

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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

C Name of organization: **VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST JOHNS COUNTY INC**
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO Box 2117
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
St Augustine, FL 32085-2117

D Employer identification number: 27-1971825
E Telephone number: 904-687-5668
F Group Exemption Number: _____

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify): _____

I Website: <http://veteranscouncilsjc.org/> **H** Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) -- 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other: _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ **144,449**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Line	Description	Amount
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	136,869
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	0
3	Membership dues and assessments	0
4	Investment income	6,807
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	0
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	0
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	0
6	Gaming and fundraising events:	
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	423
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	0
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	154
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	269
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	0
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	0
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	0
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) <i>See Schedule O, Statement 1</i>	350
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	144,295
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	87,593
11	Benefits paid to or for members	0
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	0
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	0
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	1,497
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	1,601
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) <i>See Schedule O, Statement 2</i>	3,352
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	94,043
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	50,252
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	126,803
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	0
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	177,055

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	118,902	165,222
23 Land and buildings	0	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) <u>See Schedule O, Statement 3.</u>	8,121	11,889
25 Total assets	127,023	177,111
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) <u>See Schedule O, Statement 4.</u>	220	56
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	126,803	177,055

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Schedule O, Statement 5

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28 <u>Since COVID-19's effect on the economy, the program costs resulting from requests from qualifying Veterans and other referring social service agencies continued to grow substantially (from \$29,786 in 2021, (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 6)</u> (Grants \$ <u>45,784</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	47,417
29 <u>January 18, 2024 marked the seventh anniversary of the St. Johns & Putnam County Veterans' Treatment Court ("VTC"). 2023 Grants made by the Veterans' Council to the VTC, agencies contracted by the VTC, (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 7)</u> (Grants \$ <u>13,235</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	16,240
30 <u>The Veterans' Council, in conjunction with the Ancient City Chapter, Military Officers' Association of America, sponsors patriotic events throughout the year, emphasizing VietNam Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 8)</u> (Grants \$ <u>1,600</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	4,278
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) <u>See Schedule O, Statement 9.</u> (Grants \$ <u>16,097</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	19,658
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	87,593

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC, 1099-NEC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
William Dudley Chairman	25.00	0	0	0
Ronald Birchall Vice Chairman	2.00	0	0	0
John Mountcastle Treasurer	10.00	0	0	0
Michael Rothfeld Secretary	5.00	0	0	0
Gerald Dedge Director	2.00	0	0	0
Bill Jefferson Chaplain/Director	2.00	0	0	0
no other officers or directors	0.00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions		✓
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		✓
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		✓
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
35c			✓
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	0
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911: 0; section 4912: 0; section 4955: 0		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		0
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed: FL		
42a	The organization's books are in care of: John Mountcastle Telephone no. 904-687-5668 Located at: PO Box 2117, St Augustine, FL 32085-2117 ZIP + 4 32085-2117		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	42b	✓
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:	42c	✓
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43	<input type="checkbox"/>
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	✓
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	✓
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	✓
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	✓
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions	45b	✓

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47	✓	
48		✓
49a		✓
49b		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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: John Mountcastle, Treasurer
 Date: _____
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Print/Type preparer's name: _____ Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____
 Check if self-employed PTIN: _____
 Firm's name: _____ Firm's EIN: _____
 Firm's address: _____ Phone no.: _____

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST JOHNS COUNTY INC

Employer identification number

27-1971825

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).)
 - 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
 - 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
 - 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
 - 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
 - 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
 - 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
 - 9 An agricultural research organization described in **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 on 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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	17,471	56,769	47,850	120,896	129,521	372,507
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	250	250	250	500	500	1,750
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	17,721	57,019	48,100	121,396	130,021	374,257
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)						9,454
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						364,803

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	17,721	57,019	48,100	121,396	130,021	374,257
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	0	0	0	0	6,807	6,807
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	500	0	0	0	0	500
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	373	190	589	196	269	1,617
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						383,181
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0
13 First 5 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 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	95.2 %
15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	92.87 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2023. 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—2022. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. 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—2022. 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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .

b 33 1/3% support tests—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, 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 lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c 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 box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b 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>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <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 lines 5b and 5c 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>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c 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 (as 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).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</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>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on 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>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on 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 line 10b below.</i>		
b 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 on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b	A family member of a person described on line 11a above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI .		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

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?		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3	By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

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

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		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)		
4	Add lines 1 through 3.		
5	Depreciation and depletion		
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)		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)		
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)		
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		
b	Average monthly cash balances		
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets		
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)		
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.		
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).		
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)		
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.		
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions		
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)		
Section C—Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)		
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.		
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)		
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.		
5	Income tax imposed in prior year		
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).		
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).		

