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To Whom It May Concern

This letter is in response to the meeting of Pleasanton VFW Post #12162, on 14 Jan 2019, at the Pleasanton Freedom Center. The meeting started at approximately 1900 hours. I would like to start out by saying that I was shocked and outraged by the treatment the post membership received and the way we were talked at. I would also like to go on the record that the District Commander, John Shipley, and State Quartermaster, Dan West, treated the post members atrociously; their speech and mannerisms were condescending and treated the post personnel, especially Ms Pino and Mr. Mueller, as if we were reprobates.

The crux of the meeting was that the post violated Section 214. I have read the bylaws on numerous occasions and nowhere in Section 214 does it state that Pleasanton VFW Post 12162 could not sell raffle tickets in Jourdanton or Poteet TX areas. A definition of immediate geographical area does not exist, nor is it the purview of the State Commander to define it. Section 214 is the National Commander's responsibility to interpret. Pleasanton Post's Commander, Steve Mueller, had previously asked for a meeting of the Jourdanton, Poteet and Pleasanton commanders to define the three post's physical areas of responsibility. The other post commanders refused to meet. The District Commander was asked about Poteet Post 6970 soliciting donations, at Tractor Supply, in Pleasanton TX. He became very belligerent and refused to discuss the merits of why it was OK for the Poteet post to do it in our immediate geographical area, without coordinating with Pleasanton's Post.

In my opinion, the Department of Texas VFW hierarchy had decided that we were guilty before Pleasanton VFW Post 12162 knew that there was a problem. All actions taken against the Pleasanton VFW Post 12162 Commander and Quartermaster did not follow the bylaws and procedures of the VFW and, therefore, should be rendered null and void.

Sincerely,

James Whary