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Direct Support Organization Report

Pursuant to §20.058(1), F.S., the following report is submitted on behalf of the Florida Veterans Foundation:

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number and website address of the organization:

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2. Statutory Authority or executive order pursuant to which the organization was created:

In 2008, the Florida Legislature established the Florida Veterans Foundation (FVF) as a Direct Support Organization of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) pursuant to §292.055, F.S.

- As a Direct Support Organization, the Foundation is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, to provide assistance, funding and support for the FDVA in carrying out its mission of Veterans' advocacy. FVF operates for the direct and indirect benefit of the Veterans of Florida, the FDVA and veteran service organizations.
- FVF is also a non-profit organization operating for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of Internal Revenue Code to:
 - Educate the public about the needs of Veterans; and,
 - Promote and aid charitable activities for the support of the livelihood and general welfare of Florida-resident Veterans.
- The Foundation is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors appointed by the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. Board members are Veterans, business owners and community leaders throughout the State of Florida and are highly knowledgeable about the United States military, its service personnel, Veterans and mission.

Chartered Functions of the Foundation:

- Continue to provide direct and indirect services to Veterans and their families through collaborating with the appropriate federal, state and local government agencies, veteran service organizations and education entities.
- Develop and facilitate best practices for programs to benefit the overall health, welfare, education, employment and housing for Florida Veterans. These best practices will be in collaboration with other agency initiatives to ensure the greatest impact on veteran assistance.
- Provide financial and administrative support to the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Council and Florida Veterans Hall of Fame.
- Support financially the publication of the FDVA Benefits Guide and Governors.
- Support the veteran benefit information services pursuant to Chapter 322.08, Florida Statutes required by Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and DHSMVs.

3. A brief description of the mission of and results obtained by the organization:

Mission:

1. To serve Florida Veterans and their families by providing direct and in-direct services to our Veterans, partnering with federal, VA, state, and local governments, Veterans service organizations, and educational institutions to improve physical, financial, mental, emotional and social well-being.
2. To support the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs mission of advocacy. As such, the Florida Veterans Foundation advocates for our Florida Veterans by educating our Veterans, the public and governmental entities to increase awareness on veteran –related issues.

Fiscal Year – 2018/19:

Florida Veterans Foundation in support of The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs has aggressively approached service to Florida Veterans through collaboration with entities and state agencies who have a vested interest in solving those issues that plague Veterans and ultimately affect Florida and the economy. Our approach is how to find and register Veterans, which requires the enlistment of services and resource organizations with similar missions. Our staunch effort is realizing successes throughout the Veteran community and gaining incredible interest at all levels of the government within Florida and through recognized accomplishments Florida has set the standard for the rest of the nation to follow.

Veteran Suicide Prevention

- Working with the Tampa Bay area's 211 Crisis Center on a campaign to combat veteran suicide by having a day designated as "Suicide Prevention Day" in September and by providing communications from the USDVA to the Crisis Center for funding - <https://www.crisiscenter.com>
- Collaboration of "Get Help Now" phone app – Crisis Centers – Mental Health Providers to all veterans to connect to the Crisis Centers for "Veteran Peer-to-Peer" response and referral to Managing Entity Mental Health Providers. 1st model to launch 1/01/2020 in Florida.
- Florida Veteran Suicide Data Sheet - <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/data-sheets/2014/Suicide-Data-Sheet-Florida.pdf>

Opioid Addiction

- Collaboration with medical doctor-led addiction treatment (Clean Slate x 4 centers) with medication for opioid addiction using proven medications: Buprenorphine and Vivitrol. This program has been connected to the Crisis Center Referral Program.
- Collaboration with Crisis Center and referral to Hero's Mile for Alternative Therapy of opioids-addicted Veterans and to the Florida Managing Entities.

Background Information on the Crisis Center Partnership

According to the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), Florida currently has over 1.5 million veteran residents, making it the state with the third largest population of veterans in the nation. The Statewide Veterans Advisory Council and Florida Alliance of Information and Referral Services (FLAIRS) recognized that we could be doing a better job of caring for our veterans and decided to take action to fill this service gap. This group wanted to create a phone line similar to 2-1-1 information and referral lines that was dedicated solely to connecting Florida's veterans with needed community and VA-funded services.

The concept was brought to the attention of the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and fit perfectly in line with our mission and vision. In addition to the dedicated phone line, the Crisis Center recognized that it would be beneficial for veterans to speak to a peer – a fellow veteran who has experienced the transition from military to civilian life. Through experience with suicidal callers, and research backed by SAMSHA, we also saw the importance of providing care coordination services to callers in order to increase engagement and successful outcomes. The Crisis Center was tasked with creating an operational service for the 5-county area around Tampa Bay – including Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Manatee Counties. The funding was used to establish a dedicated phone line (1-844-MYFLVET), hire and train staff, maintain a veteran-specific resource database, conduct marketing and outreach, and manage daily operations.

The Crisis Center invited a representative group of veterans to assist in the development of the veteran's service line yielding the Regional Veteran's Advisory Council (RVAC). Developing a program for veterans without routine guidance and contact with veterans would be counterproductive. The group represents the Florida statewide advisory team, local Veterans Administration, local drug and alcohol services, veteran consumers and veteran's treatment court mentors and leaders.

- Since 2015 over 10,000 veterans and/or their families reached out for help
- Over 23,000 referrals for veterans and/or their families
 - The #1 need of veteran callers is for Behavioral Health
 - 30% of the callers are expressing suicidal thoughts or concerns – That is over 3000 veterans who called because they were struggling with suicidal thoughts
- 2500 veterans received ongoing care from the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay through Veteran Peer Care Coordination
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Referrals and Linkages to Veterans Administration Services

- Local community resources
- Crisis Counseling and support

Statewide Expansion

In 2017, the governor, through the FDVA, provided funding to expand the MYFLVET line statewide.

- 15,000 veterans and/or their families have called the statewide line
- Other 2-1-1 agencies are not able to provide the critical piece of Care Coordination

Suicide Prevention, Opioids/Mental Health Initiative

Built on the foundation of a simple one-button push by a Veteran in Crisis through the “Get Help Now” phone app that connects the Veteran with the peer to peer contact with the Crisis Centers throughout Florida. Additionally, the creation of the simple and technical approach also provides data analytics to find, register, and offer additional services to Veterans. This venue creates and builds personal relationships statewide for agency/service partnerships to expand services and improve outcomes (veteran population as pilot then include entire Florida population). Flexibility to provide full-on, targeted campaign statewide that will connect the pilot veteran population to service providers at all levels and by issues such as Suicide Prevention, Opioid Abuse, PTSD, Mental Health, Veterans’ Benefits, Transportation, Telehealth, Veterans Treatment Court, Homeless, Assisted Living Facility Resident Support (aging population). Educate and improve access to care for veterans by linking Federal and community resources to each other, including mutual aid support groups as well as partners outside the health care system such as law enforcement and community advisory boards and families. Expand services by addressing unmet social service/community needs that create barriers to service delivery.

