



Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539

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The next meeting will be held on February 19, at the Bloomingdale library.

Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2026

Community Relations. The VFW will be implementing co-payment (\$15) for those with a less than a 50% disability. If you have over a 50% disability there is no co-payment. If you have a **service-connected disability** your treatment is free.

Publicity: The next issue of the Bloomingdale almanac will include the winners of the VOD and Patriot Pen contests.

Our annual move-in essentials drive will take place in February of this year. In the past, the community provided our veterans with items to help them lead a better life.

Veteran Affairs: A Post member has volunteered to become the next Veteran Affairs Officer.

Service Officer: Our Service Officer talked about Senate bill S.3653 - A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs inform veterans of their rights regarding the receipt of health care, benefits, and services furnished under provisions of the law administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs. As of now if you receive benefits, your benefit compensation will be deducted from your military pay. Under current law, military retirement pay is reduced because a veteran also receives VA disability benefits. This means veterans injured in combat will lose part of the retirement pay that was earned through years of service.

The Major Richard Star Act would fix this unfair treatment. This bill is still in congress.

Take your DD214 to the county office to have them register the document. The county clerk will check to see if there are any updates or service medals you may have qualified for. The county clerk's office will issue you a new document with any updates, ribbons, medals etc. and the DD214 will be available to you if you ever lose your DD214 document or require another copy. Inform your family about your military records and its location if the need arises to provide the document for benefits or other reasons.

Good of the Order: A motion was made, seconded and passed by Post vote to give a gift card and a bouquet of roses to Josephene Dobrowski the widow of Post member Ted Dabrowski, to honor her 100th birthday.

New Business: It has been discussed that the Village of Bloomingdale may want to dedicate the Service flags recently installed in an official ceremony. Our Post would like to provide food and refreshments in the event this takes place.