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**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Form 990

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

**[2016]**

**For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning SEP 1, 2016 and ending AUG 31, 2017**

**C Name of organization**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS FOUNDATION**

**D Employer Identification number**

43-1758998

**E Telephone number**

(816) 756-3390

**F Name and address of principal officer**

BRIAN J. DUFFY

KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

**G Gross receipts $**

8,580,767

**J Website**

WWW.VFWFOUNDATION.ORG

**K Form of organization**

Corp

**L Year of formation**

1996

**State of legal domicile**

MO

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**Part I | Summary**

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

   **ASSIST VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES; DIRECT PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS**

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

3. Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3

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

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

6. Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 100

7. Total unrelated business revenue from Form 990-T, line 34 7a.

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

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**Revenue**

8. Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 2,462,245.

   - Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 0.

9. Income from investments (Part VIII, column A, lines 3, 4, and 7d) 485,058.

10. Other revenue (Part VIII, column A, lines 5, 6b, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 0.

11. Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column A, line 12) 2,947,303.


   - Current Year 4,550,482.

**Expenses**


   - Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column A, line 4) 0.

14. Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column A, lines 5 to 10) 408,468.

15. Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column D, line 25) 0.

   - Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column A, line 11e) 281,451.

16. Other expenses (Part IX, column A, lines 11a to 11d, 11f to 24a) 323,371.

17. Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column A, line 25) 3,183,780.

18. Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 2,763,942.

19. Prior Year 0.

   - Current Year 5,213,406.

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**Net Assets or Fund Balances**

20. Total assets (Part X, line 16) 11,343,241.

21. Total liabilities (Part X, line 23) 0.

22. Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 10,669,159.

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**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. The declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

DEBRA ANDERSON, SECRETARY/TAJEURER

**Date**

12/24/2017

**Preparer's name**

ROBERT H. FRANK

**Preparer's signature**

12/18/17

**Preparer's EIN**

54-1156733

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SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION