT THE BRC FACILITIES. HAVING FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS MEET WITH VA STAFF AS WELL AS VETERANS GIVES A COMPREHENSIVE OVERALL PICTURE OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE BRCS. THIS KNOWLEDGE ALLOWS BVA TO BETTER SPREAD BEST PRACTICES FROM ONE BRC TO ANOTHER. THE GRANT CONTINUES TO MEET THE INITIAL GOAL OF ALLOWING THE FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS TO REACH AND ASSIST VETERANS OF WHOM BVA HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARE. FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS HOLD EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS FOR ALL VETERANS AT THE BRCS THEY VISIT, FOLLOWED BY ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH VETERANS WHO NEED FURTHER HELP AND ADVICE. AS BVA COMPILED THE REPORTS FOR READER'S DIGEST PARTNERS FOR SIGHT, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE GRANTS NOT ONLY ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF REACHING MORE VETERANS BUT ALSO ENABLE BVA TO BETTER MEET THE CURRENT NEEDS OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VETERANS. THE FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO REVITALIZE THE SITE VISIT PROCESS NOT ONLY TO REVIEW THE BRC BUT TO REVIEW FULL CONTINUUM OF CARE PROVIDED BY THE VA FACILITY.

NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS RECEIVED TRAINING TWICE IN FY 2014,

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ONCE AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, IN AUGUST (FIVE DAYS) AND AGAIN AT MID-WINTER MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, DC (THREE DAYS IN FEBRUARY).

BVA PROVIDED FUNDING FOR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND ASSISTANCE FOR AT LEAST 28 BLINDED VETERANS WITH LIMITED MEANS TO ATTEND VARIOUS VA BLIND REHABILITATION CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

AS AN ADDITIONAL MEANINGFUL ADJUNCT TO THE BVA FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM, THE VOLUNTEER OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN VA MEDICAL CENTERS, REGIONAL OFFICES, AND OUTPATIENT CLINICS NATIONWIDE. VOLUNTEERS ARE PEER COUNSELORS AND VOLUNTEER NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS (VNSOS). THE PROGRAM PROVIDES ANOTHER OUTLET FOR BLINDED VETERANS TO HELP AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER SINCE 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 TO ENTER REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, AND DEMONSTRATE EQUIPMENT AND AIDS USED BY THE BLIND. THEY 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 EXPECTED TO BE ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND TO BE GOOD SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE BVA CHAIN OF SERVICES. A TOTAL OF 209 BVA VOLUNTEERS DONATED 34,165 HOURS OF TIME.

AN EXTENSION OF THE FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM, OPERATION PEER SUPPORT (OPS), WAS ESTABLISHED IN FY 2006. OPS CONSTITUTES AN ONGOING EFFORT TO

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CONNECT NEWLY BLINDED VETERANS FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WITH OTHER OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) SERVICE MEMBERS. IT ALSO SEEKS TO CONNECT THE NEWLY BLINDED SERVICE MEMBERS WITH BLINDED VETERANS FROM THE FIRST GULF WAR, VIETNAM, KOREA, AND WORLD WAR II. THIS PAST YEAR, EIGHT NEWLY BLINDED SERVICE MEMBERS FROM AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ, ACCOMPANIED BY A SPOUSE OR FAMILY MEMBER, ATTENDED BVA'S 68TH NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. FOUR BRITISH SOLDIERS AND ONE RETURNING BLIND VETERANS UK PARTICIPANT ALSO ACCEPTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE EDUCATIONAL PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS. ALL EXPENSES OF THE NEW PARTICIPANTS WERE PAID BY BVA'S OPS PROGRAM WHILE 13 ALUMNI RETURNED TO PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. THEY ALL FELT THE PROGRAM WAS SO BENEFICIAL THAT THEY WANTED TO RETURN AND OFFER ASSISTANCE TO THE NEWLY BLINDED SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHILE OPS PROVIDES THESE VETERANS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN TOGETHER AT BVA'S NATIONAL CONVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES, A SPIN OFF PROGRAM, PROJECT GEMINI, ALLOWS A SIMILAR FOR HOSTING IN ENGLAND BY BLIND VETERANS UK. IN FY 2014, EFFORTS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR SIX AMERICAN BLINDED VETERANS TO EXPERIENCE BRITISH HOSPITALITY.

