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W. Post Aug. 11, 1983

VFW Leader Asks Group to Approve Campaign to Help Nicaraguan Rebels

By Juan Williams
Washington Post Staff Writer

The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has asked the group to approve a nationwide campaign to raise money for the U.S.-backed guerrillas who are fighting to overthrow the leftist Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

VFW National Commander Bob Currie, who has talked up the project with local VFW commanders, said he expects "strong support" when it comes to a vote at the group's national convention in New Orleans this month. He noted that the organization's bylaws require it to oppose communism in Latin and Central America.

Federal law does not prohibit a private group from offering nonmilitary aid to foreign groups that are not acting against the national security interests of the United States, according to congressional legal counsel.

With 1.9 million members, the VFW is the second-largest veterans' organization; the American Legion has 2.7 million members.

Currie spent eight days traveling through Honduras, El Salvador and Costa Rica last month, and then briefed President Reagan on his trip for a half hour in the Oval Office July 27. He said he was not seeking to circumvent a recent House vote to stop steadily increasing CIA support of the anti-Sandinista guerrillas, called "Contras."

"I met with the Contras while I was in Honduras and Costa Rica, and these are freedom-loving people trying to retake control of their country [Nicaragua] from dictators and bring about a democratic society," said Currie. "They consider their country to be under the influence of a superpower, the Soviet Union, and they are asking only for help to keep the Soviet Union out."

No amount has been set for the VFW contribution to the guerrillas, but Currie predicted that several million dollars can be raised for food,

clothing and medical supplies. He said the money would be channeled through a nonprofit, Washington-based anti-communist group called the American Security Council and would allow the "Contras" to spend their funds on military hardware.

The vote on the resolution for the fund drive will come after Reagan addresses the convention. Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio), a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, is scheduled to speak immediately after Reagan. But Currie said he didn't expect either to take a stand on the resolution. He said he had not discussed it with Reagan, although White House aides are aware of it.

"We are doing this without consulting with the president," he said. "But I am behind his policies in that area 100 percent. I told the president there is no question in my mind that our effort down there is right and we should feel obligated to help those people."

In addition to addressing the VFW and several Hispanic groups during his three-week vacation on the West Coast, Reagan is scheduled to speak to the American Legion's annual convention.

"We are very supportive of the president's Central American policies," said Mylio Kraja, executive director of the American Legion. Kraja said the American Legion has no plans to funnel aid to Latin America independently.

Its own charter prevents the other major veterans' group, the Disabled American Veterans, from taking a position on American military action in Latin America, but its members are supportive of Reagan's policies.

Reagan will face a challenge in winning the support of Vietnam-era veterans, who have made recent gains in the groups' hierarchies. Those men, according to officials of both groups as well as Reagan's political advisers, are less amenable to the idea of possible military intervention.

Charge rings wrong on Hill

Bob Packwood, p. Tim Wirth, D-nosed Thursday Federal Communi- sion decision phone users to y \$2 to \$4 sur-

about to reach every telephone is country," said

Packwood, who warned that "some people are going to be in danger of having no phone at all."

Currently, profits from long-distance calls heavily subsidize local phone service — \$9 billion a year, according to one estimate.

But under a court order, AT&T divorces its local compa-

nies on New Year's Day. That leaves someone to make up that subsidy — either consumers or long-distance carriers such as Sprint and MCI Communications.

Under the FCC plan, consumers and long-distance carriers would split the subsidy cost — hence the \$2 and \$4 access charges for consumers.

Under the Packwood-Wirth plan, the long-distance carriers would pick up the entire subsidy — a politically popular move.

It's an unpopular move with the long-distance carriers.

"We know it will increase our costs and therefore drive up our rates," said Gary Tobin, MCI spokesman.



By Lee Anderson, Special for USA TODAY

S: Glenn Ohrlin, cowboy from Arkansas, sings at a osium at the Library of Congress Thursday.

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that the display hibit "don't draw cowboy music

but the commercial Western music of the movies."

At the same time as the cowboy song was being commercialized, however, authentic Western music was making a transformation through the band of Bob Wills, who added an up-tempo, dance beat to Western music to produce what is called "Western" or "Texas" swing.

But the audience had had enough history. As one woman put it: "Let's hear some music." And with that, Junior Daugherty, New Mexico State Grand Champion fiddler, and his family took off in a lively tune.

Angry VFW nails Reagan for no-show

By Ann Devroy
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — With one move, President Reagan has angered the 1.9 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars, a group he is counting on to support his Central American policies, and handed that forum to a major political opponent, Sen. John Glenn of Ohio.

The national commander of the VFW, James Currieo, has informed the White House that he will sharply criticize Reagan for skipping the VFW's annual convention in New Orleans next month during his California vacation.

In a bitter letter to the White House, Currieo reminded Reagan aides that his organization is considering whether to conduct a major fund-raising drive to help the rebels who are fighting the government of Nicaragua.

Currieo, in fact, is in Central America this week on what a VFW spokesman calls a "fact-finding trip" related to that drive. He is visiting the countries the administration strongly backs in that region: El Salvador, Costa Rica and Honduras.

The VFW will decide at its convention whether to conduct the major fund-raising drive through its 10,000 local chapters.

Currieo's spokesman said the organization — which en-

dorsed Reagan in 1980 and has routinely backed his foreign policy and defense initiatives — was led to believe the president would keynote the annual convention.

Currieo's letter calls the president's refusal a slap in the face to veterans, and warns that he intends to read a copy of the letter in full to the convention before Glenn appears as replacement keynoter.

Thorne H. Marlow, director of public affairs at the VFW, said of Glenn: "Our folks empathize with him as a former military man and as an astronaut."

White House officials, who have not yet sent a reply to the letter, would not say who made the decision on the convention.

One conceded that several aides in the White House, attuned to the president's re-election campaign, had recommended that Reagan attend the convention by making a quick trip to Louisiana from his California ranch, but the recommendation was rejected.

Glenn was invited and accepted shortly after Reagan declined the invitation.

The politics of the situation is causing some head-shaking in the White House, where Glenn is still considered the toughest potential opponent to the president because of his appeal to many of the constituency groups, such as the veterans, that Reagan counted among supporters in 1980.

Memo
from the desk of

PHELPS JONES

July 19, 1983

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Dear Morton:

The attached press release is forwarded
for your information.

Cordially,

Phelps

Phelps Jones, Director
National Security and Foreign Affairs

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lower the room at
NASA.*



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"THE VOICE OF TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE VFW AND ITS AUXILIARY"

FOR RELEASE:

IMMEDIATELY
(18 JULY 1983)

JANE FONDA: AN ADMINISTRATION VIP?

