

Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation

(An Affiliate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States)

August 31, 2017 and 2016

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Board of Directors
Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation (an affiliate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States) (the Foundation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Foundation's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation as of August 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Grant Thornton LLP

Kansas City, Missouri
November 22, 2017

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

August 31,

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 803,214	\$ 649,557
INVESTMENTS, at fair value	10,209,595	10,647,845
RECEIVABLES		
Accrued interest receivable	17,192	17,283
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation of \$52,794 and \$52,442 in 2017 and 2016, respectively	1,234	
PREPAID EXPENSES	5,363	28,556
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,036,598</u>	<u>\$ 11,343,241</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 543,667	\$ 558,976
Payable to affiliate	81,989	112,761
Charitable gift annuities	2,109	2,345
Total liabilities	<u>627,765</u>	<u>674,082</u>
CONTINGENCIES		
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	8,185,491	6,861,933
Temporarily restricted	<u>2,223,342</u>	<u>3,807,226</u>
Total net assets	<u>10,408,833</u>	<u>10,669,159</u>
Total net assets and liabilities	<u>\$ 11,036,598</u>	<u>\$ 11,343,241</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Years ended August 31,

	2017		2016	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted
	Total		Total	
Support and revenue				
Cash contributions and gifts	\$ 2,410,728	\$ 1,229,214	\$ 3,639,942	\$ 1,816,419
Interest, dividends, and net realized gains	910,540		910,540	485,058
Net assets released from restrictions	2,813,098	(2,813,098)	2,219,799	(2,219,799)
Total support and revenue	6,134,366	(1,583,884)	4,550,482	(403,380)
Expenses				
Program services				
Veterans' service activities	4,016,429		4,016,429	2,417,204
Community service and public awareness	488,147		488,147	194,877
Support services				
Management and general expenses	427,379		427,379	355,680
Fundraising activities	281,451		281,451	216,019
Total expenses	5,213,406	-	5,213,406	3,183,780
Changes in net assets before unrealized net investment gains	920,960	(1,583,884)	(662,924)	(403,380)
Unrealized net investment gains	402,598		402,598	196,052
Change in net assets	1,323,558	(1,583,884)	(260,326)	(403,380)
Net assets, beginning of year	6,861,933	3,807,226	10,669,159	4,210,606
Net assets, end of year	\$ 8,185,491	\$ 2,223,342	\$ 10,408,833	\$ 3,807,226
			\$ 6,861,933	\$ 10,669,159
			\$ 166,903	(236,477)
			196,052	196,052
			362,955	(40,425)
			6,498,978	10,709,584
			\$ 3,807,226	\$ 3,807,226
			\$ 6,861,933	\$ 10,669,159

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year ended August 31, 2017

	<u>Program services</u>		<u>Support services</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Veterans’ service activities</u>	<u>Community service and public awareness</u>	<u>Management and general expenses</u>	<u>Fundraising activities</u>	
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 67,568	\$ 82,583	\$ 185,761	\$ 178,670	\$ 514,582
Travel	11,919	2,980		14,898	29,797
Office expenses	1,960	2,396	11,600	30,919	46,875
Professional services			212,562	5,106	217,668
Depreciation	46	56	127	123	352
Occupancy	5,674	6,935	15,599	15,004	43,212
Grants and other assistance	2,181,339	393,197			2,574,536
Grants to affiliates	1,747,923				1,747,923
Advertising and promotion				31,140	31,140
Miscellaneous			1,730	5,591	7,321
	<u>\$ 4,016,429</u>	<u>\$ 488,147</u>	<u>\$ 427,379</u>	<u>\$ 281,451</u>	<u>\$ 5,213,406</u>

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year ended August 31, 2016

	<u>Program services</u>		<u>Support services</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Veterans’ service activities</u>	<u>Community service and public awareness</u>	<u>Management and general expenses</u>	<u>Fundraising activities</u>	
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 61,270	\$ 76,078	\$ 140,291	\$ 130,829	\$ 408,468
Travel	4,540	1,135		5,676	11,351
Office expenses	1,002	1,244	8,142	19,300	29,688
Professional services			191,696	4,816	196,512
Depreciation	152	189	348	325	1,014
Occupancy	6,482	8,048	14,842	13,840	43,212
Grants and other assistance	676,282	106,183			782,465
Grants to affiliates	1,667,476	2,000			1,669,476
Advertising and promotion				36,638	36,638
Miscellaneous			361	4,595	4,956
	<u>\$ 2,417,204</u>	<u>\$ 194,877</u>	<u>\$ 355,680</u>	<u>\$ 216,019</u>	<u>\$ 3,183,780</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years ended August 31,

