

**MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY,  
AND THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
BRAIN SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Board of Directors  
Minnesota American Legion, Auxiliary, and  
the Sons of the American Legion and  
Brain Science Foundation  
St. Paul, Minnesota

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheets of Minnesota American Legion, Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion and Brian Science Foundation as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'CliftonLarsonAllen LLP'.

**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
March 30, 2015

**MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY, AND THE SONS  
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BALANCE SHEETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013  
(SEE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT)**

	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,139	\$ 6,682
Accrued Interest Receivable	420	420
Investments	107,283	103,426
Total Assets	111,842	110,528
<b>ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	52,128	23,932
Accrued Interest and Dividends Receivable	3,760	3,162
Investments	927,211	971,069
Total Assets Limited as to Use	983,099	998,163
 Total Assets	 \$ 1,094,941	 \$ 1,108,691
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Commitment - Due to Others	\$ 983,099	\$ 998,163
<b>NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED</b>	111,842	110,528
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 1,094,941	\$ 1,108,691

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES  
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	2014	2013
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>		
Contributions	\$ 2,109	\$ 3,100
Unrealized Gain	26,334	95,814
Realized Gain (Loss)	(701)	62,063
Interest Income	21,855	17,149
Less: Gain on Investments Held on Behalf of Others	(41,541)	(180,137)
Total Support and Revenue	8,056	(2,011)
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Expense:		
Scholarships	2,000	2,000
Total Program Expense	2,000	2,000
Management and General:		
Mileage and Per Diem - Board Meetings	1,008	593
Professional Fees	2,200	2,943
Office Expense	25	25
Excise Tax Expense	1,509	284
Total Management and General	4,742	3,845
Total Expenses	6,742	5,845
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	1,314	(7,856)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	110,528	118,384
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 111,842	\$ 110,528

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**MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY, AND THE SONS  
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
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	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,314	\$ (7,856)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Unrealized Loss on Investments	(26,334)	(95,814)
Realized Loss (Gain) on Sale of Investments	701	(62,063)
Investment Gain Which is Due to Others	41,541	180,137
(Increase) Decrease in Accrued Interest and Dividends	<u>(598)</u>	<u>60</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	16,624	14,464
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from Sales and Maturities of Investments	352,035	419,780
Purchases of Investments	<u>(314,597)</u>	<u>(463,654)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	37,438	(43,874)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payments of Amounts Due to Others	<u>(56,605)</u>	<u>(62,219)</u>
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	(2,543)	(91,629)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>6,682</u>	<u>98,311</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 4,139</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,682</u></u>

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organizational Purpose**

The Minnesota American Legion, Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion Brain Science Foundation (the Organization) was established to raise funds to jointly support, with the University of Minnesota, a Chair in Brain Sciences for the purpose of bolstering advancement of this medical field to improve the care of veterans and the education of professional health care providers who will care for veterans and their families.

**Financial Statement Presentation**

Net assets and revenues, gains, and losses of the Organization are classified based on donor imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted – Resources over which the board of directors has discretionary control. Designated amounts represent those revenues that the board has set aside for a particular purpose.

Temporarily Restricted – Those resources subject to donor imposed restrictions that will be satisfied by actions of the Organization or passage of time.

Permanently Restricted – Those resources subject to donor imposed restrictions that they be maintained permanently by the Organization.

The Organization does not have any Board designated, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

**Estimates**

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Organization considers all highly liquid temporary investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Investments**

The Organization carries its investment securities at fair market value. The change in value is recognized in the statement of activities.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Fair Value Measurements**

The Organization measures fair value using a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability. Inputs may be observable or unobservable and refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The objective of a fair value measurement is to determine the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). Accordingly, the fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The Organization may use valuation techniques consistent with the market, income and cost approaches to measure fair value.

The inputs used to measure fair value are categorized into the following three categories:

*Level 1* – Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments, such as stocks, corporate and government bonds. The Organization has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

*Level 2* – Inputs, other than quoted prices, that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs from markets that are not considered to be active.

*Level 3* – Inputs that are unobservable. Unobservable inputs reflect Organization's own assumptions about the factors market participants would use in pricing an investment, and is based on the best information available in the circumstances.

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.



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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

The following table presents the Organization's fair value for those investments, excluding money market funds, measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Certificates of Deposit - Brokered	\$ -	\$ 134,517	\$ -	\$ 134,517
Stocks and Options	659,571	-	-	659,571
US Government Securities	-	132	-	132
Corporate Bonds	-	183,593	-	183,593
Foreign Bonds	-	56,681	-	56,681
Total	<u>\$ 659,571</u>	<u>\$ 374,923</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,494</u>
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Certificates of Deposit - Brokered	\$ -	\$ 155,829	\$ -	\$ 155,829
Stocks and Options	663,825	-	-	663,825
US Government Securities	-	99,407	-	99,407
Corporate Bonds	-	97,819	-	97,819
Foreign Bonds	-	57,615	-	57,615
Total	<u>\$ 663,825</u>	<u>\$ 410,670</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,074,495</u>

**Tax Exempt Status**

The Organization is tax exempt as an organization and has been classified as a private foundation under the Internal Revenue Code. Charitable contributions by donors are tax deductible. The Organization is subject to excise tax on investment earnings. As a private foundation, the Organization is required to make distributions during the next year, based on related charitable purpose income and expenses during the previous year. The Organization has made excess contributions over that past two years and had an excess distribution carryover of approximately \$57,000 and \$84,000 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The Organization follows the income tax standard for uncertain tax positions. No liability was recognized by the Organization as a result of this standard. The Organization files as a tax-exempt organization. Should that status be challenged in the future, all years since inception could be subject to review by the IRS. The 2011 - 2013 tax years of the Organization are open for examination by the IRS.

**Concentrations of Credit Risk Arising from Cash Deposits in Excess of Insured Limits**

The Organization maintains a majority of its cash balances at one financial institution. At times, the amounts on deposit may exceed federally insured limits.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Subsequent Events**

In preparing these financial statements, the organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through March 30, 2015, the date the financial statements were approved to be issued.

**NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS**

The Organization invests in a variety of investments. In general, investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of activities.

**NOTE 3 ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE AND COMMITMENT - DUE TO OTHERS**

The Organization acts as agents for the University of Minnesota with respect to investments held on behalf of the University. The original agreement pledged to the University of Minnesota annual payments of an amount equal to 5.5% of the three-year trailing average of the one million-dollar principal, including all income and growth or depreciation. The amount paid to the University of Minnesota was \$49,058 and \$59,442 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The principal amount including growth and accrued interest and dividends totaled \$983,099 and \$998,163 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In addition, the Organization made additional contributions of \$2,000 for 2014 and 2013 from other funding sources.