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Mr. James R. Currieo, National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, today called upon James M. Beggs, Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), "to explain fully and promptly" just what NASA thought it was doing when Jane Fonda and her husband were given red carpet VIP treatment at the recent launching of the space shuttle "Challenger."

Currieo continued by expressing his "distaste and contempt" for this callous NASA publicity ploy.

The VFW leader concluded by associating himself "totally and proudly" with a recent Congressional Record insertion by Arizona's Congressman Bob Stump, which follows.

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NASA'S VIP LIST

HON. BOB STUMP
OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1983

Mr. Stump. Mr. Speaker, the planned landing site of the Space Shuttle was not the only aspect of this recent and historic mission to be overcast by dark clouds.

I would like to enter in the RECORD and bring to the attention of my colleagues and the American people the following article from the Arizona Republic regarding VIP's at the shuttle launch.

THE OTHER JANE FONDA

Millions of fawning Americans have lionized actress Jane Fonda by buying her diet and exercise book, thereby adding to her considerable wealth and making her a best-selling author.

There is another Jane Fonda, however, one that she might want to forget, but one whom others cannot forget.

Fonda was the darling of extreme left wing groups who took her anti-American venom deep into the enemy camp in North Vietnam during the war, and willingly consorted with communists to aid and abet their propaganda, even as American prisoners of war were rotting and being tortured in nearby camps.

Arizona Rep. John McCain is one whom will never forget.

McCain, a third generation naval hero, was a prisoner of the North Vietnamese (his Navy jet having been shot down while on a mission) when Fonda arrived in Hanoi for a visit with her communist hosts.

McCain refused to meet with Fonda when she was in Hanoi with the communist hosts, and thereby contribute to the communist propaganda triumph.

For refusing to share the spotlight with Fonda, McCain's captors broke both of his arms.

McCain has now written the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, protesting NASA's decision to "showcase" Fonda and her husband, radical Tom Hayden, as Very Important Persons at last Saturday's launching of the space shuttle CHALLENGER.

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McCain does not argue the right of Fonda and Hayden to attend the space launching.

But he correctly questions the judgment of NASA in honoring Fonda and Hayden, given her record as a willing and unapologetic propagandist for a wartime enemy.

McCain will always carry a deformed arm as a result of Fonda's visit to North Vietnam.

As for Fonda, she merely has become more famous and immensely wealthier.

May 26, 1983

It is a pleasure for me to extend my warmest greetings on the occasion of your 84th Annual National Convention.

The members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars have long stood in steadfast support of a strong and free America. Your presence in our democracy is a continuing reminder that true patriots throughout our nation's history have always been aware that the price of liberty is unceasing vigilance.

As you go about your deliberations, be assured that this Administration will continue to keep before it the values so cherished by our founding fathers -- values you all have done so much to uphold.

Sent to:

Mr. Cooper T. Holt
Executive Director
Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
VFW Memorial Building
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 18, 1983

Morton C. Blackwell, Special Assistant
to the President for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

The 84th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 12-19, 1983 with headquarters in the New Orleans Hilton Hotel.

It has been customary over the years for the President to issue greetings, which along with his picture, is published in the official program of our Convention. In keeping therewith, it will be greatly appreciated if you would furnish me an appropriate script with an 8x10 glossy black and white photograph of the President. Due to the lead time necessary for publication, it will be appreciated if this material can be made available within the next week or ten days.

For your information, kindly find enclosed a copy of the photographs used for our 83rd National Convention and, also, our pamphlet entitled, "The VFW Story."

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

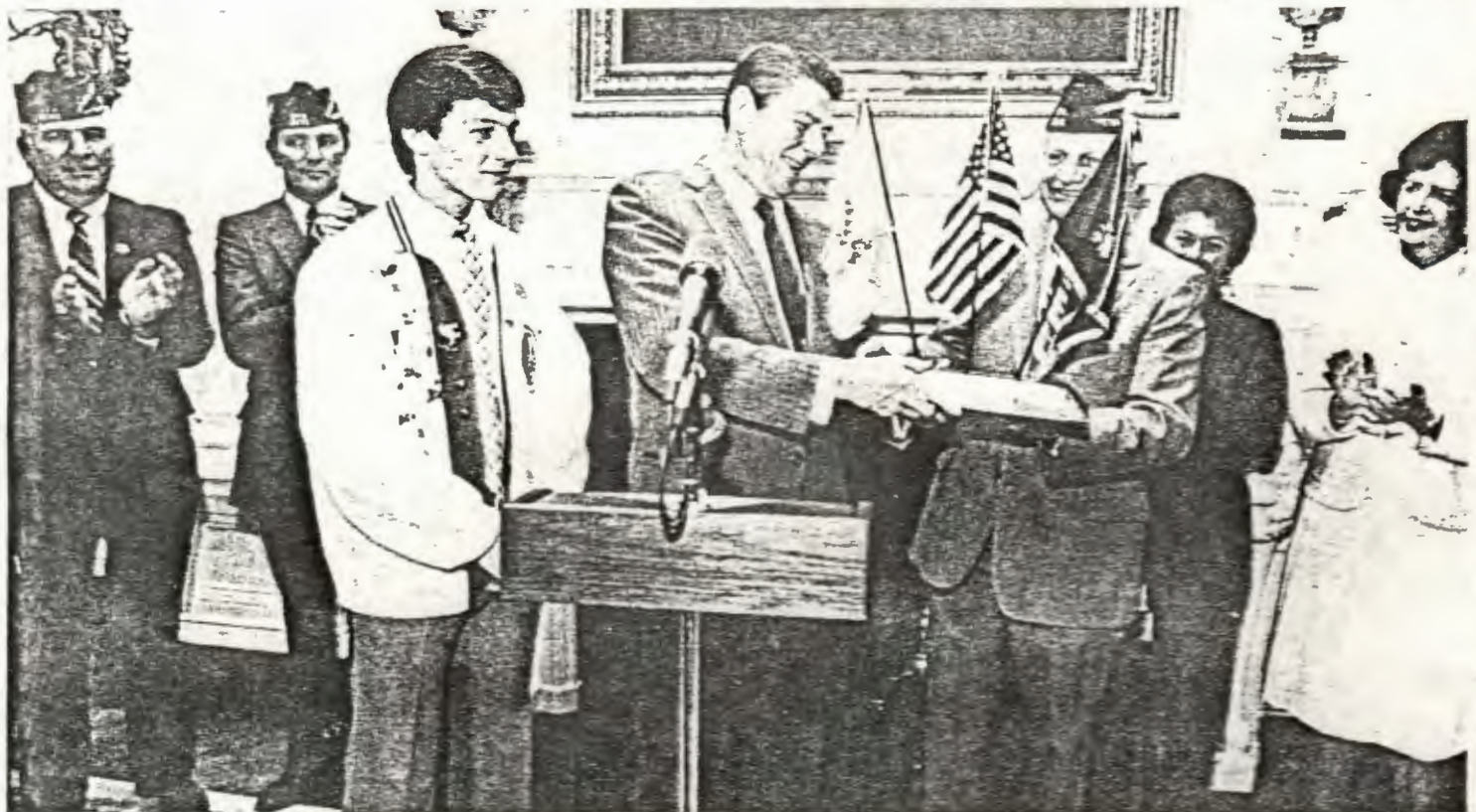
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cooper T. Holt", written in a cursive style.

COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

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Enclosures

Greetings from the President



President Ronald Reagan receives a Flag set from Commander-in-Chief Arthur J. Fellwock in the Oval Office of the White House. With them is William S. Baker, first place winner in the Voice of Democracy contest. Looking on is Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr.; Sr. Vice

Commander-in-Chief James R. (Bob) Currie, Mrs. Norma Fellwock and Auxiliary President Marion Watson. President Reagan met all the winners that day. The picture was so memorable, it was decided to use it rather than his letter of greetings.



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"THE VOICE OF TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE VFW AND ITS AUXILIARY"

FOR RELEASE:

IMMEDIATELY
(9 JUNE 1983)

VFW: NO CYNICAL POLITICAL USE OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- James R. Currieo, National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, today described the impending July 2nd use of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial area by a coalition of far-left activists ("Ad Hoc Committee for July 2nd Emergency Mobilization") as being "a mass obscenity."

The VFW leader continued by noting:

"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was paid for by private American citizens and organizations. The VFW -- with well over 500,000 Vietnam Veterans on our rolls -- made an early and substantial contribution.

"The Memorial was conceived as making a non-political, humanitarian point about the human cost of war.

"The cynical, political use of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial area by aging anti-Vietnam War activists attempting to defeat U. S. Central American policy by a 'no more Vietnams' type of media conscious demonstration must not be allowed to succeed."

Commander Currieo concluded by noting that "the Park Police have been informed about the July 2nd demonstration and will, presumably, prevent the desecration of the Memorial proper by the left wing activists.

"It will now be the task of all who value freedom to assure that the purposes of this July 2nd demonstration are decisively defeated. Failure in Central America is out of the question."

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(According to a flyer printed by the Ad Hoc Committee, the purposes of the demonstration are:

- "-- Stop U. S. aid to El Salvador; U. S. troops out;
- "-- Stop the U. S. war against Nicaragua;
- "-- No military bases in Honduras;
- "-- End all aid to Guatemala;
- "-- Stop war threats against Cuba and Grenada;
- "-- U. S. military out of Puerto Rico and Panama;
- "-- End racism, sexism and lesbian/gay oppression at home.")



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IMMEDIATELY
(3 JUNE 1983)

VFW LEADER "HEARTENED" BY START OF DIALOGUE ON POW/MIAs

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- James R. Currieo, National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, today stated that he was "heartened" by the apparent start of a dialogue between U. S. professionals from the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) in Hawaii and the Vietnamese Communist regime on POW/MIA matters.

"From my discussions with Lt. Col. Joe Harvey, Commander of the JCRC, I am cautiously optimistic that some additional progress can be made."

(As reported, some nine to twelve sets of U. S. remains will be turned over to Lt. Col. Harvey's delegation in Hanoi today. The remains will be flown to the JCRC in Hawaii for identification.)

"Not all is roses, however," the VFW leader continued. "Not long ago, Hanoi categorically denied it was holding any remains of U. S. servicemen, despite a first-hand live sighting by a Vietnamese mortician that placed some 400 sets of U. S. remains in a Hanoi warehouse.

"Must we now anticipate a score or more occasions of returning 'recently discovered' U. S. remains?"

Mr. Currieo concluded by pointing out that "if Hanoi can lie so facilely about holding the remains of our honored dead, the probability increases that they are holding

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living Americans against their will. Once and for all, the Administration and the Congress must make it clear beyond any chance of miscalculation that we regard the prompt return of all our unreturned from Southeast Asia precedent to, and not a part of, any normalization of relations between our two nations."

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF, DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS, DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS, DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS, DEPARTMENT ADJUTANTS, DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS

FROM: PHELPS JONES, DIRECTOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DATE: 18 MAY 1983

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC MODERNIZATION

On May 16, Commander-in-Chief Bob Currie led a small VFW party to the East Room of the White House where President Reagan, Vice President Bush, and others, set forth the case for deploying the M-X and asked for VFW support with the Congress to make this happen.

As what the President requested was clearly mandated: Resolution Number 413, "American Defense Primacy: The Enduring Commitment;" Resolution Number 414, "National Strategy of Peace Through Strength;" Resolution Number 417, "Support for Real, Equitable, Mutual and Verifiable Arms Reduction;" and Resolution Number 469, "Nuclear 'Freeze' or Peace Through Strength?" the Chief approved the following two communications:

(a) a memorandum to selected members of the House Appropriations Committee which was scheduled to vote on the M-X on May 17; and

(b) a memorandum to every member of the 98th Congress in anticipation of the M-X floor votes scheduled for both the House and the Senate during the week commencing Monday, May 23d.

The M-X should pass the Senate fairly easy; the Senate Appropriations Committee voted it up 17 to 11.

My "guesstimate" is that the President's proposal will pass the House in a squeaker.

Cordially in comradeship,

Phelps Jones, Director
National Security and Foreign Affairs

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

TO: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FROM: JAMES R. CURRIO, NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DATE: 17 MAY 1983

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE M-X PEACEKEEPER

I strongly urge your support for the M-X Peacekeeper in the vote scheduled for today in the Committee on Appropriations.

Needed modernization of the land-based ICBM is now clearly linked to both strategic stability and practical arms reduction prospects.

This vote on the M-X will make a statement, one way or the other, about American will, constancy and leadership that cannot be explained or rationalized away in terms of domestic politics.

On behalf of nearly two million of your fellow Americans in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I again urge you to stand with the President and vote to support the M-X.

Please advise.

Most cordially,

JAMES R. CURRIO
National Commander-in-Chief

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

TO: MEMBERS OF THE 98TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS

FROM: JAMES R. CURRIO, NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DATE: 19 MAY 1983

SUBJECT: ICBM MODERNIZATION

I understand that during the week commencing on May 23d, both deliberative bodies of the 98th United States Congress will vote up or down on the M-X Peacekeeper.

On behalf of nearly two million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I urge you to support the President and vote for the M-X.

As I earlier pointed out to members of the House Appropriations Committee:

"Needed modernization of the land-based ICBM is now clearly linked to both strategic stability and practical arms reduction prospects.

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Again, I urge you to vote for the M-X. Few, if any, votes in the 98th Congress will be so crucially important.

Please advise.

