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**From:** Mattison, John W CTR USAF PACAF 673 LRS/LGRM  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 1:59 PM  
**To:** 'Representative\_Dan\_Saddler@legis.state.ak.us'  
**Subject:** HB 50 support

Gentlemen and Ladies,

I write this email in support of House Bill 50. This bill has been long in coming and I believe it will provide our younger heroes a better and more conducive venue to shed the pressures of military life. All too often, younger veterans are limited to on-base attractions. This allows them to congregate with their peers, but doesn't offer the mentorship opportunities that Patriotic Organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion do. It should be noted that there is no age restriction for membership in the VFW, only that they be an American citizen, honorable service in the Armed Forces, and be the recipient of a qualifying campaign medal. As such, young (under 21) veterans may return from their deployment fresh from combat and be eligible for immediate membership, only to be told they can enter their club only during a special event. This is wrong and must be changed. I believe the verbiage in HB 50 will remove the confusion and correct this wrong.

John W. Mattison

Past Department of Alaska Commander (2008-2009)

## Konrad Jackson

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**From:** Lynne Smith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 8:57 AM  
**To:** Konrad Jackson  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 50 support

-----Original Message-----

From: Lemelin, David Mr CIV US USA IMCOM [<mailto:David.Lemelin1@us.army.mil>]  
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 9:34 AM  
To: Rep. Dan Saddler  
Subject: House Bill 50 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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As the Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10029, North Pole Alaska. I give my support to House Bill 50 and Representative Dan Saddler.  
If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at (907) 378-1256.

Respectfully,

Dave

David A. Lemelin  
Commander  
VFW Post 10029

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