- Stakeholders
 - All Florida Agencies (FDLE, DCF, AHCA, FDVA, DOH, DOT, Etcetera)
 - Tools -
 - “Get Help Now” phone App (Contact)
 - Crisis Center of Tampa Bay (Crisis Center Support)
 - Managing Entities (7 Districts) (Provider Network / Treatment)
 - Bay Area Legal Services (Veterans Treatment Court/30 Counties to grow statewide)
 - Florida Medical Facilities
 - Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition
 - Florida Veterans Council and Non-profit Organizations
 - Base Commanders /Active Duty Components
 - All levels of Florida Government (State and Local)
 - Businesses
- Expected Outcomes of Statewide Network:
 1. Improve provider accountability and service standards.
 2. Improve efficiency and remove inefficient providers from the service network.
 3. Promote transparency and identify community needs.
 4. Minimize barriers by interagency referrals without funding restrictions.
 5. Promote knowledge regarding best practices and most successful treatment.
 6. Follow-on Contact “Tracer Program.”
 7. Success Stories and Set Model Expectations for National Replication.

Currently, the Get Help Now Phone APP to Veterans, beginning with the Tampa Bay Crisis population will kick off at the beginning of 2020. This APP is to direct-connect Veterans in Crisis with 844-MYFLVET for Suicide Prevention, Opioid Abuse and Mental Health. This will connect with Managing Entities and work with providers and VA to develop efficient reimbursement procedures. FDVA has visited and sought out referral agencies e.g. Hero's Mile and Clean Slate as alternate service providers to the Managing Entities and Crisis Centers and 211 providers in the treatment of Opioid addiction. Alternative Therapy became a legislative success for the last session, gaining support throughout Florida. Goals for solution are:

1. Decreased recidivism rate
2. Reduction in ER visits
3. Decreased harm to self-others

Note * The DSO, Florida Veterans Foundation has committed to work with Trilogy, recently contracted to help create a computerized repository of "Veteran- Friendly" non-profit services to allow for Florida Veterans to access for services, virtually connecting needs with resources. This will improve efficiency and remove inefficient providers from service network. It will also promote knowledge regarding best practices and most successful treatment.

Aging Veterans Outreach

The Florida Department of Veteran Affairs (FDVA) in collaboration with their Direct Support Organization has committed to helping solve the veterans' aging dilemma in hopes to keep Veterans in their homes for as long as possible without reverting to automatically going to Assisted Living Facilities. The intent is to garner the earned benefits of Veterans ultimately getting federal VA dollars. Most importantly, veterans' benefits, in particular Aid & Attendance benefits, the subject of this initiative.

Many Florida veterans and their families are unaware of earned VA benefits available such as VA Pension with Aid and Attendance, which helps support their financial and medical needs and enhance their quality of life and in many cases allow Veterans to remain in their homes. Many veterans who have applied are finding that the current Veterans Service Offices are often overwhelmed and are insufficiently staffed to handle their needs. Many veterans have not registered for VA benefits constituting yet another hurdle to receiving help. The initiative would provide the tools to seek out, and educate aging veterans and their surviving spouses to register and apply. The "No Florida Veteran Left Behind" initiative would instill confidence for Veterans to reach out to the VA's role in their lives

Today, a new generation of elderly veterans finds itself in need of assisted living, especially Aid & Attendance benefits that make the care they need affordable for themselves or surviving spouses. This past outreach project intended as a test research project to determine if a state-wide, intensive campaign reaching out to the new generation of elderly veterans in Florida would increase the number of veterans cared for in ALFs and/or enhance and increase veterans benefits for those veterans already receiving care in ALFs. We have garnered the incredible support of all aging state agencies and organizations throughout Florida to the point that the DSO has briefed those organizations and conferences as to the level of impact that this program has for State benefit but more so to benefit the Veteran.

Currently, FDVA has teamed with the American Patriot Service Corp and the National Association of Veterans and Families to aggressively embark on a three billion dollar initiative

over three years whose entire focus is to keep elder Veterans in their homes. The intent is to collaborate with families of Veterans to specifically maintain a familiar environment of life with trusted family members thus producing a comfortable environment for the aged while utilizing federal VA dollars ultimately preserving State Medicaid resources that can be used elsewhere. The collaboration of entities (application, legal, family, Veterans Service Organizations), supported and managed by FDVA sets in place the infrastructure to ultimately produce a process that establishes a successful model to be replicated statewide. Educational videos have been produced by FVF, which has already been distributed to all 3,100 ALF's and Florida Veterans Service Organizations, Florida State Agencies, Legislators, and State Elder Care Affiliates.

The next phase is through public service announcements to solicit volunteer forces to seek aging Veterans and their families. FVF is constantly looking for support and resources to continue this initiative. The initial return on investment in Federal VA Funding, not counting preservation of state Medicaid funding is over \$3 Billion in Assisted Living Facilities. With consideration of Veterans who are in their homes and are in need of Aid and Attendance the outcome is that every year more and more Veterans will reach the need to gain their benefits to sustain their livelihood. This initiative also benefits the Florida Assisted Living Facilities through their Veteran population also receiving monies in earned benefits. The return on investment is without peer.

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The initiative would be a collaborative effort of FDVA, FVF, American Patriot Service Corporation, and the National Association of Veterans and Families with statewide partners to create three billion dollars' worth of lifetime benefits for qualifying veterans by December 31, 2021. The FVF, as a direct support organization of the FDVA has the support of the 1.5 million Veterans statewide. AND the benefits will continue as the years pass so the effort is not dead lined by the end of 2018. The following are goals of this initiative:

- Recruit/Hire Veterans Advocates & Paralegals Statewide
- Run an Operations Center to assist 20,000+ veterans and spouses
- Register a minimum of 2,400 veterans in each of eleven service areas, helping to facilitate an additional 165 medical personnel at VA facilities statewide
- Increase the resources of critical outreach
- Enhance the quality of life for each participating Florida veteran
- Increase the options, availability and quality of VA health care in Florida
- Increase public and private revenues available for veteran outreach and advocacy
- Increase veteran education and awareness of VA services
- Unify and further capitalize on VA mission to serve Florida veterans.

Note: 60,000 Florida Veterans served x \$50,000 average benefit = \$3,000,000,000 in earned benefits. The projected cost to fund program per veteran is \$500.

Sorting through papers and VA bureaucracy can be overwhelming to many veterans and their spouses. Veterans and Families in particular, have special needs to consider. First, the veterans are not always aware of benefits for which they or their spouses are eligible. And the process can be complicated with finding old documents/paperwork, getting new paperwork, and overcoming numerous bureaucratic obstacles. The process without help can take months and years for claims to make their way through the VA. Patience and plenty of time is needed, something that many of the elderly veterans don't have. Our charge is to help guide the vets through the complicated paperwork and appeals system of the Veterans Administration quickly and efficiently. As a reference in the dollar amounts please see <https://www.va.gov/vetdata.asp>

Veteran Legal Services

Veterans often face complex legal problems that our skilled attorneys and partners can solve. These include:

- Wrongful eviction and foreclosure
- ID for homeless veterans (FL ID and driver's licenses)
- Discharge upgrades
- Disaster / FEMA assistance
- Family Law issues

FVF has established a groundwork that has opened up services with Veterans. This has been done through collaboration with the Bay Area Legal Services (BALS) of Tampa Bay. Through this initiative we found a resultant "needs-assessment" by way of BALS' Veterans Legal Helpline's work. We have collectively seen firsthand the common issues facing our veterans today. Bay Area Legal Services' work is life changing and many times, lifesaving. Veterans who suffer from PTSD and other mental ailments can be particularly vulnerable during major life crises and common legal aid issues like foreclosure/eviction, family law issues, or public health benefits claims that can severely impact their stability. This teaming has produced the forward movement to provide a statewide Veterans Legal Helpline.

