

Bloomingtondale VFW Post 7539

Meeting minutes

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June 19, 2025

Community Relations. A grant from DuPage County was given to our Post. The grant will be used to help with the placement of service flags honoring branches of the military. A sign by the entrance to the Bloomingtondale Library was placed honoring our Post for our community service.

Service Officers: The V.A. will handle major survivor benefit reform claims with more care for survivors and dependents of deceased veterans who apply for benefits. **FYI:** Claims processors must assign the most advantageous effective date for each claim. An incorrect date can significantly financially penalize the claimant. The effective date is the date on which the VA received the claim or the date on which the entitlement arose, whichever is later. The veteran has one year from that date to file the claim.

Good of the Order:

A motion was made seconded and passed to get the US Constitution booklets and the Declaration of Independence booklets. The Post will be distributing U.S. Constitution booklets to local schools. **The American Legion** in Roselle held a flag disposal ceremony on June 14th. Two -Three thousand flags are ceremoniously disposed of on an annual basis.

Veteran Affairs: Watch out for different types of scams. If you receive a check and you are not sure if it is real go to <https://tcvs.fiscal.treasury.gov> to verify the check. A motion was made and seconded and passed by Post vote for an e-blast to the Chamber of Commerce. Our Post will send out the media blast to the Chamber of Commerce to try and recruit new members for our Post. It was suggested that our Post reach out to chamber members to advertise on our web page. The new web QR code program will be called **Veterans in Need**. This will help with donations and advertising without creating a new QR code.

Different types of scams were mentioned and a few tips to avoid them were presented. Verify unexpected calls, messages or e-mails; avoid clicking on links or QR codes from unsolicited texts; use 2-factor identification on your apps; monitor your credit or put a freeze on your credit; do not share personal information if you did not initial contact with the individual.

You can no longer sign in to MY HealtheVet using your current log-in. You must use either use ID.me or Login.gov. For information go to:

<https://www.va.gov/resources/creating-an-account-for-vagov/> or <https://help.id.me/hc/en-us/articles/202673924-Creating-your-ID-me-account>

Dates to remember:

June 28 Illinois Day National Home 100th year Anniversary

July 12 Concert at Cantigny LT. Dan Band

August 9-13 VFW National Convention Columbus, Ohio

August 17 District meeting Villa Park

September 20 Illinois Day National Home

The next meeting will be held on July 17, Bloomingdale Library