The record reveals despite your request for a hearing on April 23, 2019; notification of hearing via Special Order No. 207 dated May 14, 2019, informing you of the date, time, and location of the hearing; and the Disciplinary Panel President's denial to your request for a continuance both occurring on May 21, 2019, you still failed to appear or provide defense counsel in your absence at the hearing which occurred on May 23, 2019. The hearing panel convened and unanimously found you guilty of all charges and specifications and determined that termination of membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars was the appropriate penalty.

Section 904(b) of the National Manual of Procedure requires that an appeal of disciplinary actions initiated by the Department Commander be directed to the Commander-in-Chief. Such appeal must be made within thirty (30) days of the imposition of sentence by the Disciplinary Hearing Panel. The Disciplinary Hearing Panel imposed their sentence on May 23, 2019; your appeal is postmarked June 28, 2019, which is beyond the thirty (30) day timeframe for the Commander-in-Chief's consideration.

Your request for appeal is not timely; therefore, Special Order No. 237 dated June 27, 2019, terminating your membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars remains in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

Vincent B.J. Lawrence
Commander-in-Chief

By:

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