Using one helpline, veterans throughout Florida can immediately get an appointment to speak with an experienced attorney. VLH attorneys will provide direct advice and assistance over the phone and coordinate referrals to partners throughout the state. The helpline attorneys will also be able to schedule appointments for extended services with four full-time attorneys who focus solely on veterans — two will serve the 5-county area of Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee and Sarasota, and two will serve the Pensacola area and the Jacksonville area through sub-grant agreements with other legal aid providers.

BALS is uniquely qualified to meet this vital need for our veterans. For over 12 years we have operated two similar services, the Legal Aid Line (I-AL) and the Florida Senior Legal Helpline (SLH). The Veterans Legal Helpline (VLH) envisions an expansion of these innovative models using extensive expertise.

FVF's collaboration with BALS has demonstrated that they have always been an excellent steward of public and private sector funds. Our approach is thoughtful, efficient, and practical. The statewide Veterans Legal Helpline project will create the necessary collaborations and service structures to respond to the needs of our growing, aging, and diverse veteran populations. In addition, the FVF has served on the Veterans' Access Panel for Civil Justice and gained momentum to create a standard with the Florida Courts system for Veterans Treatment Courts. This became a legislative success for the Florida Veterans Foundation.

Transportation

FVF's funding of the Disabled American Veterans Service Organization to assist in the purchase of vans statewide and then in collaboration with the Transportation Disadvantaged program under the FL DOT has established a viable and highly successful execution of transporting Veterans to and from medical appointments. Until this partnership program was established there was an unmet need by Veterans to tend to their health needs involving travel. The Florida Veterans Foundation educated County Veterans Service Officers on the Community Transportation Boards in their regions and the role that they were supposed to play coordinating Veterans schedules, DAV Vans and volunteer drivers and the support of the Transportation Disadvantaged program to bring relief.

During Forward March Transportation Disadvantaged attended several regional events to discover needs throughout the state and how they could serve the Veteran population in a more effective manner. During the same Forward March Events County Veteran Service Officers teamed within Community groups to effectively see how their regions could be served more effectively. From a \$250,000 grant by the Attorney General's office the Florida Veterans Foundation was able to support the Disabled American Veterans needs for additional vans at a total cost of \$65,000. This bump to the DAV program demonstrated its importance and affect by moving 7,701 Veterans over 192,000 miles through volunteer hours exceeding 34,000.

Emergency Financial Aid

The stability of the Emergency Financial Aid program, run by Project Vet Relief under the management of the American Legion has exceeded all expectations. From the beginning of the program when FVF received \$1.25 mil from the Attorney General's office as a result of the J.P. Morgan Chase Settlement it has provided over \$800,000 to Veterans and families in need at an administrative rate of only 5%. 95% of the total went directly to Veterans to keep them from losing their housing, thus keeping them gainfully employed and not confronting the chance of becoming homeless. In 2018 -2019 FVF entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Project Vet Relief, providing \$160,000 to continue financial relief. This sum was with zero administration to the Foundation making 100% available to the Veterans in need.

Veterans First Dental

At the request of the FDVA Executive Director the Florida Veterans Foundation provided \$20,000 to the Florida Dental Association for a Mission of Mercy Event in Orlando in March, which provided over \$183,000 in dental services to Veterans and their families. The importance of this event cannot be overemphasized as there are countless Veterans in Florida who don't rate VA Dental and can't afford to tend to the most important oral health needs. This was a first-class event and very much needed. Services of extractions, fillings, dentures, were just the beginning. This is a funding must for all future Missions of Mercy throughout Florida.

Florida Veterans Foundation 3-Year Projection

FY 2019 – 2020

The Florida Veterans Foundation continues to pursue collective collaboration with agencies to fund initiatives that will bring continued revenue to the organization while providing unparalleled support and services to Florida Veterans. FVF will continue to fund the Florida Veterans Benefits guide as a ready reference to all Florida Veterans on available benefits and services. It is paramount that this organization be funded to continue the priceless services to Veterans in Florida. The absolute value of this organization cannot be stated as the network of Veterans throughout the state is without peer.

The Florida Veterans Foundation has recently changed leadership of the Chairman to Bob Asztalos, USN (ret), a proven leader in Veteran solutions, who has already taken bold steps to change the functionality of the Board of Directors and also to market the Foundation to be more successful in fundraising campaigns. The FVF is postured to make incredible strides in the upcoming fiscal year 2019-2020 through teaming with Florida Leadership and Legislation. The main goal of 2019 -2020 is to create recurring funding to support all of those programs already created through the hard work of the Florida Veterans Foundation. This will enable the FVF to reach over half of the Veteran population through work with Trilogy.

FY 2020 – 2021

The Florida Veterans Foundation will continue to expand its reach through Trilogy to all areas of the Florida, connecting Veterans in need with resources within their geographic regions. This service currently funded will identify services in areas where the Veterans reside. Through additional research FVF will work to be the registry of “Veteran Friendly” non-profit organizations that are credible and aligned with all service requirements necessary in the state. At the same time FVF will seek legislation to fund the Florida Veterans Memorial that will be placed in the Northeast corner of the Capitol grounds to honor all military services and Veterans. FVF will continue to partner in a public/private environment of a board that will commit resources of marketing and funding in support of Veterans. The additional collaborations will energize the base of supporters to seek better health and wellness to the Veteran community in a continued fight for elimination of opioid abuse and suicide. In 2020 – 2021 the Florida Veterans Foundation is striving for a 50% participation/enrollment of Florida Veterans and Active Duty on the Get Help Now 24 Suicide Prevention App. This will serve as a registry and resource for the population to include families. Additionally, FVF will continue to educate Veterans and their families on Alternative Therapy and Aging Veteran benefits.

FY 2021 – 2022

The Florida Veterans Foundation will continue to morph into a even greater creative body of service delivery to the Veteran population. To date the FVF has been establishing “Best Practices”, which has been carried into the FDVA’s Forward March. The basis for the Foundation has been to solicit the greatest talents and minds across Florida to predict events that future Veteran populations will face. The research and analysis of aging populations, medical, mental health, transition, legal, health and wellness, community, and benefits will continue to serve and forecast the necessary role that the Foundation will take on as time passes.

- A. A copy of the organizations code of ethics. (Exhibit A)**
- B. A copy of the organization’s most recent federal IRS Form 990. (Exhibit B)**
- C. A map of FVF districts. (Exhibit C)**

“Transition for Success”

The Florida Veterans Foundation Code of Ethics

Personal and Professional Integrity

The Florida Veterans Foundation staff, board members, and volunteers shall act with honesty, integrity and openness in all their dealings as representatives of the organization. The Florida Veterans Foundation promotes a working environment that values respect, fairness and integrity.

