

### SEPTEMBER IS:

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH:** The Veterans Crisis Line, which can be reached at **1-800-273-8255**. *Call this number if you or someone you know is struggling with suicidal feelings.*

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and while this important time of observance, suicide awareness is not limited to veterans, active duty, National Guard, or Reservists. The military's family needs in this area cannot be overlooked. There is someone to talk with you on anything. **Just reach out and call.**



### September 18th Celebrates the 74TH BIRTHDAY of our U.S. AIR FORCE

Before the creation of the Air Force in 1947, the military's flying operations were handled by the U.S. Army on land and the Navy by sea. The history of this branch of service is an important part of the history of **Air Power** in the United States. Naturally, the Air Force birthday owes a

great deal to Orville and Wilbur Wright who pioneered mechanized flight with their successful mission in 1903. **But the Air Force also owes a great deal to Army pioneers who, roughly four years after the Wright Brothers' triumph at Kitty Hawk, began experimenting with using air superiority to gain tactical advantages in combat. HAPPY 74th BIRTHDAY AIR FORCE!**



### PATRIOT DAY September 11th– 9/11 2021 makes 20 YEARS

Patriot Day, officially known as **National Day of Service and Remembrance**, is observed every September 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

**ECC will recognize this day on Thursday,  
September 9th at 10:00am as  
MOMENT OF HONOR/  
MOMENT OF SILENCE**



# ECC VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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For information on veterans benefits at ECC, please visit [elgin.edu](http://elgin.edu), click on the Yellow Ribbon tab near the bottom of the page.



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1-800-273-8255 Press 1

*1 suicide is too many*



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Veterans of America  
[studentveterans.org/](http://studentveterans.org/)  
*Yesterday's Warriors,  
Today's Scholars  
Tomorrow's Leaders*

Looking for a JOB that hire Veterans?  
Check out ZIP RECRUITER:

<https://www.ziprecruiter.com/zipcares/veterans>

#### Join an organization!

St. Charles American Legion/VFW Post  
311 N. 2nd Street, Suite 109, St. Charles  
Contact: Richard Zawislak  
By email: [richard.zawislak@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.zawislak@yahoo.com)

VFW Post 1307, Elgin  
Contact: Bob Getz 630-777-8574

American Legion— Elgin Post 57  
820 North Liberty Street, Elgin, IL 60120  
Contact: Don Sleeman 847-741-2358

Second Baptist Church  
Military Veterans Ministry  
Contact: Leon Montgomery 630-327-8280

Elgin Patriotic Memorial Association-  
EPMA- Contact:  
<https://www.elginmemorialday.org/>

Gail Borden Public Library  
270 N. Grove Ave. Elgin, IL  
[www.gailborden.info](http://www.gailborden.info)

Lee Barrett Memorial AMVETS Post 202  
Elgin meets on the 1st Monday at the  
American Legion Hall  
820 North Liberty Street, Elgin, IL 60120  
Contact: Jim Mosby at 312-576-0996

Del Webb Edgewater  
meets on the 1st Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Contact: Tom Johnson by email:  
[tcjohnson1968@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tcjohnson1968@sbcglobal.net)

Veterans Assistance Commission  
Jake Zimmerman, Superintendent  
630-232-3550  
719 South Batavia Ave., Building A  
Geneva, IL 60134

### ECC'S VA CERTIFYING OFFICIAL.....

#### SAMANTHA D'ALESSANDRO

is available to certify, answer questions on any military benefit:  
BHA/MHA, IVG, ING, TA, and financial aid awards / scholarships.  
**YOU MUST SUBMIT PAPERWORK FOR EACH TERM/SEMESTER**  
Contact Samantha in the Financial Aid Office located in room B-156, or  
call: 847-214-7520 or email: [sdalessandro@elgin.edu](mailto:sdalessandro@elgin.edu)

### DID YOU KNOW.....

Japan's surrender on **September 2nd** which is notable for several reasons: the nation had never surrendered to a foreign power before this, and VJ day also marks the final end of World War Two. President Truman announced as Victory In Japan Day are held during national holidays such as Memorial Day or Veterans Day, the idea being that all military victories are honored on such occasions instead singling out an individual battle or military accomplishment.



### POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

**POW/MIA DAY, is September 17th** which is a time to remember the sacrifices of prisoners of war (POW) and servicemembers who are missing in action (MIA). Until 1979, there was no formal recognition day set aside for these important men and women in uniform. In 1971 a military spouse named Mary Hoff contacted a private company to request a flag to honor those missing in action or prisoners of war (*one of whom was her husband*). **More than 83,000 are missing from World War Two to the present time.**

#### IMPORANT INFORMATION to know at ECC:

**HELLO & WELCOME TO THE FALL-2021 SEMESTER!** Campus is open and our VRC— Veterans Resource Center will be open from 9AM to 6:30PM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 9AM to 3:30PM until 17 December 2021.

#### MILITARY CONNECTED EVENTS

- ⇒ **September is National Service Dog Month**— a time to pay tribute to service dogs that are specially trained to help people dealing with vision impairment, medical issues or mental health.
- ⇒ **26 September: Gold Star Mother's Day**- to recognize and honor those mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- ⇒ **29 September: VFW Day**- founded in 1899, to serve Veterans, military & community programs and leads military legislative advocacy.

### ECC'S STUDENT VETERANS' ACADEMIC ADVISOR, TIFFANY BRUNO

Call 847-214-7390 to schedule an appointment today!  
Questions? Email Tiffany at [tbruno@elgin.edu](mailto:tbruno@elgin.edu)