	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (260,326)	\$ (40,425)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities		
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(1,049,082)	(413,493)
Depreciation	352	1,014
Changes in		
Receivables	91	822
Prepaid expenses	23,193	(11,655)
Liabilities	(46,317)	(42,779)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,332,089)	(506,516)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,586)	
Purchases of investments	(3,189,437)	(3,405,623)
Proceeds from sales or maturities of investments	4,676,769	3,961,542
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,485,746	555,919
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	153,657	49,403
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	649,557	600,154
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 803,214	\$ 649,557

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE A - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation (the Foundation), an affiliate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (the VFW), was formed in 1996 as a public benefit corporation under the Missouri Benefit Corporation Act and is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a charitable foundation. The Board of Directors of the Foundation consists of certain officers of the VFW, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and other independent board members.

The Foundation was formed to assist disabled veterans and their families; promote public attention to the sacrifices and needs of veterans and active and reserve military personnel and their families; and, promote and assist in funding programs sponsored by the VFW, its affiliates, and other not-for-profit groups.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. *Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

2. *Basis of Presentation*

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Foundation, resources are classified for accounting and financial reporting purposes into categories established according to their nature and purposes. The assets, liabilities and net assets of the Foundation are reported in three categories as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Unrestricted net assets are resources that are neither permanently nor temporarily restricted by donor-imposed stipulations. The only limits on unrestricted net assets are those resulting from the nature of the Foundation and its purposes.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Temporarily restricted net assets are resources whose use by the Foundation is limited by donor-imposed restrictions that either expire by the passage of time or can be fulfilled by actions of the Foundation.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

2. *Basis of Presentation - Continued*

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Permanently restricted net assets are those whose use by the Foundation is limited by donor-imposed stipulations requiring that the corpus be maintained in perpetuity. Generally, income earned on related investments, if any, may be restricted by donors or used for unrestricted purposes in the absence of donor restrictions.

3. *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The Foundation considers all unrestricted, highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and money market accounts. The Foundation places its temporary cash investments with high credit quality financial institutions. At times, such investments may be in excess of the federal deposit insurance limits. The Foundation has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

4. *Investments and Fair Value Measurements*

The Foundation applies the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820) with respect to financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. This standard defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The provisions of ASC 820 apply to all financial instruments that are being measured and reported on a fair-value basis and items disclosed at fair value in the notes to the financial statements.

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents are a reasonable estimate of their fair value because of their highly liquid status and short maturities. The carrying amounts of receivables and accounts payable are a reasonable estimate of their fair value because of their short-term nature. The Foundation determines the fair value of the charitable gift annuity liability each year based on the present value of the expected cash payments. The carrying amounts of investments are a reasonable estimate of fair value, which is generally determined based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (see Note D). In measuring fair value, the Foundation may make adjustments for risks and uncertainties if a market participant would include such an adjustment in its pricing.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

5. *Receivables*

Unconditional promises to give are recorded at their net realizable values. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are discounted to their estimated present values using a then-current risk-free interest rate and adjusting it for any risk. There were no pledges receivable as of August 31, 2017 or 2016.

From time to time, the Foundation will establish an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses that may result from the inability of its donors to make expected payments. Such allowance is based upon several factors including, but not limited to, historical experience and the financial condition of the donor. As of August 31, 2017 and 2016, no allowance was considered necessary.

6. *Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment*

Furniture, fixtures, and equipment are valued at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful life using the straight-line method. Useful lives range from 3 to 5 years.

7. *Contributions*

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the nature of donor restrictions, if any. A major donor is considered to be any donor from whom 10% or more of total contributions were derived. One donor made a donation that amounted to 12% of total contributions during the year ended August 31, 2017. There were no major donors during the year ended August 31, 2016.

Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets if the restriction is met in the reporting period in which the contribution is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending upon the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

8. *Long-Lived Assets*

Management periodically reviews long-lived assets for impairment relating to events or changes in circumstances that would indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In the event a long-lived asset was determined to be impaired, such asset would be required to be written down to its fair value, with the loss recognized in the statements of activities. There has been no indication of impairment of long-lived assets at August 31, 2017 and 2016.