ALL OF BVA'S PROGRAMS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY AND ATTRIBUTED TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS AND PRIVATE COMPANIES. BVA APPRECIATES AND IS VERY THANKFUL FOR THE CONTINUAL SUPPORT PROVIDED EVERY YEAR. BVA'S WEBSITE, WWW.BVA.ORG, PROVIDES ONE MEANS OF FACILITATING GREATER SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ALL OF ITS PROGRAMS BY OFFERING ONLINE DONATION CAPABILITIES.

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B) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

AT THE FOUNDATION OF ALL BVA COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

EFFORTS NATIONALLY IS THE BVA BULLETIN, CURRENTLY A QUARTERLY

PERIODICAL SENT TO ALL BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR WHOM THE ASSOCIATION HAS CONTACT INFORMATION. THE PUBLICATION IS ALSO MAILED TO

DOZENS OF LIBRARIES, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS, VSOS, VA BLIND

REHABILITATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. FOR

OUTREACH AND MARKETING PURPOSES, MULTIPLE COPIES OF THE BULLETIN WERE

SENT TO APPROXIMATELY 85 INDIVIDUAL DESTINATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE BULLETIN

FOCUSES ON ISSUES AND EVENTS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO BLINDED VETERANS,

IT IS ALSO THE PUBLIC FACE OF THE ORGANIZATION. IT COVERS BOTH GENERAL

TOPICS ABOUT VETERANS AS WELL AS BLINDNESS (I.E., TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL

ISSUES, ETC.). AVERAGE CIRCULATION OF THE LARGE-PRINT VERSION OF THE

BULLETIN WAS APPROXIMATELY 14,125 IN FISCAL YEAR 2014. A COMPACT DISK

VERSION, WHICH IS MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLY, HAD AN AVERAGE

CIRCULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 90 FOR THE FOUR ISSUES COMPARED TO 65 THE

PREVIOUS YEAR. THE NUMBER OF BVA MEMBERS RECEIVING THE BULLETIN VIA

EMAIL IS NOW 175, AN INCREASE OF 12 PERCENT FROM 2013. IT CAN ALSO BE

HEARD BY DOWNLOADING AN MP3 FILE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE ON THE BULLETIN

PAGE OF THE BVA WEBSITE.

THROUGH THE DONATED SERVICES OF NORTH AMERICAN PRECIS SYNDICATE (NAPS),

BVA DISTRIBUTED A SERIES OF NEWSPAPER, RADIO, AND TELEVISION RELEASES

HIGHLIGHTING ITS WORK. DURING FY 2014, BVA PRODUCED TWO 2-COLUMN

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER RELEASES, ONE SPANISH NEWSPAPER RELEASE, THREE

30-SECOND NATIONAL RADIO RELEASES, ONE SPANISH 60-SECOND RADIO RELEASE,

AND TWO 30-SECOND NATIONAL TELEVISION RELEASES. BY VIRTUE OF THE

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HEAVILY DISCOUNTED PACKAGE SELECTED, THE ASSOCIATION RECEIVED ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION FOR A PAYMENT OF \$18,250. ALL OF THE RELEASES PROVIDED AN OUTLINE OF BVA'S MISSION, HISTORY, AND SERVICES, BUT THE LEAD-IN FOR EACH RELEASE DIFFERED FROM ONE RELEASE TO THE NEXT. THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE DONATED MEDIA TIME AND SPACE FOR THE RELEASES AIRED AND PRINTED IN FY 2014, IF PAID FOR BY BVA FOR ACTUAL NEWSPAPER, RADIO, AND TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS, WAS \$343,042. THIS DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE 75,530,832 TOTAL UNIQUE VISITORS TO THE TWO 2-COLUMN NEWSPAPER NATIONAL RELEASES AND THE 2-COLUMN SPANISH RELEASE DISTRIBUTED IN FY 2014. NEWS RELEASES WERE AIRED OR PRINTED A TOTAL OF 7,415 TIMES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS TERRITORIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR, A RATHER SIZEABLE INCREASE OF 1,611 OVER THE FIGURE OF 5,704 FOR FY 2013.