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	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023		
a	From 2018		
b	From 2019		
c	From 2020		
d	From 2021		
e	From 2022		
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2023 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2023 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, 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 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2019		
b	Excess from 2020		
c	Excess from 2021		
d	Excess from 2022		
e	Excess from 2023		

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

Schedule A, Part II, Line 5(f) - In 2023, excluded \$50,000 bequest received, as Unusual Grant. This amount was excluded from tabulation of 2%.

Schedule A, Part II, Line 10 - 2024 Net income \$269 from fundraising through 50-50 drawings; \$350 from credit card rebates

**SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)**

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

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 organization VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST JOHNS COUNTY INC	Employer identification number 27-1971825
--	---

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 \$
- 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 (grassroots lobbying)	0													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	0													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	0													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	0													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	0													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	0													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>not over \$500,000,</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000,</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000,</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$17,000,000,</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			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.
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)	0													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	0	0	0	0	0
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					0
c Total lobbying expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	0	0	0	0	0
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					0
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

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 not be described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

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

Schedule C, Part II-A, Line 1a - Subsequent Events: The Veterans' Council successfully lobbied the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners for this grant. On February 29, 2024, Home Again St. Johns, Inc., an un-related §501(c)(3) public charity, closed on the purchase of Old Town Inn's real property after receiving a three million dollar (\$3,000,000) grant through the Florida Department of Military Affairs. After negotiating a purchase price of approximately two point four million dollars (\$2,400,000), there is a six hundred thousand dollar (\$600,000) fund to fully rehabilitate and improve each of the existing motel units for the temporary use of Veterans and their families. While the Veterans' Council will provide financial and other support, the operation of this facility, to be known as Veterans Village, A Home For Heroes ("Veterans' Village") will be the responsibility of Home Again St. Johns, Inc. On April 16, 2024, at the request of the Veterans' Council, the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners approved the reallocation of \$124,652 from the St. Johns County Veterans Services Homeless Veterans Housing Assistance Program as a grant to Home Again St. Johns, Inc. to provide case management and wrap around services to Veterans residing in Veterans' Village.

Schedule C, Part II-A, Line A - The Veterans' Council of St. Johns County, Inc. continues to meet the Expenditure Test, with a zero dollar (\$0) average of the total direct lobbying and grassroots lobbying expenditures over more the past four years. The focus of these 2023

Part IV - Supplemental Information (Continued)

lobbying efforts was to continue efforts as noted in the next paragraph and to obtain legislative approval for and funding to establish a temporary lodging facility for homeless, unhoused and at-risk Veterans and their families, while they await qualification for and local availability of federally-subsidized long-term housing, and to work with Home Again St. Johns, Inc. to dedicate two of the eight units specifically for Veterans, at a transition shelter facility funded by a 2022 St. Johns County grant of two million, two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$2,280,000) using American Rescue Plan Act funds and to be constructed in 2024. The Veterans' Council filed Form 5768 Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization to Make Expenditures to Influence Legislation with the IRS for tax year ending December 31, 2011; this election is valid for all subsequent tax years. Since January 1, 2011, the Veterans' Council has reported its' activities, at a zero dollar (\$0) total cost. During 2023, elected officials and Federal and Florida State and Local Agencies were contacted to continue support for (a) the St. Johns & Putnam County Veterans' Treatment Court, (b) support the completion of "Patriot Place", a St. Johns County Housing Partnership, Inc. effort to provide individual, one-bedroom residential apartments for six "at risk" Veterans who are already residents of St. Johns County, where the Veterans would also receive individual case management for the duration of their residence as they assimilate back into society, (c) ensure that a sufficient number of units at San Marcos Heights (another new income-restricted development) were dedicated to deserving Veterans, (d) provide grants and expedited approvals to establish the transition shelter and to purchase a temporary lodging facility identified in late 2023. While the Veterans' Council provided a strong voice for these programs, the Veterans' Council does not have the internal resources to properly manage residential facilities. Rather, the Veterans' Council has worked closely with St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc., and Home Again St. Johns, Inc. Both are currently recognized as exempt organizations under §501(c)(3). It is the intent that any grants awarded as a result of the Veterans' Council's lobbying effort for items (b), (c) and (d) above would go directly to either St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. or Home Again St. Johns, Inc. These three organizations do not comprise an Affiliated Group. Each of these organizations is NOT bound by one of the other organization's decisions on legislative issues, nor are there a material number of interlocking members of any organization's governing board.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

