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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

August 17, 2005

SUBJECT: National Charter

TO: National President, KWVA

BACKGROUND

Attempts have been made for the past several years by the Korean War Veterans, Inc., to obtain a Federal Charter [Title 36, US Code]. These efforts have not been successful for a variety of reasons. The major reason for the denial can not be actually determined, however, it is believed that the outstanding objects, if addressed timely and appropriately can be overcome.

ACTIONS TO DATE

The proposed bills were redrafted and submitted for review. The Senate and House both approved the draft bill, verbatim, and filed same. The Senate Bill is S. 1512 sponsored by Senator Sarbanes and the House Bill is HR 3476, sponsored by Congressman Hoyer. Both Bills were filed simultaneously on July 27, 2005.

POSITIVE ACTIONS

There was never opposition to the passage of the bill in the Senate. It is believed there will be none this year.

NEGATIVE ACTIONS

The House Bill has never successfully moved out of the Judiciary Committee and Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

The Judiciary Committee Chairman is Congressman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., Republican, Fifth District of Wisconsin.

The Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims Chairman is Congressman John N. Hostettler, Republican, Eighth District of Indiana.

MORE NEGATIVE FACTORS

The Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Immigrations, *Border Security, and Claims*, is Cynthia Blackston. All the information which I was able to obtain indicates that this person is the real reason the Bill has never moved. The reasons for her personal and bitter opposition to this particular bill is unknown, but believed to be the result of an inability to work around a mutual

detestation of each other on the part of Blackston and former KWVA contact person(s). Further it has been reported to me that Ms. Blackston has verbally stated you *will get a Federal Charter over my dead body*.

NEGATING ACTIONS

I believe and recommend that a concerted effort must be made directly with Congressmen Sensenbrenner and Hostettler to offset Ms. Blackston's efforts. A federal employee should not hold the power to determine what is good, bad, or indifferent to over 5 to 7 million Korean War Veterans. Therefore, we need a concentrated and unified effort to overcome identified opposition, and gain the high ground.

I am proposing to prepare a list of key Members of the House identified to receive a personal letter which I will write, signed by the National President. These letters would be forwarded to some trusted individual in the vicinity of the Capitol to hand-carry for delivery to the offices of the Representatives. Director Robert Banker, Maryland Chapter might be the individual for this task.

I further request that each KWVA member write a letter to their Representatives requesting support for H.R. 3476.

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS

Request all suggestions, comments, and recommendations be forwarded to the Director Legislative Programs, immediately for consideration.

From: Bob Charlesworth [mailto:JAVA3B@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2005 9:05 PM
To: Lou Dechert
Subject: Fw: message from Congressman Renzi's office

Lou - - this is a response from Repr. Renzi's office to one of our members. It's pretty much the same msg we learned of during the last bill that went to Sensenbrenner's Committee. I believe we already know that some Charters have been granted in spite of the so- called ban, so the question naturally arises; what does it take to circumvent the ban, and who is the recipient of the favor? Frankly, I'm not a supporter of this activity, but I'm open to discussion.

Regards, Bob

----- Original Message -----

From: [Pete Buscaino](#)
To: [Bob Charlesworth](#)
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2005 4:28 PM
Subject: FW: message from Congressman Renzi's office

[Bob, This is in response to an email I sent WEEKS ago on a national charter for the KWVA. You requested we contacted our Congressional Members.](#)
[Pete Buscaino](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lester, Jim [mailto:Jim.Lester@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2005 9:14 PM
To: 'pbus@localnet.com'
Subject: message from Congressman Renzi's office

My name is Jim Lester, an aide to Congressman Renzi. Thanks for your email on HR 3476. The Judiciary Committee will not consider bills granting federal charters for the foreseeable future. Its reasoning is that there are no qualifications for receiving a federal charter and no oversight of organizations that have received federal charters in the past. Since a federal charter denotes a type of approval by Congress, without oversight by Congress, an unfit organization could use this designation to the detriment of the public.

Since there is no oversight function, Chairman Sensenbrenner has decided to deny federal charters to all organizations seeking such charters. This policy may change sometime in the future, but it is doubtful in the near term. Thanks for your email.

Jim Lester

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108TH CONGRESS (2003/2004)

S.478

Title: A bill to grant a Federal charter Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Sarbanes, Paul S.](#) [MD] (introduced 2/27/2003) [Cosponsors](#) (19)

Latest Major Action: 2/27/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

COSPONSORS(19), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: [by date](#))

[Sen Biden, Joseph R., Jr.](#) [DE] - 7/23/2003

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[Sen Schumer, Charles E.](#) [NY] - 7/23/2003
[Sen Warner, John](#) [VA] - 2/27/2003

H.R.1043

Title: To grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

Sponsor: [Rep Walsh, James T.](#) [NY-25] (introduced 2/27/2003) [Cosponsors](#) (156)

Latest Major Action: 5/5/2003 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

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5/22/2003

109TH CONGRESS (2005-2006)

S.1512

Title: A bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

Sponsor: [Sen Sarbanes, Paul S.](#) [MD] (introduced 7/27/2005) [Cosponsors](#) (18)

Related Bills: [H.R.3476](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/27/2005 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

COSPONSORS(18), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: [by date](#))

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[Sen Wyden, Ron](#) [OR] - 7/27/2005

H.R.3476

Title: To grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

Sponsor: [Rep Hoyer, Steny H.](#) [MD-5] (introduced 7/27/2005) [Cosponsors](#) (26)

Related Bills: [S.1512](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/27/2005 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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August 24, 2005

The Honorable John N. Hostettler
Representative Indiana-8th District
Chair, Subcommittee for Immigration,
Border Security and Claims
1214 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1408

Re: H.R. 3476

Dear Representative Hostettler,

As President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., I am concerned for the well-being of the approximately seven and one half million American Military Service members that served in the Korean War during actual hostilities and in subsequent roles to preserve the freedom and independence of the Republic of Korea and the security of the United States in the Far East.

On July 27, 2005, the 52nd Anniversary of the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement, Representative Steny H. Hoyer introduced H.R. 3476, accompanied with this comment: ***Granting this Federal Charter, at no cost to the government, is a small expression of our appreciation for the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of our forces in Korea and will afford the Association the same status as other major veteran organizations.***

This Association is the only fraternal veterans association in our nation devoted exclusively to Korea veterans and their cares and concerns. It is also the only US member of the *International Federation of Korean War Veterans Associations* – IFKWVA, Seoul, Korea. I presently serve on the Executive Council of the world body. Thus, the KWVA is the only veterans group bringing US veterans of Korea to world attention.

**“Korean War and Korea Service Veterans –
A Continuity of Service in the Defense of Freedom.”**

US MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS –
THE RETURN VISITS



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Dechert to Hostettler
August 24, 2005

I might add [and I'm certain that you don't need to be reminded] that the Senate has twice previously overwhelmingly acted favorably on the granting of a charter to our organization.

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Re: H.R. 3476

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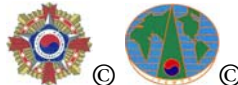
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