The American Legion

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February 13, 2001

Mr. Gary Sisco
Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Sisco:

Attached herewith is the Lobbying Report for The American Legion (2775-12). This covers the last six months of 2001. If any additional information is needed please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. SOMMER, JR
Executive Director

Attachments

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Clerk of the House of Representatives	Secretary of the Senate
Legislative Resource Center	Office of Public Records
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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 ☐ 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 20006**

4. Contact Name	Telephone	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
John F. Sommer, Jr.	**(202) 861-2700**		**2775-12**

7. Client Name ☒ Self	6. House ID #
	30773000

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year **2001** Midyear (January 1-June 30) ☐ **OR** Year End (July 1-Dec

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 Lobby

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☐ >> $ _____
Income (nearest $20,000)

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).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this rep period were:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☒ >> $ **$80,000.00**
Expenses (nearest $20

14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of

☒ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definiti

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033 the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(Internal Revenue Code

Signature _____ Date **2/13/01**

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15. General issue area code **CON** (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.J.RES.36/S.J. Res.7, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Co prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, Protect american flag from physical desecr

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)
Gaytan, Peter	
Jefferson, John	
Robertson, Steve	
Seavey, Mark	
Spanogle, Robert W.	
Wheeler, Daniel	

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.2506, Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2002, Japanes for WWII POWS.
H.R.2620,S 1216, FY 2002 Dept.of Vet.Aff, Hud, Indep.Agencies Appropriations, Funding for operations of Service System.
H.R.303/S170, Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2001, Allow concurrent receipt of military retired pay & VA compensation.
H.R.3338, Emergency Supplemental Act, 2002 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2002 SHORT TI REPORTED TO HOUSE: Emergency Supplemental Act, 2002 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, TITLE(S) AS PASSED HOUSE: Department of Defense Appr, Funding amounts for U.S. Defense Programs
H.R.4, SAFE Act of 2001Securing America's Future Energy Act of 2001, For energy independence.
S.1438, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002,

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)
Gaytan, Peter	
Robertson, Steve	
Schlee, G. Michael	
Sommer, Jr., John F.	

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

Signature _____ Date **2/13/01**

Printed Name and Title **John F. Sommer, Jr. - Executive Director** Pa

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Item	Description	Data
16	**Lobbying Issues**	**S1155,H.R.2586, National Defense Authorizing Act for Fiscal Year 2002, Qua of life issues US servicemen.(pay raies, improved housing) Authorizing of wea procurement.**

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15. General issue area code **EDU** (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.1291, 21st Century Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act, Montgomery GI Bill Benefits increases and enhancements
S.131, Veterans' Higher Education Opportunities Act of 2001,
S.937, Helping Our Professionals Educationally (HOPE) Act of 2001, Transfer of entitlement to educational under the MGIB.
Extended Learning Educational Assistance- To provide authority for VA to enroll veterans in extended learı institutions.

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)
Gaytan, Peter	
Jefferson, John	
Robertson, Steve	
Vitikacs, John	

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.2506, Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2002, Specific levels for U.S. Foreign Aid, Economic and Military.

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)
Gaytan, Peter	
Robertson, Steve	
Schlee, G. Michael	
Sommer, Jr., John F.	

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.2716, Homeless Veterans Assistance Act of 2001, Authorize programs an funding to combat homelessnes veterans.
S.228, A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the Native American veterans housin program, and for other purposes., Native American veterans housing program.
S.781, A bill to amend section 3702 of title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for housing loans f of the Selected Reserve., Housing loans to members of selected reserves.

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Gaytan, Peter	
Jefferson, John	
Robertson, Steve	
Sommer, Jr., John F.	

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.2500 S1215, FY 2002 Depts. of Commerce and Justice State Appropriations, Funding for operations of I and Naturalization Service.

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)
Robertson, Steve	
Seavey, Mark	
Sommer, Jr., John F.	