Most cordially,

James R. Currie
JAMES R. CURRIO
National Commander-in-Chief

Memo
from the desk of

PHELPS JONES

May 17, 1983

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Dear Morton:

The attached memorandum was hand delivered
this morning to swing members of the House
Committee on Appropriations.

Hope it helps.

Cordially,

Phelps
Phelps Jones, Director
National Security and Foreign Affairs, VFW

*cc: W. H. H. H. H. H.
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

TO: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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IMMEDIATELY
(April 15, 1983)

VFW WILL OPPOSE MOVE TO DISSOLVE SENATE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"I pledge that every member of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary will fight the new move by a Senate Study Group to shut down the Veterans Affairs Committee in the U.S. Senate," said VFW National Commander-in-Chief James R. Currieo.

A group chaired by former Senators James B. Pearson and Abraham A. Ribicoff has recommended that the committee be disbanded and designated a sub-function under the Senate Armed Services Committee. The study group was convened to examine the operation of the Senate and recommend changes to improve overall efficiency.

"The VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary led the fight to defeat this recommendation in the mid-1970s. The idea is still

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preposterous. Those who served their country in time of war need their programs protected by a separate committee in both houses of Congress. To that end, I call upon our membership and other veterans groups to again express their opinion to their Senators. We cannot let the committee be dissolved," Currieo continued.

The Senate rules and Administration Committee, is scheduled to begin hearings on the veterans affairs recommendation and others contained in the study on May 9.

March, 1983

VETERANS NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Cooper T. Holt
Executive Director
VFW Washington Office

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VFW

Commander-in-Chief Currie continues to push for a bill to grant compensation for diseases which may be caused by exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides used in Vietnam. The Washington Office is working with sponsors in both houses of Congress to draft bills which will permit payments for disabilities while the Centers for Disease Control studies the effects of exposure.

Over 100,000 veterans have received an Agent Orange examination by the VA. About 23,000 have been scheduled for a follow-up exam, but many veterans are not keeping these second appointments. The VFW urges any Vietnam veteran who thinks he was exposed to get a check at a VA medical center.

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The 1984 VA budget proposal which increases the funds by over \$1 billion from last year has been called "extremely good in view of the deep cuts proposed in other budgets." In testimony before the two veterans affairs committees of Congress, the VFW pointed out some areas of concern such as the postponement of cost of living increases in compensation and pension payments. However, the increases in the medical care system and construction reconfirms President Reagan's commitment to veterans.

There are 106 dean's committees at VA medical centers which are supposed to have a veterans service organization representative. The VA wants to improve communication with veterans organizations, but 22 committees do not have a representative.

VFW members are asked to check with their service officer to determine if a nearby VA medical facility is in need of a VFW member on the committee.

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Unemployed or underemployed Vietnam Era veterans may be eligible for an extension of their educational benefits.

There has been an extension of the 10-year eligibility period, fought for by the VFW, for certain veterans who may wish to get vocational, apprenticeship, on-the-job training or a high school diploma.

To qualify, a veteran must have been unemployed or underemployed for six months. Veterans should see a VFW service officer or the VA.

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Veterans in jeopardy of losing their homes with a VA guaranteed loan should contact the VA and their lender to discuss ways of keeping their domicile.

The VA has asked lenders to do all they can before foreclosing a VA loan.

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The United States Coast Guard informs that some veterans organizations have turned membership applications down from those who served in the USCG during war periods.

In 1915 Congress specifically identified the Coast Guard as a military service. If eligible for VFW membership, all USCG personnel should be welcomed.

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The week ending Saturday, May 21, is Armed Forces Week. Posts should participate with their local military installation to salute those now on active duty defending this nation.

Armed Forces Week offers a fine opportunity to make eligible active duty veterans aware of the VFW and its good works on behalf of veterans and active duty men and women.



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(Mar. 14, 83)

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States today conditionally endorsed President Reagans' proposal to send increased military and economic aid to El Salvador.

In commenting of the issue, VFW National Commander-in-Chief, James R. Currieo said, "While we agree in principal with the increase in military and economic assistance, we feel the final solution must come through diplomatic initiatives and dialogue between the government of El Salvador and the opposing forces. If the additional money will expedite a cease fire and peaceful negotiated settlement, then the funds will have been well spent. I hope we have learned something from similar assistance actions taken during the 1950s and 1960s in support of Vietnam."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ask if V.P.
is available

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 21, 1982

*Pres out of town
V.P. speaking
at conf on
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Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mort:

I know you will find the enclosed letter from our Commander-in-Chief, Bob Currieo, to President Reagan self-explanatory.

Rest assured that our Commander-in-Chief, and all involved, will be most grateful if someone at the White House can convince the President to take a few minutes on Tuesday, March 8, to meet with our state Voice of Democracy winners.

Your usual fine cooperation regarding our request will certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

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Enclosure

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

December 15, 1982

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Each year the VFW provides an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C., for the State and Overseas winners of our Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program. These are 52 high school students -- the winner for each of our 50 States, District of Columbia and American Schools Overseas. Approximately 250,000 students each year compete in the Voice of Democracy Program. Six of these 52 students will receive national scholarships totaling \$32,500.

The Voice of Democracy Program is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary. It is conducted annually in our country's secondary schools...10th, 11th and 12th grade students are eligible to participate. I am enclosing a release on this year's program to give you an idea of its magnitude.

The students will be arriving in Washington, D. C., on Friday, March 4th and returning to their homes on the afternoon of March 9th. While they are in our nation's Capital, they tour the National Monuments, Ford's Theatre, the Capitol and other points of interest.

One of the highlights of our trip is a visit to The White House. We have tentatively planned a tour of The White House on Tuesday, March 8th, at 9:00 a.m. It would certainly be a tremendous experience for these young Americans if you could spend just a moment or two greeting them at any time on Tuesday, March 8th or Wednesday morning, March 9th.

Your consideration in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

James R. Currie
Commander-in-Chief

Enclosure

bcc: Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director, Washington Office, VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 15, 1982

*see if Shultz
has accepted.
MB*

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

The enclosed letter to Secretary Shultz is self-explanatory. I would certainly appreciate anything and everything you can do to convince the Secretary to accept the Commander-in-Chief's invitation.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely your friend,

COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

CTH:nlp
Enclosure

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



November 12, 1982

C
Honorable George Shultz
The Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to invite you to address the Opening Session of the 1983 Washington Midwinter Conference of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and our Ladies Auxiliary. This will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 7, 1983, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel.

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You may expect an audience of some 2,000-2,500 men and women who, as I suspect you know, have been and remain strongly supportive of President Reagan's foreign policy.

I suggest remarks of some 30 minutes on a substantive policy subject of your choice. There will not be a question and answer period with your audience following your remarks. We will be guided by your wishes as to a press conference following or preceeding your appearance before us.