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 Form 990-EZ.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST JOHNS COUNTY INC	Employer identification number 27-1971825
--	---

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - During 2023, the Veterans' Council of St. Johns County, Inc. ("SJCVC" "Veterans' Council") received substantially more requests for assistance to qualified Veterans, not only from the Veterans themselves, but also from local referring agencies which lacked appropriate resources to provide prompt and appropriate aid. The Veterans' Council provided grants and similar aid in the following categories (financial details appear in the Schedule O comments for lines 28-31): American and POW/MIA flags presented to St. Johns County Veterans' Service Office ("SJC VSO") and County Administrator; Assistance to Veterans in Need (including Participants in the St. Johns and Putnam County Veterans' Treatment Court, consisting primarily of Food (gift cards and provisioning the SJC VSO Pantry), Housing (home repair, temporary lodging assistance, rents and moving expenses), Medical Copays, Property Taxes, Transportation (gas cards, auto insurance, loan, registration and repair payments, donations of motor vehicles), Utilities (electric, sewer and water payments); Grants specific to Veterans' Treatment Court (court fees, DUI tracking fees, incentives), Wreaths Across America at the St. Augustine National Cemetery; Storage and Distribution of donated furniture and medical assistive devices; Jacksonville National Cemetery Support Committee, St. Augustine - Palm Coast Navy League Council, Putnam County Veterans' Service Office, Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Hawaii (for Maui fire victims) Leo C. Chase U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in St. Augustine, St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. and Home Again St. Johns, Inc. Approximately 275 transactions benefited more than 100 Veterans in 2023.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 22 - Funds in excess of currently-forecast needs have been invested in a short-term money market fund which are available upon demand. Cash may include the uninvested assets (if any) of The William Dudley Foundation, a component of The Veterans' Council of St. Johns County, Inc. which is intended to provide an restricted funds investment vehicle, with income used to support specific programs of the Veterans' Council. For this reporting period, both the opening and closing cash balances attributable to the William Dudley Foundation were zero.

Schedule B, Part I - During 2023, the Veterans' Council of St. Johns County, Inc. received multiple contributions properly characterized as "Qualified Charitable Distributions" ("QCD") where the donor, aged 70 1/2 or older at the time of donation, opted to direct the Custodian of the donor's IRA retirement plan to directly remit a specified sum to a "Qualified Charity" (e.g., the Veterans' Council), as currently permitted by the IRS. By following this procedure, the QCD donation is not subject to federal taxation, but commensurately, the QCD donation may not be listed by the donor as a charitable contribution deduction, should the donor elect to itemize deductions on Form 1040 or 1040-SR Schedule A. The IRS instructions for this part of Schedule B are vague concerning whose name and address should appear. Were the funds withheld and forwarded by an Employer, the Employer's name and address should be utilized in this part (the Employer would note the amount of the charitable contribution on the Employee's W-2 in Box 14. But IRA Custodians are instructed to include the entire amount of the QCD on the retiree's 1099-R but make no reference that a portion (or all) of the amount reported is a QCD. Instead, the donor enters the entire amount on the 1040 (or 1040-SR) Line 4, then subtracts the QCD from the 1040 (or 1040-SR) Line 4b, entering "QCD" adjacent to Line 4b. The Veterans' Council has provided each donor with acknowledgement of their donation. As these letters are not provided to the IRS, it would appear that, in an abundance of caution, it is more appropriate to include the donor of the QCD's name and address, rather than that of the Custodian, to afford the IRS the opportunity to "match" the QCD reported by the donor of the QCD on the donor's 1040 (or 1040-SR) with the QCD received by the Veterans' Council. However, as the instructions also refer to the remitter, Schedule B has been completed using information on the agent remitting the donation to the Veterans' Council. As permitted by the IRS, Schedule B is not included in the Veterans' Council's Form 990-EZ package made publicly available on our website.

Other Revenue Structured Explanation

Description	Amount
Credit Card Rebates	350
Total:	350

Other Expenses Structured Explanation

Description	Amount
Government Registration Fees	189
Recognition Awards	70
Bank Fees Credit Card PayPal and Zettle Processing	207
Computer Data Security	461
Website Maintenance	930
Liability Insurance	927
990 Electronic Tax Filing transaction fee	41
Planning and administrative meeting expenses	226
Advertising and Promotion of Special Events	300
Rounding	1
Total:	3,352

Other Assets Structured Explanation

Description	EOY Amount
Prepaid Expenses	1,327
Tangible Assets for SJHP Projects	2,000
Dudley Foundation Treasury I Bonds	8,562
Total:	11,889

Other Liabilities Structured Explanation

Description	EOY Amount
Accounts Payable	56
Total:	56

Primary Exempt Purpose

Primary Exempt Purpose

The Primary Exempt Purpose of the Veterans' Council is to be the voice of Veterans in and for St. Johns County, FL. The objective of the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Florida is to be of assistance to all veterans who have served in any of the military branches of service of the United States of America.