Pursuant to FSS 112.3251, all members of the Board shall abide by the following standards of conduct stated in FSS 112.313 and 112.3143(2):

- A. **SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** —No member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board shall solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board would be influenced thereby.
- B. **UNAUTHORIZED COMPENSATION** —No member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board or his or her spouse or minor child shall, at any time, accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value when such member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board knows, or, with the exercise of reasonable care, should know, that it was given to influence a vote or other action in which the member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board was expected to participate in his or her official capacity.
- C. **SALARY AND EXPENSES** —No member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board shall be prohibited from considering or voting on a matter affecting his or her salary, expenses, or other compensation as a member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board, as provided by law.
- D. **MISUSE OF PUBLIC POSITION** —No member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board shall corruptly use or attempt to use his or her official position or any property or resource which may be within his or her trust, or perform his or her official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself, herself, or others. This section shall not be construed to conflict with FSS 104.31.
- E. **DISCLOSURE OR USE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION** —A current or former member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board may not disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of his or her official position, except for information relating exclusively to governmental practices, for his or her personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.
- F. **EMPLOYEES HOLDING OFFICE** —
 - (1) No employee of the Florida Veterans Foundation shall hold office as a member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board while, at the same time, continuing as an employee of the Florida Veterans Foundation.

- (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person holding office on the Florida Veterans Foundation Board in violation of such provisions on the effective date of this Code of Ethics. However, such a person shall surrender his or her conflicting employment prior to accepting reappointment to the Florida Veterans Foundation Board.

G. VOTING CONFLICTS

A member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board may not vote on any matter that the member knows would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Any member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board who abstains from voting in an official capacity upon any measure that the member knows would inure to the member's special private gain or loss, or who votes in an official capacity on a measure that he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom the member is retained or to the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which the member is retained other than an agency as defined in FSS 112.312(2); or which the member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a relative or business associate of the member, shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for the member of the Florida Veterans Foundation Board to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

Mission

Florida Veterans Foundation shall have a clearly stated mission and purpose, approved by the Board, in pursuit of the good for the members of the Florida Veterans. The Florida Veterans Foundation's mission is to provide support to the men and women of the Florida Veterans in times of emergencies and deployments. To honor and assist those Soldiers and Airmen who have sacrificed their health and wellbeing for the security of our great State and Nation, and to preserve our rich history so the sacrifices of our Soldiers and Airmen are not forgotten. All Florida Veterans Foundation programs and operations shall support that mission and all who work for or on behalf of the organization will understand and be loyal to that mission and purpose. The mission shall be responsive to the needs of the Florida Veterans and their families.

By signing this document, the individual agrees to abide by the Standards of Conduct and to always represent the Florida Veterans Foundation in the best manner.



Minutes of the
Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
The Capitol, Suite 2107
Tallahassee, FL 32399

September 13, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Mason at 10:00 am. Chairman Mason began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence to honor retired ANC Colonel, Dr. Sharon Richie-Melvan. Mr. John Haynes, Chairman Emeritus offered kind words about Sharon, saying she was a tireless worker, and one of the original FVA members at large inducted July 8, 2008 * More information on Dr. Sharon Richie-Melvan is attached to the end of the minutes.
2. Dick Aquino led the group in prayer.
3. Directors in attendance were:
 - Chairman, Mike Mason, USA
 - Chairman Emeritus, John Haynes, USMC
 - President Dennis Baker, USN
 - District 1, West, Beatrice Love-Moore
 - District 1, East, John Haynes, USMC
 - District 2, Dick Aquino, USN
 - District 3 Mike Mason, USA
 - District 5, Chip Hanson, USMC
 - District 7, Don Lanman
 - District 8, Angel Figueroa, USA
 - FVVA Representatives
 - Retired Army Lt. Col. Glenn Sutphin, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs
 - Jessica Kraynak Hunter, FDVA Deputy Legislative and Cabinet Affairs Director
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 - Secretary, Anne Weeks
 - Directors absent were:
 - District 4, Gary Clark; District 6, John Petruska
4. Welcome and introductions were made by Chairman Mason.
 - a. Chairman Mason opened the floor for any public comments.

- b. District 2, Dick Aquino introduced Jim Rogers, USN who is on OJT for service officer. Jim has agreed to serve FVF as deputy director for District 2.
- c. Chairman Mason opened the floor for Jessica to speak on behalf of FDVA. She thanked the members of the Florida Veterans Foundation for partnering with the FDVA to fulfill their mission, and for all the Foundation does on behalf of Florida's veterans. Jessica also reported on two legislative proposals the FDVA will present in the upcoming legislative session. The first relates to the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame. (<http://www.floridaveteranshalloffame.org>) Currently under statute, the FDVA administers this program with no appropriation from state funding. The first legislative proposal for this program is to omit the wording "with no appropriation from state funds." This will allow the FDVA to look for other means of funding to keep the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame in operation. The statute also doesn't allow for the Veterans Hall of Fame council to receive travel reimbursement. (The Florida Veterans Hall of Fame council is a volunteer council.) A legislative proposal to reword this statute and omit the prohibition would allow council members to receive travel compensation for travel relating to Florida Veterans Hall of Fame business. This legislative proposal would remove limitations regarding the use of state funds for the administration of the Hall of Fame program and for the reimbursement of travel expenses for members of the Hall of Fame Council.
The second legislative proposal relates to a Homestead Property Tax Discount and provides that if certain conditions are met, the homestead property tax discount for certain disabled veterans carries over to the benefit of the veteran's surviving spouse until the surviving spouse remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the homestead property; provides that if the surviving spouse sells the property, the discount may be transferred to his or her new primary residence, subject to certain conditions, etc.
* See attached file for legislative action proposed by the FDVA.

5. Unfinished business:

Chairman Mason called for the approval of the minutes dated November 28, 2017 (Agenda read November 18, 2017 in error.)

Approval of the minutes as written:

- a. District 7 Director Don Lanman made a motion to accept the minutes as written
- b. District 1 Director Beatrice Love-Moore seconded the motion.
 - District 1 West Beatrice Love-Moore Yes
 - District 1 East John Haynes Yes
 - District 2 Dick Aquino Yes
 - District 3 Mike Mason Yes
 - District 4 Gary Clark Absent
 - District 5 Chip Hanson Yes
 - District 6 John Petruska Absent
 - District 7 Don Lanman Yes
 - District 8 Angel Figueroa Yes
- c. The motion passed unanimously.

6. President Dennis Baker gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Currently, the Florida Veterans Foundation has a \$65,000 balance in the general fund, with \$59,000 coming from restitution because 2015 South Florida Stand Down monies were misappropriated. A new budget is forthcoming within the next two months. Funding streams to be included are monies from the Crisis Center/Suicide Prevention, approximately \$50,000, the Department of Children & Families, \$50,000 and \$3,500 donated by

AARP for the benefit guides, \$1.2 mil from VISN 8, \$3,200 from Florida Assisted Living Association, and Florida Healthcare Association approximately \$1 mil.

- a. District 2 Dick Aquino motioned to approve the treasurer's report.
- b. District 1 East John Haynes seconded the motion.

