



United States General Accounting Office
Washington, DC 20548

June 26, 2001

The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

Subject: Federally Chartered Corporation: Review of the Financial Statement Audit Report for the Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated, for Fiscal Year 2000

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As requested, we reviewed the audit report covering the financial statements of the Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated, a federally chartered corporation, for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2000. The corporation's purposes include remembering the deeds of individuals who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, and the Navy Cross, and to advance the best interests of members of the armed forces of the United States of America.

Federally chartered corporations are required under 36 U.S.C. 10101 to

present the corporation's assets and liabilities and reasonable detail on the corporation's income and expenses in annual financial statements,

obtain an annual financial audit by an independent public accountant, and

submit the auditors' report and the corporation's financial statements to the Congress.

The objective of our review was to determine whether the audit report complied with the financial reporting requirements of the law. In carrying out our work, we reviewed the corporation's financial statements and the accompanying notes, performed certain analytical procedures related to information presented in the financial statements, reviewed the auditors' report, and made inquiries to corporation officials or the auditors as we deemed necessary. We did not review the auditors' working papers.

The auditor noted that the statement for the Legion of Valor Museum was not audited. The Legion of Valor Museum represents a significant portion of the financial activity for the Legion of Valor—over 50 percent of the reported revenues and expenses. Other than the above, our review disclosed no instances of noncompliance. Management of the Legion of Valor has agreed to have a financial audit covering the Legion of Valor’s financial statements as a whole in the future as required under 36 U.S.C. 10101. We are returning the audit report you sent with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey C. Steinhoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being the most prominent.

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff
Managing Director
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w/o Enclosure

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