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Dan West

From: Ingeborg Conley [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 11:14 AM
To: John Shipley
Cc: Dan West
Subject: Re: HELP

Commander,

John,

You need to remind them of Sec 214 page 70 of our Congressional By Laws "A POST SHALL NOT SOLICIT FUNDS OR DONATIONS OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS OUTSIDE THE IMMEDIATE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OR COMMUNITY OF THE POST".

If you like, I can write the Post Commander a letter to stop immediately.

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Inge Conley
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On Nov 15, 2018, at 8:21 AM, John Shipley <[redacted]> wrote:

> Commander Inge,
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> I need a little help in a situation. I have a post that is constantly undermining a post in the neighboring city. It seems that this one post is doing everything it can to discredit the neighbor post with its city. I have sat the leadership down from both posts and informed them of what is expected and how they should go about business. However, the antagonistic post has refused to comply and I need help.
> Now that you have read the generic version, here is the plain white version. Post 12162 in Pleasanton is doing everything to undermine Post 8541 in Jourdanton. I have sat down with Steve Muller and Stephanie Pino from 12162 as well as Jeff Rankin and Patty Hewett from 4853. I let them know what I expected of them and how they should be working together to better the VFW. I also defined their areas of operation due to the fact that the Pleasanton post was in Jourdanton soliciting donations without touching base with the Jourdanton post. For the record, the Jourdanton post has done nothing aggressive toward the Pleasanton post or operated any fundraisers within the city of Pleasanton.
> I know there is a lot of he said-she said going on and I wanted to stop all of it. Everyone at the meeting agreed to work together and be mindful of where they were operating. Not a week later, Stephanie was parked outside a restaurant in Jourdanton selling raffle tickets for post 12162. I asked her if she coordinated as we had discussed and she said that she didn't think it would be a problem and didn't coordinate.

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Jourdanton was also coordinating with the Military of the Purple Heart of Texas to make the Jourdanton School a Purple Heart School and Pleasanton post pulled a fast one and did it first without coordinating with the Jourdanton post.

I know this may seem trivial; however it is causing a lot of resentment and frustration between the posts. It seems and is evident in what I have seen is that Steve Muller and Stephanie Pino have grudge against the Jourdanton post or have made it their mission to destroy it in the eyes of the town it sits in.
There is much more I could put in here but I am only trying to let you know that there is a real problem with the leadership of the Pleasanton post trying to destroy the Jourdanton post.

I am always available to talk and could share more information, as there is much more that I have left out of this email. Not sure what the solution is, but my talk seems to have done nothing to deter the behavior of the Pleasanton post leadership.

John