District 1 West Beatrice Love-Moore Yes

District 1 East John Haynes Yes

District 2 Dick Aquino Yes

District 3 Mike Mason Yes

District 4 Gary Clark Absent

District 5 Chip Hanson Yes

District 6 John Petruska Absent

District 7 Don Lanman Yes

District 8 Angel Figueroa Yes

- c. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Chairman Mason gave the Chairman's Report on Foundation Initiatives:

a. Aging Veteran Benefits Initiative

On the *aging veterans benefits initiative*, and helping veterans access their benefits in assisted living facilities statewide, Chairman Mason asked Mr. Pete Ryan to respond. Mr. Ryan said, "Last year, in or about October and November 2017, the Foundation conducted a study and contacted 3,100 assisted living facilities statewide on aid and attendance and the application process. We reached out to the assisted living community statewide with a questionnaire that basically asked how many beds, how many clients serves, how many veterans served, what kind of referrals and where they made their referrals. We sent the questionnaire request by both direct mail and email to the online questionnaire. Out of the 3,100 we contacted, the response was less than what we had hoped with 75 responses. The responses were summarized in a report. This indicated a sufficient number of beds in the ALF's. Roughly two-thirds asked for more information about veterans benefits and about the Foundation and we provided that information. And while we were disappointed in the number of responses, this did make all ALF's aware that the Foundation exists. As a result of this initiative, we will attempt this again with a couple of corporations that serve veterans".

Chairman Mason said one of the organizations the Foundation will work with is the American Patriot Service Corporation, <https://apscnp.org/> out of Bountiful, Utah. Over the last several years they have worked with the system to submit 3,546 claims resulting in \$104,097,210 dollars. They have great experience and will use it to work with the Foundation. They estimate this could bring up to \$3.2 billion dollars in VA funds to Florida on an annual basis."

President Dennis Baker said the American Patriot Service Corp. would share 10% of the proceeds with the Foundation. This could be a significant revenue stream for the Foundation's budget.

The second corporation the Foundation will be working with is the National Association of Veterans and Families, <https://www.navf.org/> out of Green Cove Springs, Florida. In the past two years, they have submitted \$58,000,000 worth of claims with only one denial! The Foundation will be the benefactor of these monies as we work with these organizations.

b. Transportation Initiative

This is a Foundation sponsored initiative. The DAV operates a fleet of vehicles around the country to provide free transportation to VA medical facilities for injured and ill veterans. In the last six months, the DAV moved 7,700 veterans in Florida for a total of 192,000 miles traveled.

c. Emergency Financial Assistance Initiative

This is a Foundation sponsored initiative working with the American Legion. The American Legion is a great resource for emergency financial assistance, helping to meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses for veterans.

Currently working on the proposal to the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans that provides a discount from the amount of ad valorem tax on the homestead of a partially or totally permanently disabled veteran who is age 65 or older and, whose disability was combat-related. This exemption ends when the combat-wounded veteran dies. The Foundation is working with FDVA and legislators to extend this to the surviving spouse also, so that the surviving spouse isn't left with a higher tax bill in the face of the loss of their loved one. The proposal would extend this exemption for the life of the surviving spouse.

8. FDVA Executive Director Remarks

Retired Army Lt. Col. Glenn Sutphin, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

Lt Col. Sutphin thanked the Foundation for all it is doing for veterans in Florida.

Lt Col Sutphin has been speaking with Congressman Gus Bilirakis with the House VA Committee. What they would like to see is the DSO and the Foundation to expand what they are doing. The 5013c organizations are doing great things. Lt. Col. Sutphin asked the Foundation to bring the active 5013c organizations into the fold, and partner with them to leverage more monies for veterans in Florida. He believes we must work together to leverage funding statewide. He suggested the Foundation get these entities on the registries and websites so that veterans in counties throughout Florida can go online and find resources. He further suggested the Directors go and visit these organizations, to verify that they are solid organizations working on behalf of veterans. He asked that the Directors verify the monies are directly benefitting Florida's veterans and not the organizations themselves. He said we must work together to catch the 35 to 45 percent of veterans we are missing and who are not yet coming in for services. We must make sure they are getting better care. We need to work with these entities and the DSOs so that the DSOs can get monies to continue its mission. The DSO has great initiatives. If we can support at least 50% of these initiatives it will be a huge win for veterans.

Lt Col Sutphin requests the Foundation give him five things the Directors want him to accomplish.

Lt Col Sutphin said the property tax break proposal will be on the 2020-21 ballot, and he believes it will be approved.

Suicide Prevention Initiative— the money is appropriated, and we know this initiative is going to happen.

Lt Col Sutphin has been speaking with VA Secretary Robert Wilkie on the Mission Act, an initiative designed to improve veteran access to health care providers. Secretary Wilkie believes it will take 3 years to roll out this program. The adult daycare medical initiative (in-home care) is going to help families by keeping veterans out of nursing homes. It is going to give our families relief by giving them monies to take care of their veteran at home.

Lt Col Sutphin said he wants VSN 8 in charge over all of Florida, and not VSN 16 splitting Florida. We don't have a relationship with VSN 16 as it is primarily in Mississippi and Louisiana. He is finding too many veterans falling through the cracks between VSN 8 and VSN 16. He has made his case to Secretary Wilkie. Lt Col Sutphin asks that the Foundation consider what it can do to help the VA and the clinics to help our veterans.

Lt Col Sutphin said they are increasing the monies for the women veteran outreach initiative and hiring women to fill the positions for this initiative. Also, he would like to see quarterly meetings in the different quadrants of the state to gather information on these issues and to conduct needs assessments. Asking for \$100,000 to \$200,000 for women veteran outreach.

Lt Col Sutphin talked about competition for funding between the DSO's when there aren't enough monies for each one. This is where partnering with the 5013c's is so important to leverage monies for each area. The legislature is more inclined to give the monies to an entity like the Northeast Women Veterans Center, through the DSO. You have a better chance of securing monies for your area's programs where you can show you are partnering with the 501c3 organizations. The legislature is more inclined to fund these active programs that will directly benefit Florida's veterans. When you partner with a 501c3 entity, you are allowed by law to take up to 6% for administering the monies for the entity— for managing the contract. This gives you money to help veterans. The FDVA will not take any money off the top for administrative fees. Lt Col Sutphin wants to send as much money as possible down to assist veterans.

Chairman Mike Mason said last year we presented five ideas to push to FDVA, and he suggests we do the same thing this year. He said to come up with a list of trusted agencies, of 501c3's that specially help veterans, and put a plan together to present to FDVA.

Lt Col Sutphin said he would then get it to the respective senator and congressman to run the bills.

Director Don Lanman asked Lt Col Sutphin, what can the FDVA do to twist arms to get the legislature to allocate funding for the FVF, stating the FVF is out advocating for veterans on many levels. He said it would be helpful if the legislature could help the FVF with more funding.

Lt Col Sutphin replied the Florida Veterans Foundation is a DSO, a direct support organization. Lt Col Sutphin explained the legislature is disinclined to give money to any one DSO, because all sectors have DSO's— juvenile, corrections, veterans and if they give it to one DSO, they must give it to all of them. That is the reason we must come up with a specific program where we want and need money and then channel it through the DSO to the organization. Lt Col Sutphin would then attempt to get the program or project into the budget and get it passed. The DSO administering the contract could by law, take up to 6% for administering the contract with the 501c3 entity. If each DSO would partner with two or three organizations, that is how to get more monies. The legislature is looking to fund managing entities, so the DSO must look for programs and projects to manage.

