

September 2021 Post Newsletter

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Commander's Stuff

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Late summer – We have good days in Western Springs. As summer reaches its end, the Post has received a couple of new people. New faces and ideas are always a good thing. Late summer also brings a couple of mischievous individuals that try to prey on the unsuspecting ones. There are many scams going on against veterans, the elderly, and those who let their guard down. I will list a few.

Zoom phishing emails – The scheme:

You receive an email, text or social media message with the Zoom logo telling you to “click on a link because your account is suspended or you missed a meeting.” Clicking can allow criminals to download malicious software onto your computer, access your personal information to use for identity theft, or search for passwords to hack into your other accounts.

Medicare card scams – Scammers are emailing, calling and even knocking on doors, claiming to be from Medicare and offering all sorts of pandemic-related

Save the Dates

Sept. 14th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** In person

Sept. 17th – deadline for October newsletter

Oct. 12th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** In person

services if you “verify” your Medicare ID number. **The scheme:** The offers include new cards they claim contain microchips. Some posers are asking for payment to move beneficiaries up in line for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Social Security scam calls – Scammers are using “spoofed” phone numbers that look like they're coming from Washington, D.C. to appear credible.

The scheme: You get a scary phone call saying your Social Security number was used in a crime and you'll be arrested soon if you don't send money to fix it. “They may say your number was used to rent a car where drugs were found and that the Drug Enforcement Agency is on their way to your house,” The caller may refer you to a local law-enforcement website where you can see the person's picture. You think you've checked it out, call them back and send money.

How to avoid: Remember, don't click on links in emails and texts that you haven't asked for. Don't pick up the phone unless you absolutely know who's calling. If it's important, they'll leave a voicemail.

Post News

Let's remember we are guests at the Post meeting location. We need to leave the room in the exact way we found it, put our supplies away, and be a good guest. By the way, our next Post meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 14. Zoom meetings are terminated. We will continue our meetings in person.

Veteran News

United States Postal Service is hiring nationwide, with veterans and families getting preference. More than 100,000 positions across the nation are available at the USPS such as:

- City and rural postal carriers
- City carrier assistants
- Tractor trailer operators
- Sales and support
- Mail processors
- Mail handler assistants

These positions are available full time, or just on weekends and holidays. Veterans, disabled veterans, reservists, spouses of disabled veterans, widows or widowers of veterans, and mothers of veterans all receive special preference for these USPS positions.

That's all for now. See you at the next meeting.

Stay Safe!
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Quartermaster Report

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Statement of funds as of 8/10/21

Post General Fund	\$6,519.79
Post Relief Fund	9,386.67
TOTAL:	\$15,905.86

Semper Fidelis!

Something of Interest

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The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs manages five Veteran Homes within the State of Illinois with the newest home located on Oak Park Avenue between Irving Park Road and Montrose Avenue. This new home features a 200-bed facility with a wing for veterans with Alzheimer's/dementia. Each floor contains a dining area and sauna.

The other Veteran Homes are located in LaSalle, Anna, Manteno and Quincy. Each home provides intermediate and skilled health care and a broad range of facilities.

Basic eligibility requirements are a veteran must have entered military service from the State of Illinois or been a resident for one year prior to applying to an Illinois Veterans Home. There are other criteria. Please contact me to learn more.