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Veteran's 'community spirit not dampened' despite jail sentence

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The family of Brisbane's ANZAC Day parade Chief Marshall says he will retain his strong community spirit despite being jailed for fraud today.

Judge Hugh Botting jailed 61-year-old Vietnam veteran Lesleigh George Lupuljev for two-and-a-half years for defrauding the Commonwealth.

Lupuljev pleaded guilty to receiving pension overpayments from the Veterans' Affairs Department of \$97,000 between 1997 and 2005.

The Legacy volunteer was prosecuted because he failed to declare his part-time work for the Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

Speaking outside the court, Lupuljev's sister-in-law Sue Bell and nephew Troy De Bruyn said today's punishment will not dampen Lupuljev's community spirit.

Lupuljev will be released on a good behaviour bond after serving five months.