

John McElroy VFW Post 1381  
810 H Street  
Crescent City, CA 95531

January 5, 2018

County Administrator  
Del Norte County  
Crescent City, CA 95531

Dear Jay Sarina,

As Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, it is with great sadness that we will honorably forego our individual rights and cease smoking in the Post canteen. As we have fought in battle to protect and honor the laws of a free society, we continue with this disagreement in a mutually respectful way. This matter was voted on at the Post meeting held January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, and after a close count, we are now diligently following through with the members' decision to end smoking in our canteen.

Post 1381 would like to thank Jay Sarina for attending our meeting, and explaining the laws that the State of California has placed into effect. This information helped us realize that putting both the County of Del Norte and Post 1381 in violation of said laws would not be prudent. The older Veterans who have been accustomed to smoking in the canteen for many years will need time to adjust to this change. We will work with them and the County to facilitate this change. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Johnson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerry Johnson  
VFW Commander