

Form **990**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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OMB No 1545-0047
2017
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017, and ending 12-31-2017

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

C Name of organization
GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
8001 FORBES PLACE NO 202

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
SPRINGFIELD, VA 221512205

D Employer identification number
52-1256643

E Telephone number
(703) 321-8585

G Gross receipts \$ 2,276,537

F Name and address of principal officer
ERICH PRATT
8001 FORBES PLACE NO 202
SPRINGFIELD, VA 221512205

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

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.GUNOWNERS.ORG

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1976

M State of legal domicile CA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF GUN OWNERS, INCLUDING PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE AND BENEFITS OF FIREARMS OWNERSHIP, AND CONDUCTING EDUCATION AND POLICY RELATED TO SUCH RIGHTS

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

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| 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 5 |
| 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 0 |
| 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 16 |
| 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 |

| | Prior Year | Current Year |
|---|------------|--------------|
| 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 2,258,057 | 2,272,624 |
| 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 0 | 0 |
| 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 1,544 | 1,179 |
| 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 0 | 2,734 |
| 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 2,259,601 | 2,276,537 |
| 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | 0 | 0 |
| 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | 0 | 0 |
| 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 818,298 | 793,968 |
| 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | 0 | 0 |
| b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 371,021 | | |
| 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 1,544,302 | 1,334,665 |
| 18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2,362,600 | 2,128,633 |
| 19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 | -102,999 | 147,904 |

| | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 978,910 | 1,134,431 |
| 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 108,085 | 115,702 |
| 22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 870,825 | 1,018,729 |

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: 2018-10-29
ERICH PRATT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: GARY P FITZGERALD
Preparer's signature: GARY P FITZGERALD
Date: 2018-10-28
Check if self-employed
PTIN: P00177612
Firm's name: FITZGERALD & CO CPAS PC
Firm's EIN: 54-1588999
Firm's address: 8150 LEESBURG PIKE SUITE 500
Phone no: (703) 847-4600
VIENNA, VA 22182

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF GUN OWNERS, INCLUDING PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE AND BENEFITS OF FIREARMS OWNERSHIP, AND CONDUCTING EDUCATION AND POLICY RELATED TO SUCH RIGHTS

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,033,366 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

















4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 215,285 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 186,580 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 1,435,231

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | No |
| 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> | | No |
| 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> | | No |
| 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> | Yes | |
| 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> | | No |
| 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> | | No |
| b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | No |
| 26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> | | No |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | | No |
| 28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions) | | |
| a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | Yes | |
| 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> | Yes | |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | No |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | No |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | No |
| 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> | | No |
| 33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> | | No |
| 34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> | Yes | |
| 35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | | No |
| b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | |
| 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> | | No |
| 38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O | Yes | |

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, charitable contributions, and 501(c)(7), (12), and (29) organizations.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (Voting members at end of tax year: 5), 1b (Independent members: 0), 2 (Family/business relationships), 3 (Management delegation), 4-6 (Governing documents, asset diversion, members), 7a-7b (Governance decisions), 8 (Meeting documentation), 9 (Officer reachability).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a-10b (Local chapters/policies), 11a-11b (Form 990 distribution), 12a-12c (Conflict of interest policy), 13 (Whistleblower policy), 14 (Document retention), 15a-15b (Compensation review), 16a-16b (Joint ventures).

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 (States for Form 990: VA, PA, SC, KS, WV, ME), 18 (Public inspection: Own website, Another's website, Upon request, Other), 19 (Governing documents availability), 20 (Officer contact info: ERICH PRATT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 8001 FORBES PLACE 202 SPRINGFIELD, VA 221512205 (703) 321-8585).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (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) TIM MACY CHAIRMAN & SEC/TREAS | 30 00 3 00 | X | | X | | | | 124,000 | 0 | 0 |
| (2) HL RICHARDSON VICE CHAIRMAN | 10 00 10 00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (3) GERRY OGNIBENE DIRECTOR | 5 00 4 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) SAMUEL A PAREDES DIRECTOR | 5 00 55 00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 72,400 | 0 |
| (5) ERICH PRATT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | 35 00 5 00 | X | | X | | | | 71,000 | 35,000 | 0 |
| (6) LAWRENCE D PRATT RETIRED 72018 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS | 30 00 3 00 | | | X | | | | 67,471 | 32,291 | 0 |
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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 | | | |
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| 1b Sub-Total | | | |
| 1c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | |
| 1d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | 262,471 | 139,691 | 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 ▶ **1**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| VOTE RITE SYSTEMS INC 3440 VIKING DRIVE SUITE 102 SACRAMENTO, CA 95827 | COMPUTER SERVICES | 146,421 |
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2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ **1**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

| | | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514 | |
|--|---|---|----------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | 214,149 | | | | |
| | 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 | 2,058,475 | | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____ | | | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | 2,272,624 | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2a _____ | Business Code | | | | | |
| | b _____ | | | | | | |
| | c _____ | | | | | | |
| | d _____ | | | | | | |
| | e _____ | | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | 1,179 | | | 1,179 | |
| | 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 | | | | |
| | | b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | | |
| | | c Gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | | d Net gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 | a | | | | | |
| | | b Less direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | | | |
| | 9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | | | |
| b Less direct expenses | | b | | | | | |
| 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 OTHER INCOME | 900099 | 2,734 | 2,734 | | | | |
| b _____ | | | | | | | |
| c _____ | | | | | | | |
| d All other revenue | | | | | | | |
| e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | 2,734 | | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See Instructions | | 2,276,537 | 2,734 | 0 | 1,179 | | |

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

| | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. | | | | |
| 1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21. | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22. | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16. | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members. | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. | 262,471 | 231,227 | 13,847 | 17,397 |
| 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. | 350,621 | 246,052 | 46,891 | 57,678 |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions). | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits. | 135,815 | 105,033 | 13,766 | 17,016 |
| 10 Payroll taxes. | 45,061 | 35,079 | 4,464 | 5,518 |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees) | | | | |
| a Management. | | | | |
| b Legal. | 46,412 | 46,412 | | |
| c Accounting. | 71,770 | 21,268 | 50,502 | |
| d Lobbying. | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17. | | | | |
| f Investment management fees. | | | | |
| g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O). | 225,166 | 81,166 | | 144,000 |
| 12 Advertising and promotion. | 51,774 | 25,887 | | 25,887 |
| 13 Office expenses. | | | | |
| 14 Information technology. | | | | |
| 15 Royalties. | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy. | 86,509 | 67,345 | 8,571 | 10,593 |
| 17 Travel. | | | | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials. | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings. | 70,771 | 60,155 | 3,539 | 7,077 |
| 20 Interest. | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates. | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization. | 5,722 | 4,454 | 567 | 701 |
| 23 Insurance. | 3,146 | 3,146 | | |
| 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 MAILING, DELIVERY AND P | 236,972 | 194,083 | | 42,889 |
| b BAD DEBT EXPENSE | 124,060 | | 124,060 | |
| c PRINTING AND PUBLICATIO | 116,570 | 95,614 | | 20,956 |
| d COMPUTER SERVICES | 73,829 | 66,309 | 3,760 | 3,760 |
| e All other expenses | 221,964 | 152,001 | 52,414 | 17,549 |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e. | 2,128,633 | 1,435,231 | 322,381 | 371,021 |
| 26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | 386,440 | 291,296 | 0 | 95,144 |