THE BVA WEBSITE HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN VISITORS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. IT ATTRACTED AN AVERAGE OF 188 UNIQUE VISITORS PER DAY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2014. A DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE MAJORITY OF THE VISITS ORIGINATED THROUGH THE GOOGLE SEARCH ENGINE. OTHER SEARCH ENGINES CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORT MORE THAN EVER BEFORE BUT STILL TO A LESSER EXTENT THAN DID GOOGLE. ALTHOUGH STILL RELATIVELY SMALL IN NUMBER, THE NUMBER OF VISITS THROUGH LINKS ON OTHER SITES IS INCREASING. THE BVA SITE IS A CONSTANT WORK IN PROGRESS THAT HAS MADE CONSISTENT IMPROVEMENTS BUT WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLE WORK AHEAD IN ORDER TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION FULFILL ITS MISSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

IN FY14, BVA UTILIZED TWO PRINT BROCHURES IN SPREADING ITS MESSAGE. ONE IS USED PRIMARILY FOR FUNDRAISING PURPOSES, REACHING OUT TO OTHER VSOS AND TO OFFICES ON CAPITOL HILL. THE OTHER IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO

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INTEREST PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

BVA MAINTAINS SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS ON MAJOR SITES SUCH AS FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND YOUTUBE. OVER THE PAST YEARS, BVA HAS ATTRACTED A LARGE FOLLOWING AND CURRENTLY COMMANDS A SOCIAL MEDIA AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 6,000 FOLLOWERS. BVA USES THESE RESOURCES TO SPREAD INFORMATION TO ITS FOLLOWERS 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 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATING BVA FOLLOWERS ABOUT THE HELPFUL RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

BVA DISTRIBUTES DIRECT MAIL LITERATURE TO FRIENDS AND PROSPECTIVE SUPPORTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS PART OF ITS JOINT PUBLIC AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS. THERE ARE SEVERAL CALLS FOR ACTION IN EACH OF THE APPEALS AND EACH IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE AUDIENCE TO GET DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MEANINGFUL WAYS TO HELP THE ASSOCIATION CARRY OUT ITS MISSION. THE FIRST IS A REQUEST FOR NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF BLINDED VETERANS WHO MIGHT NEED ASSISTANCE. RESPONSES ARE PASSED ALONG TO BVA NATIONAL FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS FOR ACTION. THE SECOND IS A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO DISTRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE TO REACH BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. INFORMATIONAL BROCHURES ARE MAILED TO THOSE RESPONDING. THE THIRD IS A REQUEST TO LEARN "WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SEE A BLIND PERSON" AND TO ACT ACCORDINGLY WHEN MEETING SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL. THERE IS A FOURTH CALL FOR ACTION IN SOME OF THE APPEALS. THIS IS A REQUEST FOR FRIENDS AND PROSPECTIVE DONORS TO WRITE A PERSONAL MESSAGE ON AN ENCLOSED GREETING CARD AND MAIL IT TO A BLINDED VETERAN THROUGH BVA.

BVA RECEIVES THOUSANDS OF THESE CARDS AND DELIVERS THEM TO BLINDED

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VETERANS IN REHABILITATION CENTERS AROUND THE COUNTRY. EACH CALL FOR ACTION IS IN SUPPORT OF BVA'S MISSION TO LOCATE AND ASSIST BLINDED VETERANS AND TO HELP THEM TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACES IN SOCIETY AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT BLINDNESS ISSUES. RECIPIENT RESPONSES ARE RECORDED WHEN POSSIBLE.

BVA ALLOCATES A PORTION OF ITS DIRECT MAIL EXPENSES TO PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL ACCORDING TO AICPA STATEMENT OF POSITION 98-2 (SOP 98-2), ACCOUNTING FOR COSTS OF ACTIVITIES OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT INCLUDE FUNDRAISING, NOW CODIFIED IN FASB ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION 958-720, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES-OTHER EXPENSES (ASC 958-720). BVA UNDERTAKES A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF ITS ACTIVITIES TO DETERMINE IF THE PURPOSE, AUDIENCE, AND CONTENT CRITERIA ARE MET AND, IF SO, APPLIES A SYSTEMATIC, RATIONAL JOINT COST ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY.

BVA MAKES ITS FINANCIAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND WATCHDOG AGENCIES. BVA ADHERES TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BY THE COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (#10513), THE 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.