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Speaking on behalf of the nearly 2.6 million of your fellow citizens in the VFW, I sincerely hope you can "clear your calendar" for a portion of the morning of March 7th and share your thoughts with us.

Please advise at your earliest opportunity.

Best wishes to you and to your colleagues in the Department of State.

Cordially,

JAMES R. CURRIO
National Commander-in-Chief



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"THE VOICE OF TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE VFW AND ITS AUXILIARY"

FOR RELEASE:

IMMEDIATELY
(12 JANUARY 1983)

"VFW: ADMINISTRATION RIGHT ON NO U. S. DOLLARS FOR UN "RIP-OFF"

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- James R. Currieo, National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, today hailed the Administration's decision not to pay an annual one million dollar assessment to a UN commission set up to create an "international authority" to mine manganese, copper, cobalt, and nickel from the oceans' floors under a Law of the Sea Treaty which the U. S. refused to sign.

Describing the envisioned "international authority" as a "typical, UN rip-off mechanism," the VFW leader further stated that "this refusal by President Reagan to submit to blackmail on this Law of the Sea issue will, I believe, finally open up an even more basic question: why should America, one of some 157 UN member states, pay 25% of the total annual budget of the UN rather than 1/157th?

"We are subsidizing a 'Cavern of Winds' whose principal product seems to be an emotional and reflexive anti-Americanism cloaked in Third World globaloney. Drawing the line at the proposed annual Law of the Sea million dollar example of duly-sanctioned looting is a healthy and realistic first step."



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IMMEDIATELY
(7 OCTOBER 1982)
FOR RELEASE:

VFW HAILS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON AFGHANISTAN

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Mr. James R. "Bob" Currieo, National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, today praised the U. S. Senate for unanimously "calling upon the United States Government to support the people of Afghanistan with material assistance in their struggle to be free from foreign domination based on the total withdrawal of Soviet troops."

Mr. Currieo noted that the delegates to the VFW's 83rd National Convention duly resolved that:

"(a) U. S. military aid to the Afghan freedom fighters -- principally small arms and anti-tank and anti-helicopter weapons -- be sharply increased; and

"(b) U. S. humanitarian aid to Afghan refugees in neighboring Pakistan be promptly provided in amounts and categories needed."

This mandate, the VFW leader further noted, has been selected as a "Priority Security Goal" for 1982-83.

Mr. Currieo concluded by reaffirming the commitment of the 1.9 million member organization he heads to the cause of the Afghan freedom fighters.

"Were it not for the on-going military suppression in Poland and the brave resistance of the Afghan freedom fighters, I have little doubt that the Soviets would have applied direct military pressure in Lebanon to our strategic disadvantage.

"I again commend the Senate for taking this step. We stand for freedom or we stand for nothing."



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FOR RELEASE:

IMMEDIATELY
(Oct 14, 82)

VFW POST ROYALTY

PAYMENTS DROPPED

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"Due to the hard work of the VFW leadership, Congress exempted veterans groups from the requirement that royalties must be paid to copyright holders," said James R. Currieo, National Commander-in-Chief of the VFW.

"While Post Commanders will be notified officially of the new law and legal interpretations, we understand that VFW Posts will not be required to pay royalty fees after the effective date of the law when live music is played in Post homes provided: the function is limited to VFW and Auxiliary members and their bona fide guests and not open to the public; and, all profit after paying expenses is used for charitable purposes only," Currieo said.

"I want to thank each member who helped get this legislation through the Congress," Currieo said.



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"THE VOICE OF TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE VFW AND ITS AUXILIARY"

FOR RELEASE:

VFW ASKS QUICK SEARCH FOR VA ADMINISTRATOR

WASHINGTON, D.C.--James R. Currieo, National Commander-in-Chief of the VFW, has asked President Reagan to, "make an aggressive search to seek out a new VA Administrator."

"The nomination of an Administrator-designate prior to the November elections would be highly desirable," Currieo said.

In his letter to the President, Currieo pointed out that the VFW believes there is a great need for an Administrator to finalize the 1984 VA budget and voice his concerns for the veteran.

Currieo also cited the turbulence in the leadership positions in the VA as a cause for concern. "The absence of a dedicated Administrator may further contribute to the instability of the VA," he said.

"The VFW asks for an individual who knows veterans' programs and one who would courageously represent veterans as promised by the President before the 1980 VFW National Convention," Currieo said.

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VFW-PAC Endorsements

The VFW Speaks Out..

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and Foreign Affairs

INSIDE :

This entire issue is devoted to VFW-PAC political endorsements. Names of those given VFW-PAC approval begin on page 4.



Cooper T. Holt
Executive Director
VFW-PAC

For 83 years, your VFW and Ladies Auxiliary have stood tall on issues that made this country great. To assure that this country has a strong defense and continued veterans' entitlements, it formed the VFW-PAC.

The VFW Political Action Committee's purpose is to endorse and contribute to those who agree with the VFW's positions on defense and veterans' programs.

Prior to the last federal election, the VFW-PAC endorsed candidates for the first time and was successful in 89% of its endorsements.

As the 1982 federal elections draw near, the resolve of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary will be tested again. The VFW-PAC was very successful in the 1980 elections by helping those members of the Congress who had proven they supported the concept of a strong national defense and the continuation of veterans' entitlements. The outpouring of gratitude from our old and new friends in the Congress is indeed heartening.

However, the challenges facing your VFW and these members of the Con-

gress who support our ideals are even greater today than they were in 1980. Veterans and every other citizen of our country stand to lose a great deal if we are not vigilant.

As you know, one of the greatest resources of medical care in this country is the Veterans Administration health care delivery system. It is second to none and with your support it will continue to offer quality care and medical treatment that is unparalleled in the world.

To let each VFW and Auxiliary member know how the entire House of Representatives and those in the Senate up for reelection voted on these key issues, the VFW-PAC Board of Directors selected 14 roll call votes concerning a strong national defense and the continuation of our veterans' entitlement programs. A member received VFW-PAC endorsement if 60% of the time he or she voted to support the VFW position as directed by mandates from the delegates to the National Convention.

It does not matter if you are a Democrat or Republican, or something in between, the VFW-PAC needs your support to return those members of Congress who will not take away what

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veterans earned.

The VFW-PAC has solicited approximately one-half of the Departments in the VFW and tens of thousands have responded with their contribution to ensure a strong national defense and veterans' entitlements. Contributions continue to be welcome.

This Washington Action Reporter will give you the opportunity to see how your Congressman voted.

The 1982 elections will bring to Congress an entirely new group of people despite how Democratic or Republican candidates do at the polls this November.