First Program Service Accomplishments Description

Description

\$53,123 in 2022 to a record total of \$83,232 in 2023 (including those incurred to support the St. Johns and Putnam Counties' Veterans' Treatment Court. Part III Line 29 separately reports on the Veterans' Treatment Court program. In 2023, Vets 4 Vets of St. Augustine, Inc., an un-related §501(c)(3) public charity, wound down operations with the Veterans' Council receiving its' remaining assets (\$19,555 in cash, and an inventory of medical assistance devices, which are stored in a U-Haul facility). As noted in the 2022 information return, Veterans' exempt organizations which previously supported Vets 4 Vets of St. Augustine, Inc. now provide additional financial support to the Veterans' Council. The Veterans' Council also partnered with St. Johns Care Connect, Inc. dba Flagler Health+ Care Connect (now a part of the University of Florida Health System), accepting referrals from Care Connect to provide a Continuum of Care to Veterans and their families. Efforts focus upon Homeless Prevention, including transitional housing. See Schedule C to Form 990-EZ for subsequent events which may reduce the daily cost incurred by the Veterans' Council to provide Temporary Lodging Assistance to Veterans. The Veterans' Council made more than 225 separate disbursements to assist Veterans in 2023, providing Rental Assistance (\$16,883); Temporary Lodging Assistance (\$9,203); Miscellaneous Aid < \$150 each (\$4,126); Utility Assistance (\$4,089); Transportation & Motor Vehicle Repair Assistance (\$2,966); Direct Food Aid (\$1,850); Medical Assistive Device Storage (\$1,633 as expense not grant); Housing Repair & Maintenance (\$1,000); Delinquent Storage Fees to enable a Veteran to recover his household goods (\$782); Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (\$600); and Property Tax (\$437). Grants were also made to local organizations assisting Veterans; United Way of Northeast Florida (\$1,322 to assist an active-duty sailor) and Home Again St. Johns, Inc. (\$500). The Veterans' Council also received the donation of a motor vehicle; after repairs, this vehicle was given to a Veteran at no cost, with the Veterans' Council paying for the vehicle registration (\$176). A food bank also funded by the Veterans' Council was instituted at the St. Johns County Veterans' Service Office.

Second Program Service Accomplishments Description

Description

and VTC Participants for the following: \$3,313 in direct incentives to Participants; \$2,811 for DUI retraining and monitoring, including SCRAM device rentals for participants' vehicles, \$2,242 for temporary lodging while awaiting transfer to more permanent residences; \$1,786 in mortgage assistance; \$1,200 to purchase gas and supermarket food gift cards; \$220 to pay Court Fees for indigent Participants; \$53 in transportation assistance, as well as replenishing the Court's inventory of VTC Challenge Coins, \$940 and providing Mentors with uniforms, \$670. Motivational incentives are issued to VTC participants as they demonstrate progress. Each VTC Participant is matched with a Veteran "Battle Buddy" who serves as a Mentor, and is available 24/7 should a Participant need support. The Veterans' Council provides a Mentor Coordinator and cell phone plans for Participants who require them as a condition of enrollment in the Court. The Veterans' Council provides incentives administered by the Veterans' Treatment Court: Every participant is promoted through five phases. Participants are awarded a dog tag tied to each phase promotion. Challenge coins designed and created for VTC, are awarded at graduation. Gift cards awarded for achieving program goals and special accomplishments. Participant Financial Aid: Veterans Council assists Participants in financial need. All Participants were evaluated for substance abuse disorder and/or mental health and received recommended treatment. All Participants who were recommended for inpatient treatment received effective and timely treatment, either through VA or through community providers. Homeless or quasi homeless Participants were secured housing either through VA HUD-VASH, or at appropriate sober living facilities. The expenses itemized above do not include grants or benefits paid to, or on behalf of, VTC graduates. Those expenses are reported on Part III Line 28.