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.2500, Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Funding for Justice Dept.'s office of Juvenile Justice and elinquency Prevention.
H.R.2883, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, Authorizes additional spending to combat ter
H.R.2888, 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist . the United States,
H.R.3162, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and O Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, Punish acts of terrorism, enhances Law Enforcement Investig

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)
Robertson, Steve	
Seavey, Mark	

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15. General issue area code **LBR** (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.3061, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appro
2002, Funding for Labor Depts.Veteran's Employment and Training Service.
Educational Benefits - Veteran's employment and training service, delivery and budget for agency, outreach by Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
Credentialing (Licensure, Certification, Accreditation and Apprenticeship)

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

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Robertson, Steve	

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.1754, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that ancestors and lineal descendants of present members of the Armed Forces shall be taken into account in determining whether a veterans' organi exempt from tax., The American Legion tax status.

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)
Robertson, Steve	
Seavey, Mark	

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.2299, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, Includes funding f U.S.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)
Gaytan, Peter	
Jefferson, John	
Robertson, Steve	
Schlee, G. Michael	

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

16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R.1136, To amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to d medications to veterans for prescriptions written by private practitioners, and for other purposes.,
H.R.1406, H.R. 2540, Gulf War Undiagnosed Illness Act of 2001, Improve presumptive compensation benefi War veterans with ill-defined illnesses.
H.R.1435, Veterans' Emergency Telephone Service Act of 2001,
H.R.1911, Veterans Medicare Reimbursement Demonstration Act of 2001, Establish Medicare reimburseme demonstration project in seleted VA medical facilities.
H.R.2359, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the payment of National Service Life Insuranc States Government Life Insurance proceeds to an alternate beneficiary when the first beneficiary cannot be improve and extend the ,
H.R.612,S 409, Persian Gulf War Illness Compensation Act of 2001, Undiagnosed Gulf War illnesses.

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)
Fischl, Jim	
Jefferson, John	
Robertson, Steve	
Schlee, G. Michael	
Sommer, Jr., John F.	

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16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2361, H.R.2540, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Ac 2001, Increase rates of disability compensation for service connected veterans teh rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service connected veterans.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2540/ P.L. 107-94, Veterans Benefits Act of 2001, Increase rates of veter disability compensation and dependecy and indeminity comp. for surviving sp and children.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2620, S 1216, FY 2002 Dept. of Vet. Affairs Appropriations, Funding for medical care, compensation and pension programs.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2792, Disabled Veterans Service Dog and Health Care Improvement Act 2001, Authorizes VA to provide service dogs for disabled veterans.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.639, S457, Veterans Comprehensive Hepatitis C Health Care Act, Establ comprehensive program for testing and treating veterans with the Hepatitus virus.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.862, To amend title 38, United States Code, to add Diabetes Mellitus (Ty to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for veterans exposed t certain herbicide agents., Add Type 2 Diabetes to list of service connected dis
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1042, Filipino Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 2001, VA shall provi hospital and nursing home care to Filipino veterans an for treatment at teh M VA Outpatient Clinic.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1160, A bill to amend section 1714 of title 38, United States Code, to modify authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide dog-guides to blind veterans and authorize the provision of service dogs to hearing-impaired vete and veterans with s,
16	Lobbying Issues	S.131, Veterans' Higher Education Opportunities Act of 2001, To modify the annual determination of the basic of active duty educational assistance.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.228, A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the Na American veterans housing loan program, and for other purposes., Native Americans veterans housing loan program.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.662, A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for marked graves of, or to other wise commemorate, certain individuals., Authorize VA to furnish heads or markers for marked graves of certain veterans.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.781, A bill to amend section 3702 of title 38, United States Code, to extend t authority for housing loans for members of the Selected Reserve., The author for housing loans for members of the selective service.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.912, Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2001, Increase burial be for veterans.
16	Lobbying Issues	S.937, Helping Our Professionals Educationally (HOPE) Act of 2001, Permit transfer of entitlement to educational assistance under the MGIB by member the armed forces.
16	Lobbying Issues	Cost of Living Adjustment- To provide an annual increase on the rates of compensation adn pension, begining 12/1/01. Agent Orange- To repeal 30 year limitation on presumptive causes associated Agent Orange.