One thing is certain. Your VFW and VFW Political Action Committee will continue to be in competition with many highly organized, vocal, and well-funded groups, who represent practically

no one when compared to the 2.5 million members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary. If our point of view is not conveyed to our elected officials, our voice will not be heard and others will prevail upon the Congress to take away what we have *earned*.

Changes in the makeup of the Congress are a way of life. Your VFW-PAC is aware of these political shifts and will press the Congress with vigor for a national defense second to none and to insure the integrity of the Veterans Administration and its programs.

That is why it is so important to let them know that the VFW is the *only* veterans' organization with a political action committee and that it will rate them on how they vote for money to defend the country and those who served it in

its time of need.

The VFW-PAC asks you to tell those who are running for re-election that you know how they were rated. Tell the new members that your VFW-PAC will be watching their performance during the next term.

This so-called "off year" election will have a dramatic impact on both the House and Senate committees which deal with veterans, national security and the money for their programs.

It is so important for you as veterans to vote and to vote for those who help us continue as a strong nation and one which cares for its veterans.

Look at their record as your VFW-PAC did and then vote your conscience.

ISSUES IN THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Seven issues were selected in each of the areas of national security and veterans' programs. The issue and the date recorded are indicated so that the Congressman can identify his vote with the issue. The resolution which mandates the VFW position is also given. If a Congressman supported the VFW position, he was given a favorable score. His overall score is shown by his name.

NATIONAL SECURITY

1. HR 3519 (Vote #135, Recorded 7/16/81), Rep. Schroeder's amendment to require an \$8 billion reduction in defense programs in FY 1982. VFW opposed passage; rejected 142-276. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 401, 407, 434, 435.

2. HR 3519 (Vote #140, Recorded 7/16/81), passage of an

adequate defense authorization for FY 1982 for weaponry, research, operations, etc. VFW supported passage; passed 354-63. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 407.

3. HR 4995 (Vote #316, Recorded 11/18/81), Rep. Addabbo's amendment to reduce B-1 Bomber spending by \$1.8 billion. VFW opposed passage; rejected 142-263. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 407.

4. HR 4995 (Vote #317, Re-



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VFW OBJECTIVES

- TO INSURE THE NATIONAL SECURITY through maximum military strength.
- TO SPEED THE REHABILITATION of the nation's disabled and needy veterans.
- TO ASSIST THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.
- TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.

corded 11/18/81), Rep. Addabbo's amendment to reduce defense spending by \$1.91 billion on the MX missile development and deployment program. VFW opposed passage; rejected 139-264. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 407.

5. HR 4995 (Vote #320, Recorded 11/18/81), passage of the bill setting defense spending levels for FY 1982. VFW supported passage; passed 335-61. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 401, 407.

6. H. Con. Res. 345 (Vote #109, Recorded 5/26/82), Rep. Green's amendment to reduce defense spending ceiling by \$16 billion in FY 1983-85. VFW opposed passage; rejected 125-295. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 416, 422, 435.

7. H. Con. Res. 345 (Vote #116, Recorded 5/27/82), Rep. Oakar's amendment to reduce defense spending ceiling by \$4.85 billion for the purpose of Medicare funding. VFW opposed passage; passed 228-196. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 422.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

8. H. Con. Res. 115 (Vote #36, Recorded 5/7/81), a substitute to the original federal budget whereby \$400 million would be restored to the budget for VA regional offices and hospitals. VFW supported passage; passed 253-176. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 609; Priority Goal.

9. H. Con. Res. 115 (Vote #37, Recorded 5/7/81), passage of resolution containing the increased budget for VA regional offices, hospitals and programs. VFW supported passage; passed 270-154. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 609; Priority Goal.

10. H. Con. Res. 115 (Vote #51, Recorded 5/20/81), passage of preliminary House-Senate Veterans Administration budget resolution.

VFW supported passage; passed 244-155. Fulfills VFW Resolution 609; Priority Goal.

11. HR 3499 (Vote #54, Recorded 6/2/81), extending and expanding Vietnam veterans health care and counseling programs, and minimum bed level for VA. VFW supported passage; passed 388-0. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 639, 670; Priority Goal.

12. HR 1100 (Vote #57, Recorded 6/2/81), providing comprehensive rules and regulations for handling health care and compensation claims for former prisoners of war. VFW supported passage; passed 394-2. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 685; Priority Goal.

13. HR. 4034 (Vote #147, Recorded 7/21/81), passage of House version of the Veterans Administration budget for FY 1982. VFW supported passage; passed 362-54. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 609; Priority Goal.

14. HR 4034 (Vote #203, Recorded 9/15/81), final passage of the House-Senate compromise, funding VA medical care, compensation, pension, and Vietnam veteran programs. VFW supported passage; passed 209-197. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 609; Priority Goal.

ISSUES IN THE U.S. SENATE

Legislation is introduced in both houses of the Congress. It was necessary to look at bills in the Senate. As in the House, seven issues were selected in each of the areas of national defense and veterans' programs.

NATIONAL SECURITY

1. S. 815 (Vote #119, Recorded 5/14/81), passage of an adequate defense authorization bill for weaponry, research, operations, etc. VFW supported passage; passed 92-1. Fulfills VFW Resolu-

tions No. 401, 407, 449, 665.

2. HR 4995 (Vote #449, Recorded 12/3/81), an amendment by Senator Hatfield to reduce defense procurement and research spending by 2% or \$1.7 billion. VFW opposed passage; rejected 36-57. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 401, 407, 449.

3. HR 4995 (Vote #456, Recorded 12/4/81), passage of bill setting spending levels for defense programs for 1982. VFW supported passage; passed 84-5. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 401, 407.

4. S. 2248 (Vote #111, Recorded 5/13/82), Senator Tower's motion to kill Senator Hart's amendment to reduce defense spending by \$3.7 billion by cancelling construction of a Nimitz class nuclear aircraft carrier. VFW supported passage; passed 63-32. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 416, 435; Priority Goal.

5. S. 2248 (Vote #120, Recorded 5/13/82), passage of the bill establishing defense spending levels for 1983. VFW supported passage; passed 84-8. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 416, 422, 434, 435.

6. S. Con. Res. 92 (Vote #125, Recorded 5/19/82), Senator Baker's motion to kill Senator Kassebaum's amendment to reduce defense programs by \$35.3 billion in FY 1983-85. VFW supported passage; passed 53-44. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 406, 422, 435.

7. S. Con. Res. 92 (Vote #152, Recorded 5/21/82), Senator Baker's motion to kill Senator Riegle's amendment to reduce defense programs by \$18.9 billion in FY 1983-85 and transfer those funds to domestic programs and deficit reduction. VFW supported passage; passed 61-30. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 435.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

8. S. Con. Res. 9 (Vote #143, Recorded 3/26/81), an amendment by Senators Chiles and Sasser to restore previously cut funds to the VA budget for VA health care programs. VFW supported passage; rejected 44-56. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 609; Priority Goal.