Third Program Service Accomplishments Description

Description

Veterans' Day and Wreaths Across America events. These observances usually occur at the St. Augustine National Cemetery, the exception being Veterans' Day, which is a major event held at Anastasia Baptist Church. Attendance at these events ranges up to 1,200 in the audience. Most expenses relate to the Nov. 11 event. The VietNam Travelling Wall was rented from the Patriot Guard Riders, which received a grant of \$1,600. The presentation of the grant to the St. Johns County Center for the Arts' Chorus for the 2023 event was delayed until 2024 and not included in this report. The War on Terror pins purchased for the 2022 Veterans' Day presentation (cancelled due to an impending hurricane) were awarded in 2023 (cost \$1,120). Technical support was provided by Anastasia Baptist staff (cost \$350). Printing a formal program, which included speakers' biographies and honored the Veterans' Council's former Vice Chairman, SGM Ray Quinn, FL National Guard, retired, who attended his last public event before his death, at a cost of \$349. Other expenses relate to the Wreaths Across America events in December and January. The Veterans' Council solicits donations on behalf of the national Wreaths Across America organization; these donations are made through the WreathsAcrossAmerica.Org website and/or checks made payable to Wreaths Across America and mailed to the Veterans' Council. For donations received by check, the Veterans' Council volunteers send thank you notes. The printed program cost \$301; other printing, postage and office supplies cost \$288; refreshments for volunteers \$110; postage \$96 and other meeting expenses \$44.

Other Program Service Accomplishments

Description	Grants And Allocations	Includes Foreign Grants	Program Service Expenses
<p>Projects not specifically assigned to a Specific Program, are treated as Generally Unrestricted Expenses, included Grants of \$15,797 with related expenses of \$1,225 (total cost \$17,022) and consisted of the following expenditures. (1) \$4,500 Grant to the Support Committee at Jacksonville National Cemetery to enable the Jacksonville Ladies to replace their worn-out golf cart. (2) Veterans' Transition Shelter (coming in 2024); Grants \$1,785, Expenses \$2,666, (3) St. Augustine - Palm Coast Navy League Council Grant \$1,725 for Sea Scouts new uniforms, (4) Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Hawaii Grant \$1,050 to aid those affected by the Maui fires (5) \$1,060 Grant to Global Walk to sponsor a patriotic concern at the St. Augustine Amphitheater. (6) A \$1,000 Grant to the Veterans' Heritage Project. (7) A \$1,000 Grant to St Johns Housing Partnership, to aid in the renovation of a disabled Veterans' bathroom. (8) A \$1,000 Grant to assist a disabled Putnam County Veteran whose family including special needs children was evicted because their landlord sold their home. (9) A \$500 Grant to We Can Be Heroes, to sponsor a luncheon for the homeless at the Jacksonville Clara White Mission (10) A \$500 Grant to Home Again St. Johns, Inc. (11) A \$500 Grant to the Putnam County Veterans' Service Office. (12) A \$500 Grant to the Duval County Veterans' Council. (13) Purchase U.S. and POW/MIA flags to be display at St. Johns County's Veterans' Service Office. (14) A \$300 Grant to the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum, to commemorate Veterans on their new brick walk. (15) A \$300 Grant to advertise in the Ancient City Chapter, MOAA's St. Augustine Convention program and yearbook (net proceeds from their convention were donated to the Veterans' Council). (16) \$200 Grant to provide medical co-payments for Veterans' medical services not available from the U.S. D.V.A. (16) \$177 to purchase picnic tables for the Leo C. Chase Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. Other Miscellaneous program expenses, each \$150 or less, total \$2,336.</p>	16,097		19,658
Total:			19,658

Form **8453-TE**

Tax Exempt Entity Declaration and Signature for E-file

OMB No. 1545-0047

For calendar year 2023, or tax year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-POL, 4720, 8868, 5227, 5330, and 8038-CP
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8453TE for the latest information.

2023

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of filer

VETERANS COUNCIL OF ST JOHNS COUNTY INC

EIN or SSN

27-1971825

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). 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 type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	
2a	Form 990-EZ check here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	144,295
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 V, line 5)	4b	
5a	Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a	Form 990-T check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a	Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
9a	Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
10a	Form 8038-CP check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

- 11a I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the 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.
- b If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above named entity or I am the person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) _____, (EIN) _____, and that I have examined a copy of the 2023 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 electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the 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.

Sign John Mountcastle May 04, 2024 John Mountcastle, Treasurer
 Here Signature of officer or person subject to tax Date Title, if applicable

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above return and that the entries on Form 8453-TE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The entity officer or person subject to tax will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS to the officer or person subject to tax, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature	Date	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code				EIN
					Phone no.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	Firm's name				Firm's EIN
	Firm's address				Phone no.