Part X Balance Sheet

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

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|---|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Assets | 1 Cash—non-interest-bearing | 156,840 | 1 | 229,807 |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 669,651 | 2 | 730,829 |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | | 3 | |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 70,100 | 4 | 91,380 |
| | 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 | 70,733 | 9 | 60,466 |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 41,570 | | |
| | b Less accumulated depreciation | 26,158 | | |
| | | 5,049 | 10c | 15,412 |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | |
| | 13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | |
| | 14 Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| 15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11 | 6,537 | 15 | 6,537 | |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 978,910 | 16 | 1,134,431 | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 108,085 | 17 | 115,702 |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | | 19 | |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 25 | |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 108,085 | 26 | 115,702 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets | 859,916 | 27 | 1,007,820 |
| | 28 Temporarily restricted net assets | 10,909 | 28 | 10,909 |
| | 29 Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 | |
| | 30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. 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 | 870,825 | 33 | 1,018,729 |
| | 34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 978,910 | 34 | 1,134,431 |

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 | 2,276,537 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 2,128,633 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 147,904 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 870,825 |
| 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 | 0 |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 1,018,729 |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

| | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------|-----|----|
| <p>1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O</p> | | | |
| <p>2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p> | 2a | | No |
| <p>b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p> | 2b | Yes | |
| <p>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?</p> <p>If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O</p> | 2c | | No |
| <p>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?</p> | 3a | | No |
| <p>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</p> | 3b | | |

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Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ADVOCACY RELATING TO THE ISSUE OF FIREARM OWNERSHIP RIGHTS IN AMERICA

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

NEWSLETTER DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, DISSEMINATION OF NEWS AND ANALYSIS ON STATE FIREARMS RIGHTS
ISSUE

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

MEMBERSHIP TO UPDATE AND INFORM MEMBERS ON THE PROGRESS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND FUTURE PROGRAMS OF THE ORGANIZATION

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities
For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then
 ● Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
 ● Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
 ● Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only
If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then
 ● Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
 ● Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A
If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then
 ● Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

| | |
|---|--|
| Name of the organization GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA INC | Employer identification number 52-1256643 |
|---|--|

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

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ \$ 15,807
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) _____

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

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

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

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

| (a) Name | (b) Address | (c) EIN | (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0- | (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0- |
|----------|-------------|---------|---|--|
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | |
| 6 | | | | |

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

| (a) Filing organization's totals | (b) Affiliated group totals |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|

- 1a** Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)
- b** Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)
- c** Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)
- d** Other exempt purpose expenditures
- e** Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)
- f** Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

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

- g** Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)
- h** Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-
- i** Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-
- j** If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?

| | |
|--|--|
| | |
| | |
| | |

Yes No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2014 | (b) 2015 | (c) 2016 | (d) 2017 | (e) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 2a Lobbying nontaxable amount | | | | | |
| b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e)) | | | | | |
| c Total lobbying expenditures | | | | | |
| d Grassroots nontaxable amount | | | | | |
| e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) | | | | | |
| f Grassroots lobbying expenditures | | | | | |

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

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

| Return Reference | Explanation |
|------------------|---|
| PART I-A, LINE 1 | IN 2017, THE ORGANIZATION MADE AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE FOR A MAILING IN SUPPORT OF A CANDIDATE FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC OFFICE, WHO WAS IN FAVOR OF PROTECTING SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- | | Amount |
|--|--------|
| c Beginning balance | |
| d Additions during the year | |
| e Distributions during the year | |
| f 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 in Part XIII

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

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

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) unrelated organizations | | Yes | No |
| 3a(i) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) related organizations | | | |
| 3a(ii) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | | | |
| 3b | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 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 | | 32,420 | 20,142 | 12,278 |
| e Other | | 9,150 | 6,016 | 3,134 |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶ | | | | 15,412 |

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 |
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| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
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| (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) | |
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| (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.