Lt Col Sutphin talked about Veterans Florida. Veterans Florida is a non-profit corporation created by the State of Florida to help veterans as they transition to civilian life. Veterans Florida provides tools for veterans to take advantage of the benefits of living and working in the Sunshine State. The Executive Director position held by Roberto "Bobby" Carbonell is open, and Lt Col Sutphin asked the FVF to submit a viable candidate for the job, and to work to partner with the organization. This could help with future funding streams.

9. District Updates:

District 1 West Beatrice Love-Moore Nothing to present at this time

District 1 East John Haynes Nothing to present at this time

District 2 Dick Aquino Currently working with the Northeast Florida Women Veterans & Homeless Veterans

District 3 Mike Mason Spoke with Ron Desantis & and gave him the lottery ticket program the FVF is promoting in Florida. Also, have been distributing the benefits guides in District 3.

District 4 Gary Clark Absent

District 5 Chip Hanson with Co-Chair Bob Doyel Getting ready for a January Stand Down; District 5 would like support for this initiative. Working with a female outreach; We have over 20 service officers who have served close to 5,000 veterans and their families last year; We have a Food & Water program and a Suds program also; Working with MIAP, Missing in American Project: The purpose of the MIA Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal

organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes. This past July we helped put 22 veterans cremated remains into the columbarium at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery; https://www.miap.us/Media_Links.html

District 6 John Petruska Absent

District 7 Don Lanman In the past 9 months we have attended 40 events to get our message out to over 3000 people; Veterans Resource Center will be opening in early October.

District 8 Angel Figueroa Working with the Veterans Court; working on a Stand Down in Miami in October and will send information to invite everyone down for the Stand Down

10. Attorney General Grant, President Dennis Baker

- a. This grant has been administratively closed; we are still receiving numbers for the benefit of that grant.

11. Foundation Initiatives

- a. Working to build a best practices and registry for the Foundation where we will begin to register all 501c3's through the Foundation. This will help tie all our veteran resources by location and service provided. We will share this with all the county veteran service officers and district directors.
- b. Working with the Florida Courts on the Veterans Legal Resource Initiative to try and standardize veteran treatment courts with best practices statewide.
- c. On the Marketing Strategy for Sustained Growth, due to funding constraints, we are collaborating with various entities such as the two entities we talked about earlier; we are having to forge these collaborations in order to bring in different funding streams to support the Foundation on a recurring basis.
- d. Rolling out a phone ap for veterans in crisis for suicide prevention; they don't have to remember a number, just press one button on the phone to access the crisis center who connects the call to a peer to peer, veteran to veteran to get the veteran the help he or she needs in time of crisis.

12. A motion was made by Director Dick Aquino to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Director Angel Figueroa. The motion passed unanimously, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1 hour and 38 minutes.

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Sharon Richie-Melvan



Col. (R) Sharon Richie-Melvan, Ph.D.

Sharon Ivey Richie-Melvan grew up in the projects of Philadelphia. She won seats at two highly selective public magnet schools, laying the foundation for her success in Wagner's nursing program. Matriculating in 1967, Sharon was known on campus as a leader, representing Black Concern as Wagner's first African-American homecoming queen in 1969. The following year, she was part of the student group that occupied Cunard Hall, pushing the College to become a healthier, more inclusive institution.

Richie-Melvan went to boot camp for Army nurses after graduating Wagner in 1971. From day one, she felt at home among that family of warriors. In 1982, she became the first military nurse named as a White House Fellow. Richie-Melvan served in one leadership role after another throughout her Army career, including a stint as chief nurse for the Army Recruiting Command, visiting nursing schools across the nation to offer students the same opportunity that had started her on a highly rewarding military career. Over the years, 15 of those nursing recruits have made her the godmother of their children. Richie-Melvan served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps for 25 years, rising to the rank of full colonel — at the time, the youngest officer of that rank in the entire Army.

Since leaving the U.S. Army, Richie-Melvan has worked as a consultant. One of her clients was the United Arab Emirates, which asked her to help upgrade its military health services. She has co-authored a book, *Angel Walk: Nurses at War in Iraq and Afghanistan*, that was inspired by a column she writes for the newsletter of the Army Nurse Corps Association. She serves on the boards of several nonprofits, including the Military Officers Association of America and Excelsior College, SUNY's distance-learning arm.

The Wagner College Alumni Association honored Richie-Melvan in 1983 with the Alumna of the Year award, and named her a 2010 Distinguished Graduate of Wagner College. Posted in [Great Grads](#) on Feb. 6, 2013

Sharon Richie-Melvan '71 made history at Wagner College 40 years ago. Since then, she has lived up to her life's promise.

By Lee Manchester

Wagnerians first came to know a hard-working Philadelphia girl named Sharon Richie in 1967, when she matriculated as a nursing student. Two years later — 40 years ago this fall — she made College history as Wagner's first African-American homecoming queen.

"I learned early on that I was never going to get the assignment I asked for," she says. "I always got something better."

This is the story of the remarkable life — the "something better" — that Sharon Richie-Melvan has found since leaving Grymes Hill in 1971.

Growing up Richie

William Richie Sr. and Helen Lucille Richie raised their seven children — four girls, three boys — in the projects of South Philly. Bill worked in a sporting goods store; Helen stayed home with the kids.

"My dad instilled in us the belief that no one was better than you," Sharon Richie-Melvan says.

"Our family had a drive to excel, to rise above our circumstances," adds her younger sister, Marsha Richie Williams. "Even when we were living in the projects, we had a plaque on the wall. A man was sitting in a boat, fishing, and the caption read, 'If you're so smart, why ain't you rich?' We changed it to read, 'If you're so smart, why ain't you a Richie?'"

"She always had that drive; there's always been a moving force about her," Williams says. "Sharon was always 'The General,' was always encouraging us, and when I looked at her, I knew I could achieve anything."

Sharon and her brother, Bill Jr., were chosen to attend Philadelphia's highly selective public magnet schools, which at the time had a mostly Caucasian student body.

“It was a revelation for me to learn that most people didn’t live in the projects,” Richie-Melvan says.

When the time came for Sharon to find a college, her school’s first-ever African-American guidance counselor steered her in the right direction, with help from the NAACP.

“They sent out a list of colleges who needed black students,” Richie-Melvan recalls. “I wanted a liberal arts college with a nursing program located close to Philadelphia, and Wagner offered a very tight financial package of scholarships and work-study — just enough to make it possible for me to enroll.”

Queen Sharon the First

“In the fall of 1967, when I first enrolled, the College had eight or nine black students,” Richie-Melvan says. “By the time I was a junior, in 1969, there were 83.”

Though most of her energies went into her studies, Richie-Melvan was also an active member of Black Concern, an African-American student group. In the fall of 1969, as homecoming approached, Black Concern decided to take an unprecedented step: It would put forward a candidate for homecoming queen in the contest previously reserved for Greek organizations.

As one of the few female upperclassmen in Black Concern, Richie-Melvan was drafted for the role.

Lonnie Brandon '78, the group's president, recalls the astute electioneering that probably



won Sharon her crown.

“There were 83 black students out of a student body of 2,400,” Brandon says. “We couldn't win with just the black students' votes. We enlisted a group of white students who otherwise wouldn't have voted for anyone. You'd probably call them 'hippies.'”

On the night of October 30, 1969, when the votes were counted, Sharon Richie had won.

“I was shocked!” she says. “I couldn't believe it!”

But one of Richie-Melvan's roommates, Mary Ann Murphy Pekaar '71, wasn't surprised at all.

“There was a lot of excitement generated around that,” Pekaar says, “but I don't think it was any surprise that Sharon won. She was vivacious — just a real person.”

Falling in Love with the Army

While she was still in college, Richie-Melvan had signed up for a three-year tour of duty in the Army, more out of financial desperation than anything else. It proved to be a fateful decision on more than one count.

First of all, the Army's scholarship and stipend allowed her to quit her part-time jobs and focus on her studies. “For the first time, I made the Dean's List,” she says. “Before, I had been a B or C student.”

The summer after her graduation from Wagner College, Second Lieutenant Sharon Richie reported to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, for basic training in the Army Nurse Corps.

“After just one week in basic, I told them, ‘I want to sign up for that 20-year program.’ There was something about the camaraderie of the Army that grabbed me right away,” Richie-Melvan says. “We’d go to class from 7:30 to 4 and the instructors, all lieutenant colonels, were so tough on us — but at 5 o’clock, we’d all go over to the officers’ club, and you’d be dancing with your instructors. Then we’d go back to the barracks, study, sleep, get up and do it all over again. I loved it!”

And the Army loved her back.

For 11 years, Richie-Melvan cultivated her career as a military nurse, starting in an orthopedic ward with Vietnam amputees at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. After taking a year off active duty, with pay, to finish her M.S. in psychiatric nursing at the University of Texas at San Antonio, she helped break ground for the Army’s first residential drug and alcohol treatment program in Stuttgart, Germany, before returning to the States for a tour in the Pentagon’s Office for Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

A bulletin-board flyer, however, sent Major Richie on a detour — to the White House.

Leadership at a Higher Level

It was her husband, Richie-Melvan says, who saw a flyer on a bulletin board advertising the White House Fellows program while the couple was living in Germany. He thought the prestigious leadership program, which allows young men and women to work for a year at the highest levels of the federal government, sounded like something Richie-Melvan would enjoy.

In 1981, the Army personnel office rejected her application, claiming that she was too young for the fellowship. When she shared that information with the head of her office at the Pentagon, Brigadier General William Louisell, he said, “I want that application.”



The following year, Richie-Melvan was one of the 14 young professionals selected from among 1,200 applicants nationwide to become a White House Fellow. She spent her fellowship year working with Richard Williamson, President Reagan's assistant for intergovernmental affairs.

For some Army White House Fellows — like a young lieutenant colonel named Colin Powell, who had made his first foray into the wider world of government service as a White House Fellow 10 years earlier — the experience changed their careers.

“As White House Fellows, we were taught that government is here to serve everyone,” Richie-Melvan says. “An ordinary person ought to be able to write a letter to the president and get an answer. That’s the kind of government we were reaching for.”

A Service Ethic

That service ethic guided Richie-Melvan through the next stage of her military career.

In 1983, Lieutenant Colonel Richie returned to active duty in the Army Nurse Corps, serving in various positions at several duty stations. At San Francisco's Letterman Army Medical Center, Richie-Melvan was chief of staff for more than 500 Army nurses. As Charles P. Garcia writes in a recent book, *Leadership Lessons of the White House Fellows: Learn How To Inspire Others, Achieve Greatness and Find Success in Any Organization*, she was known for her personal touch: meeting every nurse, helping them achieve their personal and professional goals, and sending congratulatory notes to individuals celebrating their promotions, birthdays, anniversaries, and births.

“The bottom line was they knew they could always call me to help them if they needed it,” Richie-Melvan told Garcia. “At their exit briefings, when they were changing duty stations, many staff members shared that they knew I cared about them and that I made a difference in their lives.”

Later, as chief nurse for the Army Recruiting Command, she visited nursing schools around America, offering students the same opportunity that had started her on a military career at Wagner College.

“I felt like I had birthed these hundreds of nurses,” Richie-Melvan says. Fifteen of those Army nurses, now stationed across the globe, made her the godmother of their children.

In 1986, at the age of 36, Richie-Melvan was promoted to full colonel — at that time, the youngest officer of that rank in the entire Army.

“She had the ‘colonel stance,’ the command attitude, and she knew what she was doing,” says sister Marsha Williams, “but there was always that compassion in the middle of it.

“As long as she has something to give, she’ll find a way to give it.”



Reaching Out

Since Richie-Melvan’s retirement from the Army in 1996, her giving has in no way slowed down.

During her first year of retirement, she completed a Ph.D. in organizational behavior and development at George Washington University and began working as a consultant. For several years, she lived in the United Arab Emirates while working on a project to upgrade military health services for Emirate soldiers and dependents.

She has also stayed intimately connected to what she calls her “forever family” in the Army Nurse Corps. Several years ago, Richie-Melvan was attending the annual convention of the Army Nurse Corps Association when the group’s president announced

that she wanted ANCA members to reach out to nurses coming back from combat hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“I had already written about the experiences of combat nurses returning from Vietnam,” Richie-Melvan says. “That was the subject of my big paper for the Army War College. At the convention, I decided to do phone interviews with Iraq and Afghanistan nurses around the country.”

In August 2006, the ANCA newsletter started publishing Richie-Melvan’s interviews in a column entitled “Lean On Me.” Later this year, Arnica Creative Services will publish her book, *Angel Walk: Nurses at War*, based on these columns and her previous research. For Richie-Melvan, combat nurses are, indeed, angels. “I want you to know that you could meet one of these angels of the battlefield today in your church, at a school board meeting, or while shopping for groceries,” she writes in the book’s introduction.

For many, Richie-Melvan herself embodies this spirit of strength and service, whether she is providing for the needs of nervous employees whose company is being reorganized, checking in on her fellow church members as their prayer chaplain, or contributing to the local or national boards of the 370,000-member Military Officers Association of America.

“When she retired,” Marsha Williams says, “we gave her a rocking chair about two inches high, because we knew she’d never sit still.”

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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2017

Open to Public Inspection

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

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jul 1, 2017, and ending Jun 30, 2018

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

C Name of organization Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc
 Doing business as _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
400 S. Monroe Street 2105-D
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

D Employer identification number
26-2748811

E Telephone number
(850) 488-4181

F Name and address of principal officer:
Washington Sanchez, 400 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

G Gross receipts \$ 236,025.

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)() (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: www.floridaveteransfoundation.org

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 2008

M State of legal domicile: FL

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>To support the Florida Dept. of Veterans Affairs, the veterans of the state, and congressionally chartered veteran service organizations.</u>		
	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)	3	11
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	11
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	4
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	570,161.	235,646.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	17,586.	
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,734.	-11,397.
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	589,481.	224,249.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	632,460.	447,065.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	3,421.	85,736.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	15,000.	6,334.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>6,334.</u>		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	98,978.	18,479.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	749,859.	557,614.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-160,378.	-333,365.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	568,715.	25,787.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	213,146.	3,583.
			355,569.	22,204.

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: _____ Date: 09/27/2018

Dennis Baker, President
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: Steven R. Richards Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____

Check if self-employed PTIN: P01254476

Firm's name ▶ Richards, Mitchell, & Cross, P.A. Firm's EIN ▶ 46-4063801

Firm's address ▶ 2123 Centre Pointe Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308 Phone no. (850) 425-1040

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To support the Florida Dept. of Veterans Affairs,
the veterans of the state, and congressionally
chartered veteran service organizations.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ 535,438. including grants of \$ 447,065.) (Revenue \$ 235,646.)

