Commander Conley,

As per your request, to conduct an investigation into the actions of Comrade Steve L. Mueller, Past Commander of Post 4853 and current Commander of Post 12162, I submit the following report.

I conducted interviews of the following members of Post 4853 as to the actions an behavior of Comrade Mueller while he was Commander of Post 4853, Comrade Jeff Rankin (current Post 4853 Commander), Doug Edwards (current Post 4853 Sr. Vice Commander) and Patricia Hewitt (current Post 4853 Quartermaster/Adjutant). During these interviews the comrades described actions taken by Comrade Mueller that were unbecoming an Elected Officer in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I interviewed all of these individuals separately and after our interview I ask them to provide written statements. The statements have been signed and notarized.

I also personally talked to Comrade Mueller about the fundraising incident and he keeps telling me that there are no geographical boundaries for the Atascosa County posts. That, the VFW By-Laws do not state anything about boundaries or geographical area. Comrade Mueller stated that he called VFW National Headquarters and that they don't know anything about geographical boundaries for posts. He also stated that we were only singling his post out as it is not applied to any post in San Antonio.

He has also made statements on Social Media that the National By-Laws are a hindrance to his operation and that in time he will get that changed.

After completing the interviews and from my own experience with Comrade Mueller, I feel that Article IX Disciplinary action is warranted.

John E. Shipley
District 20 Commander