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

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

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

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

| | | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | | 1 | 2,284,818 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12 | | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 2a | | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII) | 2d | 8,281 | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | 2e | 8,281 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | 3 | 2,276,537 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII) | 4b | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | 4c | 0 |
| 5 | Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12) | | 5 | 2,276,537 |

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

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

| | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | 1 | 2,146,878 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25 | | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII) | 2d | 18,245 | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | 2e | 18,245 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | 3 | 2,128,633 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII) | 4b | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | 4c | 0 |
| 5 | Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18) | | 5 | 2,128,633 |

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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| See Additional Data Table | |
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Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 52-1256643

Name: GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA INC

Supplemental Information

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| PART X, LINE 2 | THE ORGANIZATION IS GENERALLY EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE THE ORGANIZATION APPLIES THE ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES GUIDANCE, FASB CODIFICATION TOPIC 740, "ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME TAXES" THE ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE PRESCRIBES A RECOGNITION THRESHOLD AND MEASUREMENT ATTRIBUTE FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION AND MEASUREMENT OF A TAX POSITION TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A TAX RETURN AND ALSO PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON VARIOUS RELATED MATTERS SUCH AS DERECOGNITION, INTEREST, PENALTIES AND DISCLOSURES REQUIRED THE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES INTEREST AND PENALTIES, IF ANY, RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN THE APPLICABLE OPERATING EXPENSE ACCOUNT |

Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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| PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS | POLITICAL VICTORY FUND INCOME 8,281 |

Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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| PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS | POLITICAL VICTORY FUND EXPENSES 18,245 |

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Employer identification number
52-1256643

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

| | Yes | No | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| <p>1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table> | <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees | <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain</p> | 1b | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</p> | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table> | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization</p> <p>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p> <p>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p> <p>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III</p> | 4a | No | | | | | | | | |
| | 4b | No | | | | | | | | |
| | 4c | No | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</p> <p>5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of</p> <p>a The organization?</p> <p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III</p> | 5a | No | | | | | | | | |
| | 5b | No | | | | | | | | |
| <p>6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of</p> <p>a The organization?</p> <p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III</p> | 6a | No | | | | | | | | |
| | 6b | No | | | | | | | | |
| <p>7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III</p> | 7 | Yes | | | | | | | | |
| <p>8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III</p> | 8 | No | | | | | | | | |
| <p>9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p> | 9 | | | | | | | | | |

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation | | | (C) Retirement and other deferred compensation | (D) Nontaxable benefits | (E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D) | (F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990 |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | (i) Base compensation | (ii) Bonus & incentive compensation | (iii) Other reportable compensation | | | | |
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Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

| Return Reference | Explanation |
|------------------|---|
| PART I, LINE 7 | MR. GERALD OGNIBENE IS VOTE RITE SYSTEMS, INC.'S 100% OWNER AND PRESIDENT, AND IS ALSO A GOA DIRECTOR. VOTE RITE SYSTEMS, INC. RECEIVED PAYMENT OF \$146,421 FOR CAGING AND COMPUTER SERVICES FROM GOA. |

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

OMB No 1545-0047

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
 ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
 ▶ **Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)
 Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

| 1 | (a) Name of disqualified person | (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization | (c) Description of transaction | (d) Corrected? | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----|
| | | | | Yes | No |
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2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
 Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

| (a) Name of interested person | (b) Relationship with organization | (c) Purpose of loan | (d) Loan to or from the organization? | | (e) Original principal amount | (f) Balance due | (g) In default? | | (h) Approved by board or committee? | | (i) Written agreement? | |
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| | | | To | From | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
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Total ▶ \$ _____

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
 Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

| (a) Name of interested person | (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization | (c) Amount of assistance | (d) Type of assistance | (e) Purpose of assistance |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
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Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

| (a) Name of interested person | (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization | (c) Amount of transaction | (d) Description of transaction | (e) Sharing of organization's revenues? | |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|----|
| | | | | Yes | No |
| (1) JULIE PAREDES BENSON | FAMILY RELATIONSHIP | 24,000 | SALARY | | No |
| (2) ERICH PRATT | FAMILY RELATIONSHIP | 71,000 | SALARY | | No |
| (3) VOTE RITE SYSTEMS INC | ENTITY 100% OWNED BY A DIRECTOR | 146,421 | CAGING AND COMPUTER SERVICES | | No |
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Part V Supplemental Information

