Enclosure #1

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 14

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January 4, 2019

Lance C. Yaws, Post Commander
VFW Post 12162
[redacted]

Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
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Dear Commander:

In accordance with Section 211 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, the operations of VFW Post 12162 (District 20), Pleasanton, Texas are hereby suspended for a period of up to ninety (90) days due to violations of the laws and usage of the organization, specifically Section 218 (a) of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure:

1. Willful disregard and failure of Post Commander Steve Mueller to comply with lawful orders from the State Commander and an investigative committee appointed by the State Commander.

2. Willful disregard and failure of Post Adjutant/Quartermaster Stephanie Pino to comply with the lawful orders from the State Commander and an investigative committee appointed by the State Commander.

3. Disobedience or disregard of the provisions of the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual, General Orders, Special Orders, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Effective immediately, the following Administrative Committee and Chair* are appointed:

John Shipley, District 20 Commander*
Robert Martinez, Jr., Deputy State Inspector
Larry Sanders, Post 12041 Commander

The above Administrative Committee shall supervise all of the activities of the Post and ensure full compliance with all applicable By-Laws, rules and regulations of the organization. During the suspension period, the Chairperson shall submit monthly reports to the State Commander setting forth, in detail, the actions instituted and the steps taken toward the resolution of the above listed violations and other violations that may have been identified. In addition, the final report shall contain the committee's recommendation as to whether the suspension shall be rescinded or continued, or if the Post Charter be revoked.

While under suspension, no meetings shall be held in the name of the Post, except for the sole purpose of the discussion of the causes, effect or removal of the penalties. Additionally, no funds of the Post shall be expended or obligations incurred during and while the order of suspension is in force and effect, except as may be expended or obligated by the Administrative Committee.

The Chairperson shall take the necessary steps to secure all records, finances and property of the Post. The purpose of the aforementioned Administrative Committee is to supervise the fraternal and business operations of the Post: Post meetings, functions, and business operations are to continue under direct supervision of the Administrative Committee.

The Committee will obtain copies of the Post minutes for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Administrative years. If copies of the minutes cannot be obtain they will immediately notify the State Commander.

The Committee shall supervise all of the activities of the Post and through education and mentorship ensure full compliance with all applicable By-Laws, rules and regulations of the organization. Post members and officers shall take action under the guidance and approval of the Administrative Committee, but the committee's powers and approval authority are subject to final approval of the Department Commander.

Committee Chair, John Shipley, is to submit a monthly progress report in writing to the Department Commander outlining the current status of all known deficiencies, what actions are being taken to correct said deficiencies, any training conducted with Post officers or members, and a plan of action to bring the Post to working order no later than the fifth business day of the month. A final report will be submitted and will contain the Committee's recommendation as to whether the suspension shall be rescinded or continued, or if the Post charter should be revoked.

In accordance with the Department of Texas VFW Guidelines for Reimbursement (attached hereto), all costs associated with this suspension will be the responsibility of VFW Post 12162.

By order of

Ingeborg A. Conley

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State Commander

Attest:

Dan West
State Adjutant/Quartermaster Pro Tempore

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Distribution: National Headquarters
State Senior Vice Commander
State Junior Vice Commander
Administrative Committee
State Chief-of-Staff
State Inspector
District 20 Commander

Administrative Committee:

John Shipley, District 20 Commander (Chair)

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Robert Martinez, Jr., Deputy State Inspector

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Larry Sanders, Post 12041 Commander

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