

ECC VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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ECC NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ♦ **Summer classes ends August 7th!**
- ♦ **AUGUST 5, 2025- PAYMENT DUE DATE at ECC!** You must make a payment plan, or submit our Veterans & Military Benefit Activation Form before 7:00PM to secure and keep the classes that you registered for Fall-2025.
- ♦ **FALL-2025 classes will begin on Monday, August 18, 2025**



Note: You must complete the on-line enrollment verification directly to the VA to confirm that you are still enrolled in classes! If a student fails to verify their attendance for two consecutive months, then the VA will withhold their housing allowance until the verification has been completed.

The VA contact number: 1-888-442-4551 or 1-888-GIBILL-1

COAST GUARD DAY



AUGUST 4TH U.S. COAST GUARD CELEBRATES IT'S 235TH BIRTHDAY

The United States Coast Guard is much older than many Americans realize.

It was founded on Aug. 4, 1790, by Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton and was known back

then as the Revenue Marine. Hamilton authorized the construction of ten vessels known as Revenue Service cutters, which were intended to enforce the earliest United States tariff laws.

The Coast Guard would go through a variety of changes along the way to becoming what we know today. President Woodrow Wilson signed an act of Congress into law that combined the Revenue Marine with another agency known as the United States Life-Saving Service with the intent of having a single entity responsible for maritime law enforcement and saving life.

The United States Coast Guard operated for 177 years as a function of the U.S. Treasury Department, but in 1967 the Coast Guard was placed under the Department of Transportation, where it would remain until it was transferred yet again to the then newly-created Department of Homeland Security in 2003.

HAPPY 235TH BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES COAST GUARD!

FREE RESOURCES at Elgin Community College for your student success

- ⇒ ACCESS ECC to assist with logon or D2L— Building B, 847-214-7570
- ⇒ Disability Accommodations- Building B, Room B-125, 847-214-7417
- ⇒ Internship Information Building F, Room F-223, 847-214-7454
- ⇒ Math Lab Building D, Room D-219, 847-214-4169
- ⇒ Student Life Building B, Room B-173, 847-214-7423 *get your free ECC ID*
- ⇒ The Write Place Building B, Room B-274, 847-214-7480
- ⇒ Tutoring Center Building C, Room C-230, 847-214-7256 (free for most classes)
- ⇒ Wellness Professionals Building B, Room B-120, 847-214-7390

For more resources, please visit: <https://elgin.edu>

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VETERANS CRISIS LINE

1-800-273-8255, Press 1

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S.V.A. — Student
Veterans of America
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>

ECC's Hire Spartans Job Board
Website: elgin.edu/hirespartans

Join an organization!

Edgewater Veterans Club
meets on the 1st Wednesday at 7:00pm
Contact: Tom Johnson by email:
tcjohnson1968@sbcglobal.net

Elgin Post 57- American Legion
Contact: Jason Shanahan, Asst. Adjutant
(847) 741-2358

Rebecca Larsen:

American Legion Auxiliary
District 11 Board, (224) 201-9263
email: beckyleemo12@gmail.com

HINES Hospital- Matthew Santos:
(708) 990-9723

Lee Barrett Memorial AMVETS Post 202
Elgin meets on the 1st Monday at the
American Legion Hall
820 North Liberty Street, Elgin, IL 60120

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

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

VITAL Outreach Program
Krystal L. Gilewski, LCSW
(708) 202-4893

SUPPORT OVER STIGMA
Zoeie Kreiner
(630) 488-7842
www.supportoverstigma.org

Any questions, please contact Anitra King,
847-214-7531 or email: aking@elgin.edu

ECC'S VA CERTIFYING OFFICIAL is

Valeria Garza Cordero and is available to certify, answer questions on any military benefit: BHA/MHA, IVG, ING, TA, and financial aid awards (Pell or Loans) and scholarships. **Valeria** is located in the Financial Aid Office in Building B, room **B-156**, or call: **847-214-7360** or email: vgarzacordero@elgin.edu

YOU MUST SUBMIT PAPERWORK FOR EACH TERM

DID YOU KNOW.....



National Navajo Code Talkers Day is Aug. 14th!
This holiday honors the contributions of Native Americans / First Nations people who contributed to the United States war effort during World

War Two, as well as recognizing the evolution of U.S. code related to Native American languages and the participation of First Nations tribe members in U.S. military efforts from many conflicts. The story of the Navajo code talkers is complex. Some object to the name of the holiday, mistakenly believing that Navajo tribe members are singled out for the distinction at the expense of other tribes that participated in this war effort.

But the name of the holiday refers not to the Navajo tribe itself, but is a broader term that refers to the "Navajo code" used to fool Axis powers including the Nazis and Japanese Imperial forces. **President Ronald Reagan established Navajo Code Talkers Day in 1982, and the holiday honors all the tribes associated with the war effort including (but not limited to):**

***Cherokee *Choctaw *Comanche *Hopi *Navajo**

MILITARY CONNECTED OBSERVANCES & EVENTS –

AUGUST is ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH

This is designed to raise awareness not only of the threat of terrorism, but also to encourage regular vigilance and communication to report potential threats!

- ⇒ **04 August– U. S. Coast Guard celebrates it's 235th Birthday**
- ⇒ **07 August– Purple Heart Day observed**
- ⇒ **10 August– U.S. Department of Defense celebrates it's 76th Birthday**
- ⇒ **10 August– Agent Orange Awareness Day**
- ⇒ **14 August– National Navajo Code Talkers Day observed**
- ⇒ **16 August– National Airborne Day observed**
- ⇒ **18 August– FALL classes start at ECC!**

Visit our VRC– Veterans Resource Center located in Building F, room F-201

ECC'S STUDENT VETERANS' ACADEMIC ADVISOR,

TIFFANY BRUNO email: tbruno@elgin.edu– or Call 847-214-7390
to schedule an appointment, if you have questions about classes for
Fall-2025 registration or transferring!