Costs incurred to assist and support Florida's Veterans, especially those
in need of emergency assistance.

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses **▶** 535,438.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2 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>	11a 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
12 a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a 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>	13	X
14 a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	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>	15	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>	16	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 (see instructions)</i>	17	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>	18	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>	19	X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

	Yes	No
20 a 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?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		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>		X
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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 1a through 14b regarding IRS filings and tax compliance.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 1a 11 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b 11		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official		X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► FL
- 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.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ►
 Dennis Baker, 400 S Monroe St, 2107, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001 (850)488-4181

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 dotted 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) Mike Mason Chairman	10.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(2) Gary Clark Director	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(3) Dennis Baker President	30.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(4) Dick Aquino Director	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) Beatrice Love-Moore Director	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) Don Lanham Director	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) Susan Carabello Director	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) John L Haynes Chairman Emeritus	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) Angel Figueroa Director	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (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			
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Sub-total							0.	0.	0.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							0.	0.	0.	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns 1a					
	b Membership dues 1b					
	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	235,646.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶	235,646.				
Program Service Revenue	Business Code					
	2a -----					
	b -----					
	c -----					
	d -----					
	e -----					
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶	379.	0.	0.	379.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other	0.			
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		11,776.			
	c Gain or (loss)		-11,776.			
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶	-11,776.	-11,776.	0.	0.	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 a					
	b Less: direct expenses b					
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . ▶					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a					
	b Less: direct expenses b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶					
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
b Less: cost of goods sold b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue						
Business Code						
11a -----						
b -----						
c -----						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12 Total revenue. See instructions. ▶	224,249.	-11,776.	0.	379.		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	245,000.	245,000.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	202,065.	202,065.		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	80,484.	68,410.	12,074.	0.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	5,252.	3,405.	1,847.	0.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	870.	870.	0.	0.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	6,334.			6,334.
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	1,343.	1,343.	0.	0.
12 Advertising and promotion	76.	76.	0.	0.
13 Office expenses	5,955.	5,060.	895.	0.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,818.	2,218.	600.	0.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,490.	1,490.	0.	0.
23 Insurance	579.	579.	0.	0.
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 Bank & Merchant Fees	426.	0.	426.	0.
b Staff Development	550.	550.	0.	0.
c Insurance	579.	579.	0.	0.
d Miscellaneous	3,793.	3,793.	0.	0.
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	557,614.	535,438.	15,842.	6,334.
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 type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	553,928.	1	23,277.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 3,041.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,521.	14,787.	10c 1,520.
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0.	11	990.
	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)		568,715.	16	25,787.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,812.	17	3,583.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	208,334.	19	0.
	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		213,146.	26
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	338,763.	27	22,204.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	16,806.	28	
	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	355,569.	33	22,204.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	568,715.	34	25,787.	

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	224,249.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	557,614.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-333,365.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	355,569.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	22,204.

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	
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		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
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc	Employer identification number 26-2748811
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33¹/₃% 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 33¹/₃% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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						
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)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
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 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2017. 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 type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test—2016. 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—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<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 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	257,226.	335,262.	836,275.	587,747.	235,636.	2,252,146.
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	257,226.	335,262.	836,275.	587,747.	235,636.	2,252,146.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						2,252,146.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	257,226.	335,262.	836,275.	587,747.	235,636.	2,252,146.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	107.	145.	595.	1,734.	379.	2,960.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	107.	145.	595.	1,734.	379.	2,960.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	257,333.	335,407.	836,870.	589,481.	236,015.	2,255,106.
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.87 %
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99.88 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.13 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.12 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2017. 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2016. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>	2a		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>	2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>	3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>	3b		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3.	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4).	8		
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3		
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6 Multiply line 5 by .035.	6		
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2 Enter 85% of line 1.	2		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6		
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

Schedule of Contributors

2017

▶ **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
 ▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

Name of the organization Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc	Employer identification number 26-2748811
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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, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions 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 an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled 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. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't 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 doesn't 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	JP Morgan Chase Bank 712 Main Street, 4E Houston TX 77002	\$ 208,333.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	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., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor.** 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. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____
 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
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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Name of the organization: Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc. Employer identification number: 26-2748811

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two Yes/No questions regarding donor advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes questions about purpose of easements, total number and acreage, and monitoring requirements. Includes a table for 'Held at the End of the Tax Year' with rows 2a, 2b, 2c, and 2d.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions about reporting requirements and amounts for revenue and assets.

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

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

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

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

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %
- b** Permanent endowment ▶ %
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ %

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

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

- (i)** unrelated organizations
- (ii)** related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		3,041.	1,521.	1,520.
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ▶ 1,520.

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered “Yes” on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered “Yes” on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered “Yes” on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered “Yes” on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

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

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

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include description, sub-row labels (2a-2d, 4a-4b), and final totals (1, 2e, 3, 4c, 5).

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include description, sub-row labels (2a-2d, 4a-4b), and final totals (1, 2e, 3, 4c, 5).

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.

Series of horizontal dashed lines provided for entering supplemental information.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (*continued*)

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Employer identification number

26-2748811

Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? **Yes** **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

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

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 noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Five Star Veterans 40 Acme Street Jacksonville FL 32211	45-3545974		60,000.				Assist Veterans
(2) Project VetRelief, Inc. 1912-A Lee Rd Orlando FL 32810	47-1474102		175,000.				Vet emergency fds
(3) NE Florida Women Veterans, Inc. 2133 Broadway Avenue Jacksonville FL 32209	30-0758834		10,000.				Assist women vets
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule I (Form 990) (2017)

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**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Pt VI, Line 12c: The organization requires members of the Board to sign the
conflict of interest statement annually.

Pt VI, Line 11b: The organization provides a copy of Form 990 to Board members
for their review and comment prior to signing the return and sending it to the
IRS.

IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

For calendar year 2017, or fiscal year beginning Jul 1, 2017, and ending Jun 30, 20 18

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8879EO for the latest information.

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Name of exempt organization Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc	Employer identification number 26-2748811
Name and title of officer Dennis Baker, President	

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . .	1b <u>224,249.</u>
2a Form 990-EZ check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b _____
3a Form 1120-POL check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b _____
4a Form 990-PF check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5) . . .	4b _____
5a Form 8868 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b _____

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2017 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize _____ to enter my PIN

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 as my signature
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2017 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2017 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature Date **09/27/2018**

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

5	9	4	0	5	3	4	4	3	9	3
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Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2017 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature Date

ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So

Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

(Rev. January 2017)

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► **File a separate application for each return.**
► **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8868.**

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile, click on Charities & Non-Profits, and click on e-file for Charities and Non-Profits.

Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions	
	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc	Employer identification number (EIN) or 26-2748811
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 400 S. Monroe Street, #2105-D	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Tallahassee FL 32399-0001	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

• The books are in the care of ► Dennis Baker

Telephone No. ► (850) 488-4181 Fax No. ► _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until May 15, 20 19, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- calendar year 20 ____ or
- tax year beginning Jul 1, 20 17, and ending Jun 30, 20 18.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

Caution: If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.