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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name The American Legion		
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address 700 North Pennsylvania Street City Indianapolis State/Zip (or Country) IN 46204		
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20086		
4. Contact Name John F. Sommer, Jr.	Telephone (202) 861-2700	E-mail (optional)
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self		5. Senate ID # 2775-12
		6. House ID # 30773000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report >> Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000 of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>570,000.00</u> Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>
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15. General issue area code CON (one per page)
16. Specific lobbying issues
H.R. Res. 33/ S.J. Res. 14, Flag Protection Amendment, Proposal for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>Jefferson, John</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Robertson, Steve</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Spanogle, Robert W.</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Wheeler, Daniel</u>		<u>No</u>

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

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15. General issue area code DEF (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 4205/ FY 2001 Department of Defense Authorization Measure., Permanent lifetime ERICARE eligibility for Medicare-eligible military retirees and their families.

H.R. 4475, FY 2001 DoT and related appropriations., Coast Guard funding.

H.R. 4635, FY 2001 VA, HUD Independent Agency appropriations., Selective Service funding.

H.R.4576/S2593, FY 2001 DoD Appropriations Measure., Funding for all defense programs including quality of life housing, pay raises, procurement of weapons and weapon systems.

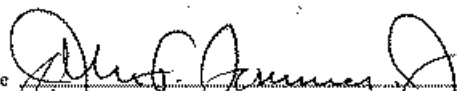
17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Defense
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Robertson, Steve		No
Schlee, G. Michael		No
Summer, Jr., John F.		No

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Item	Description	Data
16	Lobbying Issues	Missing Servicepersons Selective Service System H.R. 4265-FY 2001 DoD Authorization Measure- Pay raise for all military personnel of 3.7 percent. Allowing U.S.Navy to continue using the island of Vieques off the coast of Puerto Rico as a live-firing range.

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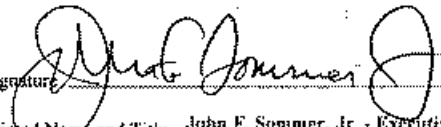
- 15. General issue area code EDU (one per page)
- 16. Specific Lobbying issues
S1402, Veterans and Dependents Millennium Education Act., Increase in GI Bill benefits.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Department of Veterans Affairs
House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>Hubbard, James</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Jefferson, John</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Robertson, Steve</u>		<u>No</u>

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15. General issue area code FOR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.2084/S.1143, (P.L.106-69) FY 2000 DoT appropriations, supporting USCG, Disapprove waiver of Jackson-Vanik amendment to 1974 Trade Act with respect to Vietnam
H.R.2134, H.R.2606 & H.R.3196, Foreign Operations appropriations,
H.R.4569; S.2334, (P.L. 105-277) Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1999, support US foreign aid for FY '99 re: military and economic assistance to selected foreign nations


17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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<u>Robertson, Steve</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Schiee, G. Michael</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Sommer, Jr., John F.</u>		<u>No</u>

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15. General issue area code HOU (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R. 4635, FY 2001 Appropriations for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Funding for VA Home Loan Guaranty program, S 714, Permanent Extension of Native American Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program,

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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<u>Hubbard, James</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Jefferson, John</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Robertson, Steve</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Sommer, Jr., John F.</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Williams, Carroll</u>		<u>No</u>

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15. General issue area code IMM (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.3421, H.R.3194, (P.L. 106-113) FY 2000 appropriations Bill, funds activities of Immigration & Naturalization Services S.484- Directs the Atty.Gen. to grant refugee status in the U.S. to any alien and their parents, spouse or child who (1) is a national of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China or North Korea or any of the independent states of the former Soviet Union who personally delivers into U.S. custody a living American Vietnam or Korean War POW or MIA.

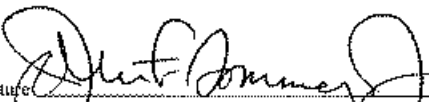
17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

House of Representatives
Senate

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Robertson, Steve		No
Sommer, Jr., John F.		No

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15. General issue area code LAW (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.2084/S.1143, (P.L.106-69) FY 2000 DoT Appropriations, support funding for the US Coast Guard
H.R.2670/S.1217, FY 2000 appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary funding Office of Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention and Immigration & Naturalization Service.
H.R.3421, H.R.3194, FY 2000 appropriations bill, funds activities of Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

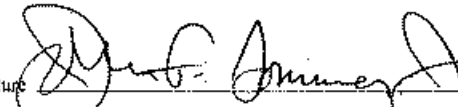
17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Justice
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Jefferson, John		No
Robertson, Steve		No

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15. General issue area code LRR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

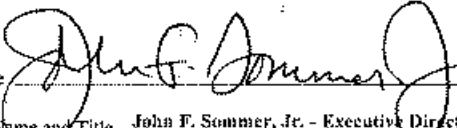
H.R. 3037/S.1656, DoL appropriations, support Veterans Employment programs
H.R. 4577, FY 2001 Appropriations for Dept. of Labor, Funding for veterans employment and training.
H.R.2116, (P.L.106-117) Bill to enhance programs providing health care, education, memorial and other benefits to veterans, one provision would increase funding for the DoL to benefit homeless veterans and help them find jobs
H.R.240;S.1021, (P.L. 105-339) Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998, amendment Title 5, USC, to ensure veteran's preference consideration
H.R.3424, H.R.3194, (P.L. 106-113) FY 2000 Appropriations Bill, funds operations of the Department of Labor, including The Veterans Employment and Training Service.
H.R.4765, 21st Century Veteran's Employment and Training Act., Improve employment and training to veterans and disabled veterans by requiring the use of measurable performance outcomes in an era of electronic based self services and one stop career advice centers.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Department of Labor
House of Representatives
Senate

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Hubbard, James		No
Robertson, Steve		No

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16	Lobbying Issues	Educational Benefits - Veteran's employment and training service, delivery and budget for agency, outreach to veterans by Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Credentialing (Licensure, Certification, Accreditation and Apprenticeship)

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15. General issue area code SMB (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.1568, (P.L.106-50) National Veterans Business Development Corporation, to provide technical, financial and procurement assistance to veteran owned small business.

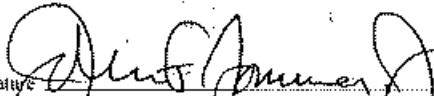
17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

**House of Representatives
Senate
Small Business Administration**

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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Hubbard, James		No
Robertson, Steve		No

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15. General issue area code TAX (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

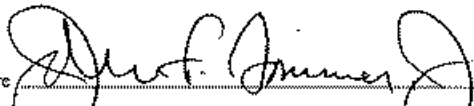
H.R. 4434, Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide that ancestors and lineal descendants of past or present members of the Armed Forces shall be taken into account in determining whether a veterans organization (i.e. The American Legion) is exempt from taxes.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Jefferson, John		No
Robertson, Steve		No

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15. General issue area code TRA (one per page)

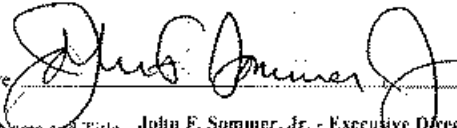
16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.2084/S.1143, (P.L.106-69) FY 2000 DoT Appropriations funding for the US Coast Guard,

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Department of Transportation
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>Jefferson, John</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Robertson, Steve</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Schlee, G. Michael</u>		<u>No</u>

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15. General issue area code FRD (one per page)

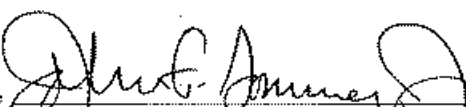
16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R. 4444, China Trade (PNTR), Oppose PNTR of communist China.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
House of Representatives
Senate

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Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
<u>Jefferson, John</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Robertson, Steve</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Schlee, G. Michael</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Sommer, Jr., John F.</u>		<u>No</u>

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15. General issue area code VET (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

- H.R. 1694/ S.191/ S.1391, To amend Title 38, USC, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of WWII
- H.R. 4131, Veteran's Compensation COLA Act of 2000, Increase the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service connected disabilities and DIC for survivors of disabled veterans.
- H.R. 4635, FY 2001 Dept. of Vet.Affairs Funding, Funding for VA programs.
- H.R. 5109, Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 2000, Annual pay raises for VA nurses, dentists and pharmacists creating a pilot program to allow Medicare-eligible veterans to receive inpatient care for non-service connected conditions in non-VA hospitals. Directs VA to carry out a follow up study of PTSD.
- H.R. 5438, Amend Title 38, US Code, To add diabetes Mellitus (Type 2) to the list of diseases presumed to be service connected for veterans exposed to Agent Orange.
- H.R.44S.789/S.1059, (P.L.106-65) Legislation to authorize special compensation, for veterans with 20 years of service & a disability rating between 70-100% (legislation eventually included in FY 2000 DoD authorization)

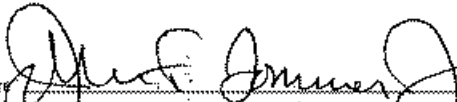
17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Veterans Affairs
House of Representatives
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Jefferson, John		No
Robertson, Steve		No
Schlee, G. Michael		No
Sommer, Jr., John F.		No
Williams, Carroll		No

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16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.4850, Vet.Comp.Cost of Living Adjustment Act of 2000. Directs VA to increase the rates of veterans disability compensation, Dependents and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.4864, Veterans Claims Assistance Act. of 2000, Amend Title 38 to reaffirm and clarify the duty of VA to assist claimants for benefits under laws administered by the department.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.5132, Vets.Comprehensive Hepatitis C Health Care Act. Directs VA during the 1st year to provide a blood test for the Hepatitis C virus to each vet. who served on active military duty during the Vietnam era.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.70/S.1076, Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act, redefine eligibility standards for burial in Arlington National Cemetery
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.71, Legislation to correct P.L. 105-178, law contained provisions which denied service connected disability benefits to veterans with tobacco-related illnesses associated with military service
16	Lobbying Issues	GI Bill of Health, The American Legion's proposal to strengthen the VA health care system; to make it more viable, open it to more clients and make it more fiscally self-sufficient. VA Health Care Reform Persian Gulf War Veterans Issues Department of Veterans Affairs Funding - FY 2000 and FY 2001 Improve VA Claims Processing Enhance VA services for Women Veterans HR 5212- Veteran's Oral History Project Act.-Requires the Director of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish an oral history program to : (1) collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of American war veterans,(2) create a collection of such recordings to be available for public use,(3) solicit and collect written materials relevant to personal histories of war veterans. S.1402 Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000. Increases the Montgomery GI Bill basic monthly benefit to \$650/month for a 3 year period. \$528/month for a 2 year period.