9. H. Con. Res. 115 (Vote #126, Recorded 5/21/81), adoption of the FY 1982 budget continuing most VA programs without reduction. VFW supported passage; passed 76-20. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 609; Priority Goal.

10. HR 3499 (Vote #153, Recorded 6/16/81), provides for health care for herbicide and radiation-exposed veterans, business loans and readjustment appointment authority. VFW supported passage; passed 99-0. Fulfills VFW Resolutions No. 670, 714; Priority Goal.

11. HR 4034 (Vote #245, Recorded 7/30/81), establishing adequate spending levels for VA hospitals and programs. VFW supported passage; passed 87-6. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 609; Priority Goal.

12. H. J. Res. 357 (Vote #414, Recorded 11/19/81), Senator Garn's motion to kill Senator DeConcini's amendment to disapprove the deferral containing suggestions to implement mainstreaming and vouchering out for veterans' health care and delaying several important VA hospital construction/improvement projects. VFW opposed passage; passed 58-39. Fulfills many VFW resolutions; Priority Goal.

13. S. Con. Res. 92 (Vote #134, Recorded 5/20/82), amendment of Senator Chiles to restore funding for compensation/pension increases, hospital care. VFW supported passage; rejected 46-53. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 775; Priority Goal.

14. S. Con. Res. 92 (Vote #144, Recorded 5/21/82), Senator Simpson's motion to kill Senator DeConcini's amendment to provide full compensation increases for all service-connected veterans in 1983-85. VFW opposed passage; passed 49-45. Fulfills VFW Resolution No. 775; Priority Goal.

ENDORSEMENTS

The published voting record of every member of the Congress was studied by the Washington Office staff to determine how a member voted compared to the position taken by the mandates given to the VFW by the delegates to the National Convention.

Congressmen and Senators up for reelection were rated "right" and "wrong" and their scores tallied. Those with a score of 60% "right" were endorsed. Names and "right" scores follow:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ALABAMA

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Edwards	93
(2)	Dickinson	91
(3)	Nichols	100
(4)	Bevill	92
(5)	Flippo	92
(6)	Smith	92
(7)	Shelby	93

ALASKA

District		% RIGHT
AL	Young	100

ARIZONA

District		% RIGHT
(2)	Udall	69
(3)	Stump	83
(4)	Rudd	100

ARKANSAS

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Alexander	92

(2)	Bethune	93
(3)	Hammerschmidt	93
(4)	Anthony	93

CALIFORNIA

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Clausen	93
(2)	Chappie	86
(3)	Matsui	71
(4)	Fazio	64
(13)	Mineta	64
(14)	Shumway	86
(15)	Coelho	62
(16)	Panetta	64
(17)	Pashayan	73
(19)	Lagomarsino	93
(20)	Thomas	100
(21)	Fiedler	93
(22)	Moorhead	86
(30)	Rousselot	83
(32)	Anderson	71
(33)	Dreier	86
(35)	Lewis	86
(38)	Patterson	77
(39)	Dannemeyer	86
(40)	Badham	82
(41)	Lowery	93
(42)	Lungren	86
(45)	Hunter	93

COLORADO

District		% RIGHT
(5)	Kramer	93

CONNECTICUT

District		% RIGHT
(3)	De Nardis	64

DELAWARE

District		% RIGHT
AL	Evans	85

FLORIDA

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Hutto	100
(2)	Fuqua	100
(3)	Bennett	93
(4)	Chappell	100
(5)	McCollum	93
(7)	Gibbons	86
(8)	Young	100
(10)	Ireland	92
(11)	Nelson	100

(14) Mica 86
 (15) Shaw 93
 (18) Pepper 60
 (19) Fascell 64

GEORGIA

District % RIGHT
 (2) Hatcher 92
 (4) Levitas 93
 (6) Gingrich 92
 (7) McDonald 70
 (9) Jenkins 93
 (10) Barnard 92

HAWAII

District % RIGHT
 (2) Akaka 71

IDAHO

District % RIGHT
 (1) Craig 93
 (2) Hansen 79

ILLINOIS

District % RIGHT
 (4) O'Brien 86
 (6) Hyde 92
 (8) Rostenkowski 64
 (10) Porter 71
 (11) Annunzio 71
 (12) Crane, P. 79
 (13) Erlenborn 93
 (14) Corcoran 92
 (15) Madigan 91
 (16) Martin 93
 (18) Michel 86
 (19) Crane, D. 79
 (20) Findley 64
 (21) Price 75

INDIANA

District % RIGHT
 (3) Hiler 86
 (4) Coats 93
 (5) Hillis 92
 (7) Myers 93
 (8) Deckard 73

IOWA

District % RIGHT
 (3) Evans 67

KANSAS

District % RIGHT
 (1) Roberts 93
 (3) Winn 93
 (4) Glickman 71
 (5) Whittaker 93

KENTUCKY

District % RIGHT
 (1) Hubbard 64
 (2) Natcher 93
 (3) Mazzoli 71
 (4) Snyder 79
 (5) Rogers 93
 (6) Hopkins 79
 (7) Perkins 71

LOUISIANA

District % RIGHT
 (1) Livingston 93
 (2) Boggs 79
 (3) Tauzin 93
 (4) Roemer 93
 (5) Huckaby 93
 (6) Moore 93
 (7) Breaux 100
 (8) Long 85

MAINE

District % RIGHT
 (2) Snowe 86

MARYLAND

District % RIGHT
 (1) Dyson 93
 (2) Long 86
 (4) Holt 85
 (5) Hoyer 78
 (6) Byron 93

MASSACHUSETTS

District % RIGHT
 (1) Conte 64
 (4) Heckler 71
 (11) Donnelly 60

MICHIGAN

District % RIGHT
 (4) Siljander 93
 (5) Sawyer 93
 (6) Dunn 92
 (9) Vander Jagt 93
 (10) Albosta 86

(11) Davis 85
 (18) Broomfield 92

MINNESOTA

District % RIGHT
 (1) Hagedorn 82
 (2) Weber 69
 (3) Frenzel 86
 (6) Erdahl 64
 (7) Stangeland 86

MISSISSIPPI

District % RIGHT
 (1) Whitten 86
 (3) Montgomery 100
 (4) Dowdy 89
 (5) Lott 93

MISSOURI

District % RIGHT
 (2) Young 93
 (3) Gephardt 79
 *(4) Skelton 100
 Bailey 86
 (6) Coleman 86
 (7) Taylor 93
 (8) Emerson 93
 (9) Volkmer 86