BVA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DISTRIBUTES BROCHURES, EXTRA COPIES OF THE BULLETIN, AND OVERRUNS FROM ITS DIRECT MAIL PIECES TO REGIONAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL BLINDED VETERANS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN OUTREACH EFFORTS LOCALLY. THE MAILING OF THE MATERIALS IS PARTICULARLY HEAVY IN THE EARLY AUTUMN AS BVA REGIONAL GROUPS PREPARE FOR WHITE CANE SAFETY

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AWARENESS DAY AND VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES. BLINDED VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ARE FREQUENTLY INVOLVED IN PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS, LOCAL CHAPTERS OF OTHER VSOS LOCATED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND LOCAL GROUPS SUCH AS LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS.

AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION, BVA PRESENTS AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS. THE MAJOR GENERAL MELVIN J. MAAS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IS PRESENTED TO A VETERAN WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED BLINDNESS THAT PROVES HIMSELF/HERSELF OUTSTANDING IN EMPLOYMENT 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 THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF HIS/HER REGIONAL GROUP. A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION IS TO RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO BLINDED VETERANS AND/OR TO BVA AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. IN FY 2014, AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, WA, THE MAAS AND SCHNAIR AWARDS WERE REWARDED AND THREE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION WERE PRESENTED TO DESERVING INDIVIDUALS.

C) ADVOCACY

THE ASSOCIATION'S CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER DESIGNATES BVA AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL ADVOCATE FOR ALL BLINDED VETERANS BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT. THE BVA NATIONAL PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBERS, AND NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PRESENT TESTIMONY BEFORE BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON VETERANS AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO SHARE INFORMATION AND CONCERNS RELATED TO

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SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY VA TO VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND BLINDED VETERANS. THEY ALSO MEET PERIODICALLY WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THEIR KEY STAFF, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD), THE WHITE HOUSE, AND VA OFFICIALS TO INFORM AND EDUCATE THEM REGARDING THE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE BLINDED AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VETERANS IN AMERICA. BVA'S EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS SEEK TO ENHANCE THE SPECIALIZED REHABILITATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED BY VA. THE GOALS ARE TO ASSIST BLINDED VETERANS IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF AND ADJUSTMENT TO THE LOSS OF VISION AND TO HELP THEM ACQUIRE THE ADAPTIVE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATED INTO THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

ACTIVE EFFORTS ARE CONTINUALLY MADE TO EDUCATE FEDERAL AGENCIES AND LEGISLATORS. SUCH EFFORTS ARE THE IMPORTANT MEANS BY WHICH BLINDED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS EVENTUALLY BECOME EQUIPPED WITH THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO ACCESS THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND BENEFITS THEY HAVE EARNED. BVA CONTINUED TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE THIS PAST YEAR, PRESENTING BLINDED VETERANS' PRIORITY ISSUES BEFORE CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS IN A VARIETY OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS. ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES ALSO MET FREQUENTLY WITH OTHER VETERAN'S SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, DISABILITY ADVOCACY ASSOCIATIONS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VA AND DOD. BVA'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT PRESENTED HIS ANNUAL TESTIMONY IN FEBRUARY BEFORE THE JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE VA COMMITTEES. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES WERE SENT BY EMAIL TO THE BVA BOARD, STAFF, MEMBERS AND REGIONAL GROUPS. NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES AND A VARIETY OF COMMITTEES WERE ATTENDED IN AN EFFORT TO ACTIVELY MONITOR AND SUPPORT THE WIDE VARIETY OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS THAT IMPACTS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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BVA, IN CONCERT WITH OTHER MAJOR VSOS, PROVIDED THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO ENSURE THAT FY 2014-FY 2015 ADVANCED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VHA BUDGET WERE INCREASED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VETERANS' HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.

CONTINUED EFFORTS WERE DEVOTED THIS PAST YEAR TO DOD'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VISION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (VCE) AND DEFENSE VETERANS EYE INJURY VISION REGISTRY (DVEIVR). AS A RESULT, VCE HAS INCREASED DOD STAFFING TO TEN AND VHA IS PLANNING INCREASED STAFFING (INTERVIEWS ARE IN PROGRESS). BVA CONTINUES TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR OIF AND OEF VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY VISUAL SYSTEM DYSFUNCTION TO ENSURE THAT SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND VISION RESEARCH ARE FUNDED. BVA'S EFFORTS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN TRYING TO SECURE ADDITIONAL VA CO-OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR FY 2014- 2015 IN THE VA BUDGET FOR VCE. EFFORTS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT DVEIVR CONTINUE WITH DOD INSERTING 17,375 SERVICE MEMBERS' RECORDS INTO THE SYSTEM. VA, HOWEVER, HAS LAGGED FAR BEHIND IN PROVIDING EXTRACTORS ACCESS TO CLINICAL EYE RECORDS IN THE VA VIST DATABASE.

WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR EYE AND VISION RESEARCH (NAEVR), BVA ATTENDED MEETINGS WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND KEY BUDGET STAFF WITH THE AIM OF INCREASING THE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR VISION. BVA CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR ALTERNATIVE DEFENSE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) VISION RESEARCH PROGRAMS, SECURING \$10 MILLION IN FY 2014 FUNDING FOR THE VISION TRAUMA RESEARCH PROGRAM (VTRP) FUNDING, AND \$10 MILLION FOR FY 2015 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR VTRP.

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BVA CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE WAITING TIMES, LENGTH OF STAYS, AND STAFFING FOR THE 13 EXISTING VABLIND CENTERS TO ENSURE THAT VETERANS RECEIVE THE REHABILITATION THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THEM.

BVA HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SPECIAL WORK GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY VA PROSTHETICS & SENSORY AIDS SERVICE (PSAS) TO DEVELOP PRESCRIPTION RECOMMENDATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES FOR BLINDED VETERANS. BVA IS ON THE VA WORK GROUP CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING VARIOUS SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ISSUANCE OF HANDBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPUTERS AND ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES FOR BLINDED AND LOW-VISION VETERANS.

BVA WORKED TO HAVE THE BENEFICIARY TRAVEL SECTION OF THE U.S CODE CHANGED TO INCLUDE TRAVEL BENEFITS TO ONE OF THE 13 REGIONAL BLIND REHABILITATION CENTERS FOR INPATIENT ADMISSION FOR BLINDED VETERANS CURRENTLY NOT ELIGIBLE. THESE EFFORTS CONTINUE WITH LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE VA COMMITTEES, RESPECTIVELY. BVA CONTINUED FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH VA VETERANS TRAVEL PROGRAM OFFICIALS.

BVA CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR VA TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 508 OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT BY MAKING ALL ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE VA SYSTEMS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO BLINDED VETERANS AND FURTHER ELIMINATING PROBLEMS OF ACCESS. THE VA ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATED \$11 MILLION IN FUNDING AND 17 FULL TIME STAFF WERE HIRED IN FY 2014.

BVA CONTINUED ITS MANY VISITS WITH BLINDED OIF AND OEF SERVICE MEMBERS

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AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE NEW WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER. BVA CONTINUED TO LOCATE SERVICE MEMBERS AND RAISE FUNDS NEEDED FOR ELIGIBLE BLINDED VETERANS TO JOIN BVA'S OPERATION PEER SUPPORT AND PROJECT GEMINI INITIATIVES.

BVA JOINED WITH OTHER VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN A NUMBER OF PARTNERSHIPS.

BVA SUBMITS PERTINENT INFORMATION ON VA BLIND REHABILITATION SERVICES, OIF AND OEF-RELATED EYE INJURIES, AND TBI VISION SYSTEM IMPAIRMENTS, THUS RAISING AWARENESS AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THESE INJURIES AND THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THEM.

BVA ALSO PARTICIPATES WITH OTHER BLINDNESS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS IN MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP (LWG) TO ASSURE THAT ALL BLINDED INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE THE SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS THEY DESERVE.

BVA 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 AND 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, MAKING BVA WELL KNOWN FOR ADVOCACY IN THIS AREA.

