

Native American Indian Veterans
(NAIV)

&

The elusive Congressional Charter

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Why the National American Indian
Veterans (NAIV)
Deserves a Congressional Charter
&
How can you help?

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Do you know?

- What is a Congressional Charter?
- Who is the NAIV ?
- American Indians Fought in every US War
- Indian Citizenship Act 1924 & 1957
- 574 Federally Recognized Tribes
- American Indians are Dual Citizens

NAIV Federal Charter Overview

- The NAIV Federal Charter Problem
- The NAIV Charter Solution
- The NAIV Call to Action



The NAIIV Charter Problem

There are NO Federally Recognized
Congressional Charters
for ANY

American Indian Veteran Organizations

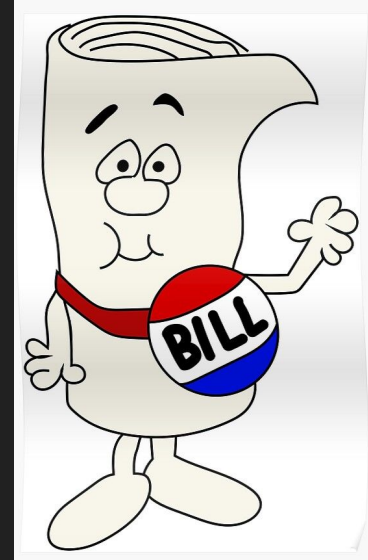
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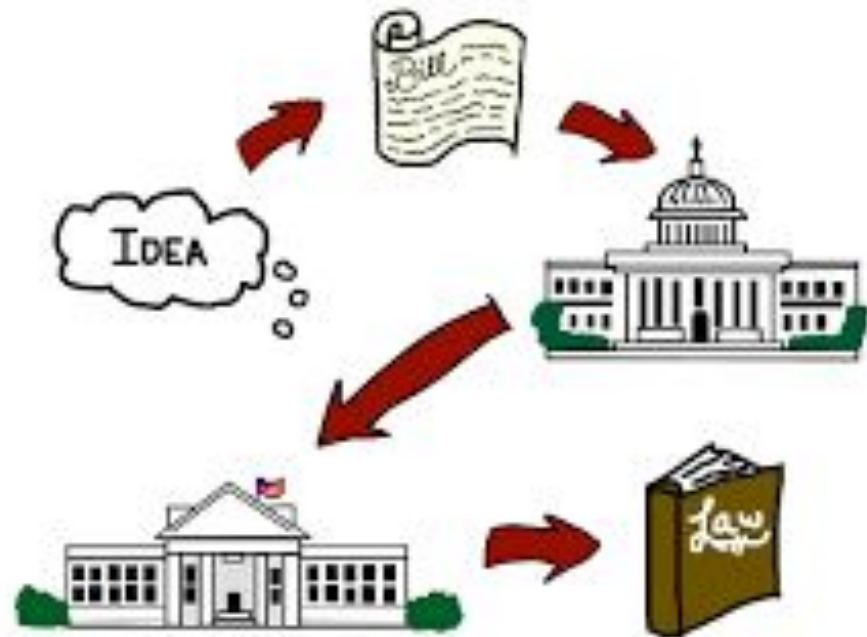
Navy Mutual Aid Association (Jul. 28, 1879)
The American Red Cross (Jan. 5, 1905)
The American Legion (Sept. 16, 1919)
Disabled American Veterans (June 17, 1932)
Veterans of Foreign Wars (May 28, 1936)
Marine Corps League (July 4, 1937)
United Spanish War Veterans (April 22, 1940)
Navy Club of the United States of America (1940)
American Veterans Committee (1944)
AMVETS (American Veterans) (July 23, 1947)
American G.I. Forum (March 1948)
Military Chaplains Association of the USA (Sept. 1950)
Reserve Officers Association (June 30, 1950)
Legion of Valor of the USA, Inc. (July 4, 1955)
Congressional Medal of Honor Society (July 14, 1958)
Veterans of World War I (July 18, 1958)
Military Order of the Purple Heart (Aug. 26, 1958)
Blinded Veterans Association (Aug. 27, 1958)
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (June 1960)
National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. (1969)
Paralyzed Veterans of America (Aug. 11, 1971)
Swords to Plowshares: Veterans Rights Organization

Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. (May 5, 1980)
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. (Dec. 4, 1980)
National Veterans Legal Services Program, Inc. (1981)
American Ex-Prisoners of War (Aug. 10, 1982)
Women's Army Corps Veterans Association (Oct. 30, 1984)
American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. (June 12, 1984)
Polish Legion of America (June 23, 1984)
Catholic War Veterans (Aug. 17, 1984)
Jewish War Veterans (Aug. 21, 1984)
Pearl Harbor Survivors (Oct. 7, 1985)
Vietnam Veterans of America (May 23, 1986)
Non-Commissioned Officers Association of America (1988)
National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Inc. (June 1990)
Military Order of the World Wars (Oct. 23, 1992)
The Retired Enlisted Association (Oct. 23, 1992)
Fleet Reserve Association (Oct. 23, 1996)
Air Force Sergeants Association (Nov. 18, 1997)
Korean War Veterans Association (June 30, 2008)

The NAIV Fed. Charter Solution

- Senate Pass S. Bill 1725
 - NAIV Charter Bill
- Grant Federal Charter to the
NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS,
Inc





Call to Action

**We need your help
to pass S. 1725
NAIV Charter Bill**





Here is what you can do

★ **LOBBY your Senator to co-sponsor S. 1725**

- CALL them directly
- WRITE
- EMAIL
- ENCOURAGE OTHERS to take ACTION

★ **LOBBY an Organization to take ACTION**

- Send a letter of Support
- Email
- Call

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>



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In Conclusion

→ Problem

- ◆ American Indian Veterans Lack Representation
- ◆ They Need a Federal Congressional Charter
- ◆ NAIV is a National Indian Veterans Organization

→ Solution

- ◆ Congress needs to pass Senate Bill 1725
- ◆ Grant the NAIV a Federal Congressional Charter

→ Call to Action

- ◆ Identify your U.S. Representative
- ◆ Lobby them to co-sign and pass S. Bill 1725
 - a/k/a NAIV Charter Bill
- ◆ Encourage other to do the same

**Thank you for
Supporting**

**Senate Bill
S. 1725**

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