MONTANA

District % RIGHT
 (2) Marlenee 73

NEBRASKA

District % RIGHT
 (1) Bereuter 79
 (2) Daub 79
 (3) Smith 64

NEVADA (NO ENDORSEMENT)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

District % RIGHT
 (1) D'Amours 71
 (2) Gregg 71

NEW JERSEY

District % RIGHT
 (4) Smith 79
 (5) Roukema 86
 (7) Rinaldo 86

(9)	Hollenbeck	71
(12)	Courter	86

NEW MEXICO

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Lujan	77
(2)	Skeen	93

NEW YORK

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Carney	100
(3)	LeBoutillier	93
(4)	Lent	93
(5)	McGrath	93
*(14)	Molinari	79
	Zeferetti	64
(15)	Green	64
(21)	Fish	86
(22)	Gilman	85
(23)	Stratton	83
(24)	Solomon	86
(26)	Martin	91
(29)	Horton	71
(30)	Conable	85
(31)	Kemp	100

NORTH CAROLINA

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Jones	78
(3)	Whitley	86
(4)	Andrews	92
(5)	Neal	86
(6)	Johnston	82
(7)	Rose	93
(8)	Hefner	93
(9)	Martin	93
(10)	Broyhill	93
(11)	Hendon	93

NORTH DAKOTA

District		% RIGHT
AL	Dorgan	64

OHIO

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Luken	86
(2)	Gradison	86
(3)	Hall	79
(4)	Oxley	86
(5)	Latta	86
(6)	McEwen	93
(8)	Kindness	93
(9)	Weber	86

(10)	Miller	71
(12)	Shamansky	71
(15)	Wylie	79
(16)	Regula	93
(17)	Williams	85
(20)	Oakar	64

OKLAHOMA

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Jones	93
(2)	Synar	64
(3)	Watkins	93
(4)	McCurdy	93
(5)	Edwards	93
(6)	English	100

OREGON

District		% RIGHT
(5)	Smith	86

PENNSYLVANIA

District		% RIGHT
(3)	Dougherty	86
(4)	Atkinson	79
(5)	Schulze	92
(6)	Yatron	79
(8)	Coyne	86
(9)	Shuster	79
(10)	McDade	92
(11)	Nelligan	86
(12)	Murtha	71
(13)	Coughlin	92
(15)	Ritter	86
(16)	Walker	83
(19)	Goodling	69
(23)	Clinger	93

RHODE ISLAND

District		% RIGHT
(2)	Schneider	69

SOUTH CAROLINA

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Hartnett	86
(2)	Spence	93
(3)	Derrick	82
(4)	Campbell	93
(6)	Napier	100

SOUTH DAKOTA

District		% RIGHT
*AL	Daschle	64
	Roberts	85

TENNESSEE

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Quillen	86
(2)	Duncan	82
(3)	Bouquard	100
(5)	Boner	86
(6)	Gore	64
(8)	Jones	93

TEXAS

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Hall, S.	92
(2)	Wilson	100
(4)	Hall, R.	93
(6)	Gramm	86
(7)	Archer	86
(8)	Fields	86
(9)	Brooks	67
(10)	Pickle	64
(11)	Leath	86
(12)	Wright	79
(13)	Hightower	100
(14)	Patman	77
(15)	de la Garza	75
(17)	Stenholm	93
(19)	Hance	86
(20)	Gonzalez	71
(21)	Loeffler	93
(23)	Kazen	79
(24)	Frost	67

UTAH

District		% RIGHT
(1)	Hansen	92
(2)	Marriott	92

VERMONT

District		% RIGHT
AL	Jeffords	69

VIRGINIA

District		% RIGHT
(2)	Whitehurst	93
(3)	Bliley	93
(4)	Daniel, R.	93
(5)	Daniel, D.	93
(7)	Robinson	93
(8)	Parris	86
(9)	Wampler	86
(10)	Wolf	86

WASHINGTON		
District		% RIGHT
(1)	Pritchard	91
(2)	Swift	71
(4)	Morrison	93
(5)	Foley	79
(6)	Dicks	77

WEST VIRGINIA		
District		% RIGHT
(3)	Staton	93

WISCONSIN		
District		% RIGHT
(3)	Gunderson	79
(4)	Zablocki	67
(8)	Roth	93
(9)	Sensenbrenner	79

WYOMING		
District		% RIGHT
AL	Cheney	86

NOTE: New district numbers are used. Redistricting was caused by the 1980 census.

* Both candidates endorsed by VFW-PAC due to redistricting.

UNITED STATES SENATE		
		% RIGHT
<u>Arizona</u>		
DeConcini		91
<u>Connecticut</u>		
Weicker		62
<u>Delaware</u>		
Roth		64
<u>Florida</u>		
Chiles		100
<u>Hawaii</u>		
Matsunaga		71
<u>Indiana</u>		
Lugar		71

Maryland	
Sarbanes	73
Michigan	
Riegle	62
Minnesota	
Durenberger	67

Mississippi	
Stennis	100

Missouri	
Danforth	64

Montana	
Melcher	83

Nebraska	
Zorinsky	100

Nevada	
Cannon	83

New Jersey	
Fenwick	62

New Mexico	
Schmitt	73

New York	
Moynihan	71

North Dakota	
Burdick	71

Ohio	
Metzenbaum	64

Pennsylvania	
Heinz	67

Tennessee	
Sasser	100

Texas	
Bentsen	93

Utah	
Hatch	71

Virginia	
Tribble	93

Washington	
Jackson	86

West Virginia	
Byrd	93

Wyoming	
Wallop	64

NOTE: Non-incumbents are shown with their percent right as members of the House of Representatives.

GENESIS OF VFW-PAC

How did VFW-PAC come about?

When the delegates to the VFW National Convention in New Orleans established the VFW-PAC in 1979, veterans' and national defense issues in Congress had reached a crossroads.

They recognized that more and more older, experienced Representatives and Senators were retiring and being replaced by a new breed — relative youngsters who had grown up during the turbulent 1960s, with its contempt for defense and its indifference toward those who had fought the nation's wars.

They knew, too, that fewer and fewer of the new breed were and would be veterans themselves.

To combat this insensitivity, educate new Representatives and Senators to the needs and opinions of the nation's veterans and to support those who backed VFW positions, the VFW-PAC was established.

Through it, the VFW has made the veteran's voice heard more loudly and clearly on Capitol Hill.

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BUDGET ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"The VFW was delighted with the Congressional action which increased funds for the Veterans Administration," said James R. Currieo, National Commander-in-Chief.

"The override of the president's veto of the supplemental appropriations bill will enable the VA to continue the nurses scholarship program, allow funding for Agent Orange studies and give pay increases to VA employees without taking the money from other VA assets," Currieo said.

"The VFW looks forward to continuing support for veterans' entitlements during the year. We are particularly pleased that the program to recruit nurses was saved," he said.