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

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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| FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2 | THERE IS A FAMILY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN H L RICHARDSON AND SAMUEL PAREDES |

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
|---|---|
| FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B | ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATION'S LEGAL COUNSEL, REVIEW THE 2017 FORM 990 BEFORE BEING FILED |

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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| FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19 | COPIES OF THE ORGANIZATIONS'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOT ROUTINELY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC |

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G | CAGING FEES PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 0 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 144,000 TOTAL EXPENSES 144,000 CONSULTING PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 81,166 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0 TOTAL EXPENSES 81,166 |

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
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| FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E | <p>OFFICE SUPPLIES PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 47,983 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 6,106 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 7,548 TOTAL EXPENSES 61,637 BANK CHARGES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 0 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 43,110 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0 TOTAL EXPENSES 43,110 GUN SHOWS PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 34,409 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0 TOTAL EXPENSES 34,409 DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 27,151 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0 TOTAL EXPENSES 27,151 EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 18,045 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 2,297 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 2,838 TOTAL EXPENSES 23,180 TELEPHONE PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 15,321 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 901 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 1,803 TOTAL EXPENSES 18,025 RESEARCH PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 9,092 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0 TOTAL EXPENSES 9,092 FUNDRAISING PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 0 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 0 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 5,360 TOTAL EXPENSES 5,360</p> |

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No 1545-0047

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

| (a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Total income | (e) End-of-year assets | (f) Direct controlling entity |
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Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

| (a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Exempt Code section | (e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3)) | (f) Direct controlling entity | (g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity? | |
|---|---|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|----|
| | | | | | | Yes | No |
| (1) GUN OWNERS FOUNDATION 8001 FORBES PLACE SUITE 202 SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151 52-1297380 | 2ND AMENDMENT - RELATED EDUCATION AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE | VA | 501(C)(3) | LINE 7 | N/A | | No |
| (2) GUN OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA INC 7996 CALIFORNIA AVE SUITE F FAIR OAKS, CA 95628 94-2832298 | 2ND AMENDMENT - RELATED EDUCATION AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE | CA | 501(C)(4) | | N/A | | No |
| (3) GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA INC POLITICAL VICTORY FUND 8001 FORBES PLACE SUITE 202 SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151 01-0591537 | POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS | VA | 527 | | GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA INC | | No |
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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

| (a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Direct controlling entity | (e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514) | (f) Share of total income | (g) Share of end-of-year assets | (h) Disproportionate allocations? | | (i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) | (j) General or managing partner? | | (k) Percentage ownership |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|----|--|---|----|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Yes | No | | Yes | No | |
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Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

| (a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Direct controlling entity | (e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust) | (f) Share of total income | (g) Share of end-of- year assets | (h) Percentage ownership | (i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity? | |
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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

| | Yes | No |
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| 1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV? | | |
| a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity | 1a | No |
| b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) | 1b | No |
| c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) | 1c | No |
| d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) | 1d | No |
| e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) | 1e | No |
| f Dividends from related organization(s) | 1f | No |
| g Sale of assets to related organization(s) | 1g | No |
| h Purchase of assets from related organization(s) | 1h | No |
| i Exchange of assets with related organization(s) | 1i | No |
| j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) | 1j | No |
| k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) | 1k | No |
| l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) | 1l | Yes |
| m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) | 1m | No |
| n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) | 1n | Yes |
| o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) | 1o | Yes |
| p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses | 1p | No |
| q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses | 1q | No |
| r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) | 1r | No |
| s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) | 1s | No |

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

| (a) Name of related organization | (b) Transaction type (a-s) | (c) Amount involved | (d) Method of determining amount involved |
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Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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

| (a) Name, address, and EIN of entity | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514) | (e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations? | | (f) Share of total income | (g) Share of end-of-year assets | (h) Disproportionate allocations? | | (i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) | (j) General or managing partner? | | (k) Percentage ownership |
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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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