



TO: Editor Charleston Post and Courier

Subject: Reply to Mr. Randy Maata statements made on ETV 18 September 2006

I'm writing this in response to Mr. Maata's ETV debate.(He was the only one debating)

Mr. Maata who is a candidate for the 1st Congressional District House of Representatives made 2 statements that aren't true about Mr. Henry Brown.

First one was Mr. Brown wasn't taking care of the Veterans.

I was State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Carolina when Mr. Brown first ran for congress.

I attended many of his campaign stops during that time. I along with other Veterans in attendance always asked him about Veterans concerns and their needs

He always said he would take care of the Veterans and would try to serve on the Veterans Committees if elected..

Mr. Brown is now Chairman of the Veterans Affair sub committee on Health .

A few examples of what he has been very instrumental in getting passed, spending for

Veterans Health Care Disability and other benefits funding increased about 40% since he was elected.

The house just passed \$2.4 Billion for the first major new VA hospital construction around the Nation in 15 years.

He is a strong supporter of Tri-Care for life and many other Veterans Programs.

The second statement Mr. Maata said that the American Legion wasn't represented at the hearing held in Charleston on the collaboration on the VA and MUSC.

This is False. Mr. (Mac) McGee past State Commander of the American Legion and the Liaison legislative member for the National American Legion and myself as the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Legislative Committee Member and the department of South

Carolina both testified at the hearing.

Questions wasn't entertained from the floor during the hearing, simply because this was a hearing and not a news conference.

However, after the hearing all members of the panel stayed and answer questions.

I think someone has hand fed Mr. Maata, some bad information.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, does not indorse candidates.

However, we have a Political Action Committee(PAC) that keeps tabs on all Senators and Congressmen that supports the Veterans on issues and goals.

Each election they look at who has been a supporter to the Veterans and indorses them as well as give them a contribution to help in their campaign for re-election.

Mr. Brown was selected this year for his support to Veterans.


I would like to add one more thing to this matter.

I have been on the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States National Legislative Committee for the past 6 years, representing all Veterans and specially the Veterans from S.C.

Our committee meets twice a year in Washington to ask for support of our Senators and Congressmen on our priority goals for Veterans adopted at the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States National Convention each year.

Mr. Brown, has made him-self available to me and my delegation for the past 6 years each time we visit Washington, with the exception of one when he was sick..

I wish our other Congressmen and Senators were like that instead of letting their staffers meet with us. All staffers aren't Veterans.


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PS: Sir/Madam it would be greatly appreciated if you could publish this letter for me.

Thanks in Advance