Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539

www.vfw7539.org

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Service Officer: **The Richard Starr Act** that would reduce future veterans' disability compensation for tinnitus and sleep apnea is still awaiting a vote in Congress. Congress is in recession until after the election.

Sign up for the **Honor Flight Chicago.** Veterans will be put on a list awaiting your flight date. A companion will be assigned to you if you do not have one.

Your **wife cannot** be your guardian. Wheelchairs are available for each member who needs one. A Coach Bus is the transportation for the day in Washington D.C. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided. You will also receive an Honor Flight polo shirt and backpack for any carry-on items. Bring your medication if you need them.

2027 VA Disability Pay Rates

VA Disability Rates in 2027 increased 3.6% in accordance with the cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) rate announced by the Social Security Administration. See the 2027 VA disability rates below.

https://veteran.com/va-disability-rates/

The Department of Defense will now electronically share your medical records with the V.A. The timeline for filing a claim to be heard is around 6 months. Your V.A. records are stored in St. Louis Missouri at the National Public Records Center. To file a claim and download the forms go to https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/ to complete the form necessary to file.

Reminder: The Judge Kendall VFW Post in Naperville will have a Service Officer present on the first Tuesday of the month. For any veteran who requires assistance with benefits or enrolling in the veterans' health care system, an officer will be present to help answer any questions.
The officer will be available from 10a.m. - 2p.m.

Community Relations: Our Community Relations Officer reported that our winter oat drive is under way, and collection sites are at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, fire station, library and the Bloomingdale Park District.

In February, we will also be collecting Move-In Essential items for the homeless veterans again this year These items help veterans who is homeless move into housing.

V.O.D: The VOD chairman has secured posters to promote the VOD scholarship program. The posters are placed throughout the Village of Bloomindale. Local area high school residents are eligible to participate in the program.

Download the forms at va.gov and search for scholarships for more information.

https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

Patriot Pen: The Patriot Pen chairman has distributed the material about the Patriot Pen program in local schools.

Good of the Order: There will be a booth at Trinity Lutheran Church for a clinic to provide information about joining our VFW Post on November 7th

The ***VFW Illinois News*** is now an on-line issue only.

The Post voted to do flag donations on only one day. November 7 from 10 – 2 p.m.

Volunteer if you can at either Jewel or Walmart for an hour. Thanks!

Dates to remember:

November 7th flags at Jewel and Walmart. 10 – 2pm Saturday only

November 9 breakfast the wives are included.

December 5 Christmas party at the Bloomingdale Golf course

The next meeting will be held on November 19 at the Bloomingdale Library

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