D) MEMBERSHIP

BVA IS A MEMBERSHIP-DRIVEN ORGANIZATION. MEMBERSHIP IN BVA CONSTITUTES

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS IN A LOCAL REGIONAL GROUP. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BE A MEMBER TO BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICES BVA PROVIDES. IN FACT, BVA OFFERS THE CHOICE OF THE DIGITAL OR PRINT VERSION OF THE QUARTERLY BVA BULLETIN TO ANY BLINDED VETERAN REGARDLESS OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS. THE BVA BULLETIN IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE THAT BLINDED VETERANS FIND USEFUL IN ORDER TO KEEP ABREAST OF RELEVANT INFORMATION. BVA MEMBERSHIP ALSO PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET NEW PEOPLE FACING SIMILAR CHALLENGES, TO ESTABLISH FRIENDSHIPS, AND TO GAIN A VOICE AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTIONS. WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP, THE AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAMS WOULD NOT EXIST SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY MEMBERS AND DEVELOPED WITH THEIR NEEDS IN MIND. A BLINDED VETERAN CAN JOIN AS EITHER AN ANNUAL OR A LIFE MEMBER. BVA'S MEMBERSHIP TOTAL HAS GROWN STEADILY OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES. IN FY 2014, THERE WERE 455 NEW MEMBERS. FROM 1992 THROUGH 2014, THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP INCREASED FROM 7,252 TO 11,111. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS A LARGE NUMBER OF RENEWALS OF LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS AS WELL AS NEW MEMBERS THAT HAD NEVER JOINED BEFORE.

ALL LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DEPOSITED INTO A LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND, WHICH IS MANAGED BY A LIFE MEMBERSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT. THE DUES ARE INVESTED AND THE ANNUAL EARNINGS (INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS) ARE APPORTIONED TO THE REGIONAL GROUP BASED ON THE NUMBER OF LIFE MEMBERS IN EACH GROUP. BVA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DOES NOT BENEFIT FINANCIALLY AT ALL FROM THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES BUT ONLY MANAGES, OR ADMINISTERS, THE FUND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND AN EXTERNAL PORTFOLIO MANAGER. IT IS A BOARD-DESIGNATED FUND.

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E) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BVA'S KATHERN F. GRUBER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COMPLETED ITS 31ST YEAR.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN TO A DEPENDENT CHILD, GRANDCHILD, OR SPOUSE

OF A BLINDED VETERAN OR AN ACTIVE-DUTY BLINDED SERVICE MEMBER OF THE

U.S. ARMED FORCES. THE BLINDNESS MAY BE EITHER SERVICE-CONNECTED OR

NONSERVICE-CONNECTED. FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-14, THERE WERE SIX

SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$2,000 EACH. THE THOMAS H. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP HAS

COMPLETED ITS 3RD YEAR, ANNUALLY AWARDING ONE SCHOLARSHIP OF \$1,000.

THE GUIDELINES ARE THE SAME AS THOSE ESTABLISHED FOR THE KATHERN F.

GRUBER SCHOLARSHIP BUT WITH ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION TOWARDS MUSIC AND

FINE ARTS STUDENTS WHEN POSSIBLE AND APPLICABLE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

EXPENSES \$ 296,234. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 13,000. REVENUE \$ 0.

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.

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 APPROVE ISSUES AND AMENDMENTS THAT ARISE REGARDING LAWS, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS, OR POLICIES ADOPTED BY SAID MEMBERSHIP.

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

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.

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.

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

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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.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:
AR, AZ, CT, GA, IL, MA, MD, ME, MN, MS, NC, ND, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA
WV

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.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

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BUILDING MAINTANANCE:

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	30,167.
TOTAL EXPENSES	30,167.

BULLETIN:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	76,310.
TOTAL EXPENSES	76,310.

PRINTING:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	8,233.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	11,368.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	96,509.
TOTAL EXPENSES	116,110.

PROFESSIONAL FEES:

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	13,648.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	23,000.
TOTAL EXPENSES	36,648.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	21,450.
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,450.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	27,312.
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,312.

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PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	12,790.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	12,790.
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DIRECT MAIL DATA PROCESSING:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	39,676.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	2,125.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	38,813.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	80,614.
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DIRECT MAIL DONOR PROCESSING:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	38,555.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	2,065.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	37,716.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	78,336.
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DIRECT MAIL LIST RENTAL:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	47,200.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	2,528.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	46,173.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	95,901.
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DIRECT MAIL PACKAGE AND SHIPPING:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	494,683.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	26,492.
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FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	483,919.
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TOTAL EXPENSES	1,005,094.
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DIRECT MAIL PRODUCTION COST:

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PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	11,777.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	631.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	11,521.
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,929.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	1,604,661.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

THE REVIEW PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.