9. *Management Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of support, revenue, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Significant estimates in these financial statements include the valuation of charitable gift annuities, the fair value of contributed goods, and the useful lives of furniture, fixtures and equipment.

10. *Income Taxes*

The Foundation is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been reflected in the Foundation's financial statements. The Foundation records interest and penalties related to income taxes as part of miscellaneous expense.

The Foundation is exempt from federal and state income taxes on its principal operations, although the Foundation would be subject to federal income taxes on the net income from certain operations if such operations generated unrelated business income. No such unrelated business income tax, or interest and penalties related to unrelated business income, was incurred during 2017 or 2016.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

10. *Income Taxes - Continued*

The Foundation has adopted the provisions of ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, (ASC 740) with respect to uncertain tax positions. ASC 740 requires that all tax positions be evaluated using a recognition threshold and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Differences between positions taken in a tax return and amounts recognized in the financial statements are recorded as adjustments to income taxes payable or receivable, or adjustments to deferred income taxes, or both. ASC 740 also requires expanded disclosures at the end of each annual reporting period. No uncertain tax positions, or interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions, have been noted and thus no amounts have been recorded at August 31, 2017 or 2016.

The Foundation is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Foundation believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2014.

11. *Subsequent Events*

The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events as of November 22, 2017, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. The Foundation is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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NOTE C - INVESTMENTS

Investments at amortized cost and fair value were as follows as of August 31,

	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair value</u>
Fixed income				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 1,639,680	\$ 1,648,634	\$ 1,652,107	\$ 1,733,697
Government obligations	287,000	292,286	166,583	166,897
Corporate bonds	1,859,120	1,876,208	1,659,315	1,705,692
Mutual funds				
Large cap	3,819	4,262	5,492	6,140
Small and Mid cap	1,587	1,706	1,537	1,633
International	955,248	1,018,040	1,166,560	1,065,178
Fixed income	254,568	250,117	649,514	617,235
Equity securities				
Domestic common stock	3,839,703	5,021,873	4,091,910	5,013,325
International common stock	83,137	96,469	371,692	338,048
	<u>\$ 8,923,862</u>	<u>\$ 10,209,595</u>	<u>\$ 9,764,710</u>	<u>\$ 10,647,845</u>

Net investment gain consisted of the following for the years ended August 31,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Realized gain on sale of investments	\$ 646,484	\$ 217,441
Unrealized net investment gains	402,598	196,052
Interest, dividends, and other income	264,056	267,617
Investment fees	(61,079)	(74,112)
	<u>\$ 1,252,059</u>	<u>\$ 606,998</u>

The investment fees are included in management and general expenses on the statement of activities and changes in net assets.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and management's assumptions (unobservable inputs). Where an asset or a liability falls within that hierarchy depends on the lowest-level input which is significant to the fair value measurements as a whole. An adjustment to the pricing method used within either Level 1 or Level 2 inputs could generate a fair value measurement that effectively falls in a lower level in the hierarchy. The hierarchy consists of three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Inputs other than Level 1 inputs which are either directly or indirectly observable.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs developed using management's estimates and assumptions, which reflect those which market participants would use.

The determination of where an asset or a liability falls in the hierarchy requires significant judgment. The Foundation evaluates its hierarchy disclosures for each reporting period based on various factors; it is possible that an asset or a liability may be classified differently from one reporting period to another. However, the Foundation expects that changes in classifications between different levels will be rare.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value:

U.S. Treasury securities and Government obligations - Valued using recent trade information for identical or similar securities using feeds from a number of live data sources including active market makers and inter-dealer brokers.

Corporate bonds - Determined through evaluated bid prices based on recent trading activity and other relevant information, including market interest rate curves and referenced credit spreads, and estimated prepayment rates, where applicable, are used for valuation purposes provided by third-party pricing services where quoted market values are not available.

Mutual funds and equity securities - Valued based on quoted market prices of the underlying assets.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued

The Foundation's financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, subject to the disclosure requirements of ASC 820, were as follows at August 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>Fair value measurements at August 31, 2017 using</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	
Fixed income				
U.S. Treasury securities		\$ 1,648,634		\$ 1,648,634
Government obligations		292,286		292,286
Corporate bonds		1,876,208		1,876,208
Mutual funds				
Large cap	\$ 4,262			4,262
Small and Mid cap	1,706			1,706
International	1,018,040			1,018,040
Fixed income	250,117			250,117
Equity securities				
Domestic common stock	5,021,873			5,021,873
International common stock	96,469			96,469
	<u>\$ 6,392,467</u>	<u>\$ 3,817,128</u>		<u>\$ 10,209,595</u>
	<u>Fair value measurements at August 31, 2016 using</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed income				
U.S. Treasury securities		\$ 1,733,697		\$ 1,733,697
Government obligations		166,897		166,897
Corporate bonds		1,705,692		1,705,692
Mutual funds				
Large cap	\$ 6,140			6,140
Small and Mid cap	1,633			1,633
International	1,065,178			1,065,178
Fixed income	617,235			617,235
Equity securities				
Domestic common stock	5,013,325			5,013,325
International common stock	338,048			338,048
	<u>\$ 7,041,559</u>	<u>\$ 3,606,286</u>		<u>\$ 10,647,845</u>

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NOTE E - OPERATING LEASES

The Foundation leases office space from the VFW under an operating lease expiring in August 2018. Rental expense under this lease amounted to \$43,212 for each of the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016.

NOTE F - CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

The Foundation has received unrestricted contributions of cash in exchange for annuities payable to the donors. Annual amounts totaling \$335 were payable quarterly for each of the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016. The Foundation computes the present value of the annuities payable using the life expectancy of each donor and the discount rate in effect at the date of the gift. The liability related to charitable gift annuities was \$2,109 and \$2,345 at August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

NOTE G - AGENCY TRANSACTION

In 2011, the Foundation was named as a beneficiary of an estate in which a partial distribution was received in 2011, and the final distribution was received in 2013. The estate specifically stated that these funds were intended to be used for the benefit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of North Carolina to assist in obtaining compensation and/or government benefits. The total distribution of the estate that was designated for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of North Carolina was \$832,109. On an annual basis, the Foundation makes a disbursement to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of North Carolina to support their veterans service program, which works to help veterans dealing with the Veterans Administration claims process. Because of the nature of this agency transaction, the Foundation recorded the receipt of the estate as a liability on its financial statements. The remaining liability related to the agency transaction was \$502,109 and \$552,109 at August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and is recorded as accounts payable and other liabilities on the statements of financial position.

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NOTE H - RELATED PARTIES

The Foundation reimburses the VFW for certain expenses incurred on its behalf. The total amount charged to the Foundation by the VFW for these reimbursable expenses amounted to \$1,327,240 and \$983,416 for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Foundation leases office space from the VFW and incurred rental expense under the lease of \$43,212 for each of the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016. The Foundation also pays the VFW for certain accounting, human resource and legal services provided by VFW employees. The Foundation paid the VFW \$60,000 for these services for each of the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016.

The Foundation provides certain contributions to the VFW. The total amount of contributions from the Foundation to the VFW amounted to \$1,747,923 and \$1,669,476 for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. As of August 31, 2017 and 2016, the Foundation has recorded a payable to the VFW in the amount of \$81,989 and \$112,761, respectively.

NOTE I - CONTINGENCIES

The Foundation is a party to various legal actions arising in the ordinary course of its operations. In management's opinion, the Foundation has adequate legal defenses and/or insurance coverage respecting each of these actions and does not believe that they will materially affect the Foundation's financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows.

NOTE J - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets were available for the following purposes or periods as of August 31,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Veteran services	\$ 1,066,496	\$ 1,095,711
Un-Met Needs	624,065	2,036,613
Scholarships and other military assistance	<u>532,781</u>	<u>674,902</u>
	<u>\$ 2,223,342</u>	<u>\$ 3,807,226</u>

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NOTE J - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS – Continued

Net assets released from temporary restrictions by satisfying the restricted purposes as stipulated by the donors were released as follows for the years ended August 31,

	2017	2016
Veteran services	\$ 101,583	\$ 352,731
Un-Met Needs	2,036,613	657,782
Scholarships and other military assistance	674,902	1,209,286
	\$ 2,813,098	\$ 2,219,799

NOTE K - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The employees of the Foundation participate in the benefit plans offered by the VFW. The VFW has a defined benefit pension plan and a plan that provides medical and dental benefits for certain retired employees and their spouses. The Foundation reimbursed the VFW \$31,886 and \$26,941 for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, for the amount that was allocated to the Foundation for these plans. The VFW also has a 401(k) plan available to employees in which they defer a percentage of their salary. The VFW makes contributions to the plan based upon guidelines set forth in the plan. The Foundation reimbursed the VFW \$15,144 and \$10,803 for the years ended August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, for the contributions the VFW made to this plan.