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All Members

Paul S. Lawrence Memorial VFW Post 9857

Re: By-Laws Changes and Post Update

Comrades,

If you've not been to the Post in a while, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Rodger Eckelberry, and I am the new Commander of VFW Post 9857. Pursuant to the Post By-laws, I am writing to inform you that there will be a vote on the adoption of new by-laws on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at the regular meeting, which begins at 1800. Copies of the proposed new By-laws are available in the Post Canteen. Alternatively, you may email me at [vw9857@gmail.com](mailto:vw9857@gmail.com) to request a copy.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Post completed its 75<sup>th</sup> year of service to our comrades, our community, and our Nation. This year, the VFW celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> year. Sadly, there will undoubtedly be veterans in need of support for at least the next 75 years, and most likely more than the next 125 years.

To help ensure that our Post is positioned to assist our brothers and sisters into the future, there will be an All-Post meeting on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1800. We will discuss where we are, where we need to be, and how we will get there. There is *much* to be proud of. But being the military veterans that we all are, we know that we cannot rest on our laurels, and there is always more to be done. I hope you will attend both meetings and both listen to the ideas of others and contribute your own ideas on how best to move forward in service. Food will be provided after the All Post meeting.

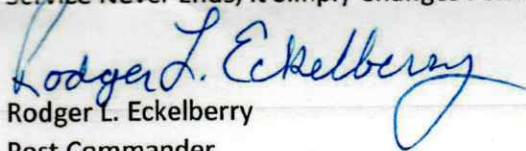
If you've not been to your Post recently, I hope you will come in. We have a brand new floor in the Canteen, a new foyer, and updates to the kitchen. And before years-end we expect to have the parking lot repaved and restriped, the bathrooms remodeled, and the Canteen walls painted. We are also restoring our Post Color Guard, and I'd thank to thank Troy Robinson for agreeing to serve as our Color Guard Captain. If you are interested in serving on the Color Guard, and I hope you will, please let me know and we will provide you with uniforms at no cost to you.

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We will also be kicking off a capital improvements fundraising campaign in September – “\$75K for 75yrs.” It is my goal to raise \$75,000 in the coming year to make facilities repairs and upgrades so that we may better serve our comrades and community. Please come to the Post, visit our Facebook page, or visit our website at [vfw9857.org](http://vfw9857.org) at the end of September to learn more.

Thank you, each of you, for your service to our Nation. Thank you for your past support of our Post. And thank you in advance for your continued support of our Post. But remember that our Post is also here to support you. If I or the Post may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may reach me at [vfw9857@gmail.com](mailto:vfw9857@gmail.com), or confidentially at [reckelberry@bakerlaw.com](mailto:reckelberry@bakerlaw.com).

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Post Commander