Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2023, and ending , 20

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

C
OPERATION HELP A HERO
PO BOX 80996
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, CA 92688

D Employer identification number: 27-1438256

E Telephone number:

G Gross receipts $ 799,593.

F Name and address of principal officer:
SAME AS C ABOVE

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: WWW.OPERATIONHELPAHERO.ORG

H(c) Group exemption number

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other | **L** Year of formation: 2009 | **M** State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: OPERATION HELP A HERO IS DEDICATED TO THE WELL-BEING AND CARE OF OUR AMERICAN MILITARY MEMBERS, SUPPORTING MILITARY UNITS AND FAMILIES DURING TIMES OF CRISIS, DEPLOYMENT AND NEED.

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

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	9
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	9
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	1,000
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.

Revenue

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	709,454.	799,593.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		
12	Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	709,454.	799,593.

Expenses

13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	659,316.	889,048.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	659,316.	889,048.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	50,138.	-89,455.

Net Assets or Fund Balances

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	148,005.	58,550.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0.	0.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	148,005.	58,550.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer — Date: 11/14/24

CINDY FARNUM — EXEC DIRECTOR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
MICHELLE L WALTERS, CPA				P00325630

Firm's name: KLARIN & ASSOCIATES CPAS INC
Firm's address: 20101 SW BIRCH STREET, SUITE 210, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660
Firm's EIN: 33-0755950
Phone no. (949) 833-1171

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

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Date Accepted

DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM TO THE FTB

TAXABLE YEAR **2023**

California e-file Return Authorization for Exempt Organizations

FORM **8453-EO**

Exempt Organization name: OPERATION HELP A HERO

Identifying number: 27-1438256

Part I Electronic Return Information (whole dollars only)

1	Total gross receipts or unrelated business taxable income (Form 199, line 4 or Form 109, line 5)	1	799,593.
2	Total gross income or total tax (Form 199, line 8 or Form 109, line 14)	2	799,593.
3	Total expenses and disbursements (Form 199, line 9)	3	889,048.
4	Tax due (Form 109, line 23)	4	
5	Overpayment (Form 109, line 24)	5	

Part II Settle Your Account Electronically for Taxable Year 2023

6 ☐ Direct Deposit of refund (Form 109 only.)

7 ☐ Electronic funds withdrawal **7a** Amount _____ **7b** Withdrawal date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Part III Schedule of Estimated Tax Payments for Taxable Year 2024 (These are NOT installment payments for the current amount the exempt organization owes.)

	First Payment	Second Payment	Third Payment	Fourth Payment
8 Amount				
9 Withdrawal Date				

Part IV Banking Information (Have you verified the exempt organization's banking information?)

10 Routing number _____

11 Account number _____ **12** Type of account: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings

Part V Declaration of Officer

I authorize the exempt organization's account to be settled as designated in Part II. If I check Part II, box 6, I declare that the bank account specified in Part IV for the direct deposit refund agrees with the authorization stated on my return. If I check Part II, box 7, I authorize an electronic funds withdrawal for the amount listed on line 7a and any estimated payment amounts listed on Part III, line 8 from the bank account specified in Part IV.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above exempt organization and that the information I provided to my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, or intermediate service provider and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding lines of the exempt organization's 2023 California electronic return. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the exempt organization's return is true, correct, and complete. If the exempt organization is filing a balance due return, I understand that if the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) does not receive full and timely payment of the exempt organization's tax liability, the exempt organization will remain liable for the tax liability and all applicable interest and penalties. I authorize the exempt organization return and accompanying schedules and statements be transmitted to the FTB by the ERO, transmitter, or intermediate service provider. **If the processing of the exempt organization's return or refund is delayed, I authorize the FTB to disclose to the ERO or intermediate service provider the reason(s) for the delay or the date when the refund was sent.**

Sign Here ▶ ✓ Cynthia McDaniel 11/11/24 ▶ EXEC DIRECTOR

Signature of officer — Date — Title

Part VI Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer. See instructions.

I declare that I have reviewed the above exempt organization's return and that the entries on form FTB 8453-EO are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. (If I am only an intermediate service provider, I understand that I am not responsible for reviewing the exempt organization's return. I declare, however, that form FTB 8453-EO accurately reflects the data on the return.) I have obtained the organization officer's signature on form FTB 8453-EO before transmitting this return to the FTB. I have provided the organization officer with a copy of all forms and information that I will file with the FTB, and I have followed all other requirements described in FTB Pub. 1345, 2023 Handbook for Authorized e-file Providers. I will keep form FTB 8453-EO on file for **four** years from the due date of the return or **four** years from the date the exempt organization return is filed, whichever is later, and I will make a copy available to the FTB upon request. If I am also the paid preparer, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above exempt organization's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I make this declaration based on all information of which I have knowledge.

ERO Must Sign

ERO's signature ▶ Michelle Walter CPA — Date 11/7/2024 — Check if also paid preparer ☒ — Check if self-employed ☐ — ERO's PTIN P00325630

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address ▶ KLARIN & ASSOCIATES CPAS INC
20101 SW BIRCH STREET, SUITE 210
NEWPORT BEACH CA

Firm's FEIN 33-0755950

ZIP code 92660

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above organization's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I make this declaration based on all information of which I have knowledge.

Paid Preparer Must Sign

Paid preparer's signature ▶ _____ Date _____ Check if self-employed ☐ Paid preparer's PTIN _____

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address ▶ _____ Firm's FEIN _____ ZIP code _____

Form **8879-TE**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

IRS E-file Signature Authorization for a Tax Exempt Entity

For calendar year 2023, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2023, and ending _____, 20____

Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.
Go to *www.irs.gov/Form8879TE* for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Name of filer

OPERATION HELP A HERO

EIN or SSN

27-1438256

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax

CINDY FARNUM EXEC DIRECTOR

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-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 for 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-). But, 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	[X]	b **Total revenue,** if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	799,593.
2a **Form 990-EZ** check here	[ ]	b **Total revenue,** if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a **Form 1120-POL** check here	[ ]	b **Total tax** (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a **Form 990-PF** check here	[ ]	b **Tax based on investment income** (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	
5a **Form 8868** check here	[ ]	b **Balance due** (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a **Form 990-T** check here	[ ]	b **Total tax** (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a **Form 4720** check here	[ ]	b **Total tax** (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a **Form 5227** check here	[ ]	b **FMV of assets at end of tax year** (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
9a **Form 5330** check here	[ ]	b **Tax due** (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
10a **Form 8038-CP** check here	[ ]	b **Amount of credit payment requested** (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that [X] I am an officer of the above entity or [ ] I am a 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. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an 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. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

[X] I authorize KLARIN & ASSOCIATES CPAS INC (ERO firm name) to enter my PIN 61100 as my signature

Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2023 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

[ ] As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2023 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax _____ Date 11/11/24

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN. 33166733166

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2023 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163,** Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature _____ Date 11/7/2024

ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So