

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Form 990 header section including: A For the 2008 calendar year or tax year beginning, and ending; B Check if applicable; C Name of organization AMERICAN LEGION POST 154 ROGER B CHAFFEE MEMORIAL; D Employer identification number 38-2202790; E Telephone number 616-538-4443; F Name and address of principal officer; G Gross receipts \$ 459,844; H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?; H(b) Are all affiliates included?; I Tax-exempt status; J Website; K Type of organization; L Year of formation; M State of legal domicile.

Part I Summary

Table with 4 main sections: Activities & Governance (lines 1-7b), Revenue (lines 8-12), Expenses (lines 13-19), and Net Assets or Fund Balances (lines 20-22). Includes data for prior and current years.

Part II Signature Block

Signature block section including: Sign Here (Signature of officer, Date 1/4-10); Paid Preparer's Use Only (Preparer's signature, Date 1/2/10, Firm's name TAMMINGA & LEVERING, ACCTS. INC., EIN 38-2364148, Address 11304 EDGEWATER DRIVE, SUITE C ALLENDALE, MI 49401, Phone 616-895-6126).

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

Yes No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THIS IS A 501(C)(19) ORGANIZATION

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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ **443,885** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
501(C)(19) ORGANIZATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF VETERANS

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ \$ **443,885** (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B))

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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A		X
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?		X
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C Part II		
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		X
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee) or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U S Information Returns Enter -0- if not applicable		
1a			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b			
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		X
1c			
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2a			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)		
2b			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	X	
3a			
b	If "Yes" has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	X	
3b			
4a	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)?		X
4a			
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
4b			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5a			
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5b			
c	If "Yes" to question 5a or 5b did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
5c			
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6a			
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
6b			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
7a			
b	If "Yes" did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7c			
d	If "Yes" indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7d			
e	Did the organization, during the year receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7e			
f	Did the organization during the year pay premiums directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f			
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7g			
h	For contributions of cars boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
7h			
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
8			
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9a			
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
9b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10a			
b	Gross receipts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
11b			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
12b			

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O See instructions			
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b	If "Yes" does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990		X
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13		X
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done		
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?		X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		X
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **NONE**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► **RICHARD MEYERS** **2140 AVON AVE SW**
WYOMING **MI 49519** **616-538-4952**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total Add lines 1a-1f					
Program Service Revenue	2a	TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENTS	Busn. Code 713200	178,720		178,720	
	b	BAR ACTIVITIES		161,179		161,179	
	c	CHARITY GAME TICKETS		100,139		100,139	
	d	BANQUET/BINGO HALL		13,800		13,800	
	e	PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER		3,047		3,047	
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total Add lines 2a-2f		456,885			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		16	16	
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5		Royalties					
6a		Gross Rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
b		Less rental exps					
c		Rental inc 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 & sales exps					
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			
	c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV line 19	a					
		b	Less direct expenses				
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				
10a	Gross sales of inventory less returns and allowances	a					
		b	Less cost of goods sold				
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory				
Miscellaneous Revenue			Busn Code				
11a	MISC RECEIPTS		2,943		2,943		
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total Add lines 11a-11d		2,943				
12	Total Revenue Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c and 11e		459,844	16	178,720	281,108	

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	79,156	79,156		
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	1,200		1,200	
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	590	590		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	834	834		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a COGS	226,946	226,946		
b	39,364	39,364		
c UTILITIES	30,175	30,175		
d REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	19,035	19,035		
e INSURANCE	16,766	16,766		
f All other expenses	33,292	31,019	2,273	
25 Total functional expenses Add lines 1 through 24f	447,358	443,885	3,473	
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	79,559	1	91,888
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	4,304	8	4,461
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings and equipment cost basis	10a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b		10c
	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		15	
16 Total assets Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		83,863	16	96,349
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 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		24	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities Add lines 17 through 25			26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	83,863	27	96,349
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	83,863	33	96,349
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	83,863	34	96,349

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- c If "Yes" to lines 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?
- 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?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b		X
2c		
3a		
3b		

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Inspection

Name of the organization

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 154
ROGER B CHAFFEE MEMORIAL**

Employer identification number

38-2202790**AMENDED RETURN EXPLANATION****AMENDED TO INCLUDE TEXAS HOLD'EM PROFITS EARNED PER AUDIT.**