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March 15, 2016

Billy Stilwell, Commander
VFW Post No. 2702
309 Dovington Drive
Huntsville, AL 35806

Dear Commander Stilwell:

On January 16, 2016, in the presence of the Post's Administrative Committee, members requested a hearing in response to the decision by the Commander of the Department of Alabama to request charter revocation of VFW Post No. 2702 located in Huntsville, Alabama.

That hearing was held on February 20, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. and was conducted by Richard Lee, Commander, District 4, Department of Tennessee, VFW. The record indicates members from the Post and representatives from the Department of Alabama taking part in the hearing.

Through the submitted testimony by Department representatives and that of the members of the Post, it was confirmed that there were violations of the National By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; specifically, the Post's failure to comply with a Department request for inspection. Equally recognizable, through submitted testimony, was a clear lack of communication between the Department, the Administrative Committee, and the Post. However, though challenged by the lack of communication, again supported by testimony, the Post made significant progress and successfully corrected all noted deficiencies.

Therefore, taking into consideration the aforementioned as well as the recommendation of the hearing officer, I am denying the request for revocation and placing the Post in good standing with conditions. Additionally, under the oversight and guidance of the Post's assigned mentor, National Council Member, George Jones, the Department Commander will immediately return all records and property over to the Post and provide the Post with a detailed expenditure report documenting any expenditures made on the Post's behalf. During this mandated ninety (90) day transition period, Council Member Jones will provide a written report monthly to the Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief detailing the Post's progress.

Within the first thirty (30) days, the Post must complete and submit all outstanding quarterly audits and reports. In the months of March and April, the Post shall nominate and elect officers for the ensuing year as prescribed in Section 217 of the VFW Manual of Procedure. As Post Commander, you will be responsible for developing a membership recruiting and retention plan and appoint a committee to develop a plan for Buddy Poppy distribution in May. Additionally, you are to ensure compliance with Section 205 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure concerning change of location, meeting place, day and time.

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

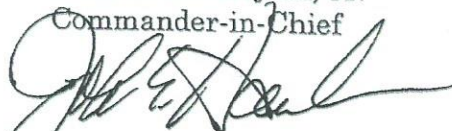
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Pursuant to Section 109 of the National Manual of Procedure, any appeals to the National Council of Administration of the actions or decisions of the Commander-in-Chief shall be made in writing and mailed by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested to the National Council of Administration at VFW National Headquarters. This must be done within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

John A. Biedrzycki, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief



By: John E. Hamilton
Adjutant General

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cc: George H. Jones, Member, National Council of Administration
Johnny Lee Waller, Commander, Department of Alabama, VFW