

ECC VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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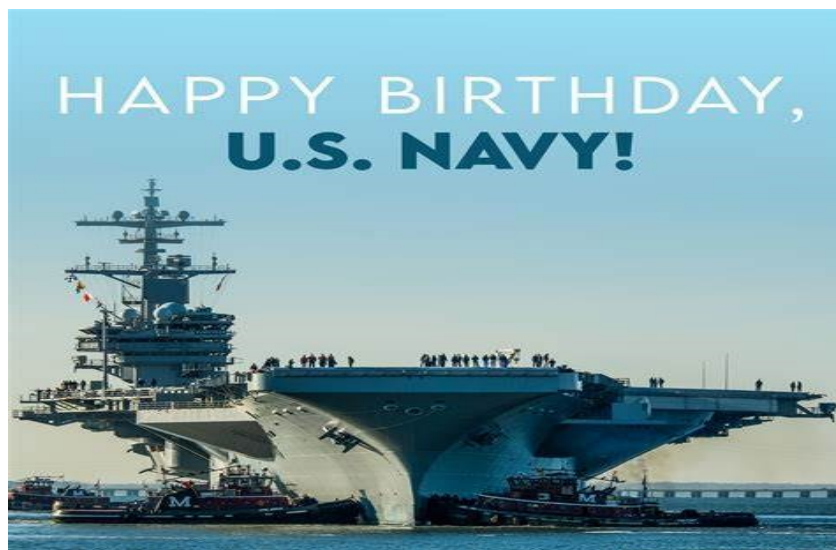
ECC NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◇ **1 October:** currently enrolled students will receive a priority date– which will be the week of November 3rd for student veterans!
- ◇ **1 October:** Deadline to complete application for December's graduation. Go to elgin.edu for more details.
- ◇ **9 October:** Application deadline for SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society!



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



On Monday, October 13th, the U. S. NAVY celebrates it's 250th Birthday!

Some might be surprised to learn that the official birthday of the United States Navy is Oct. 13, 1775. Back then, it was known as the Continental Navy and consisted of a small fleet of ships patrolling to intercept ships sent to resupply British Army troops at or near the colonies. The creation of this fleet was not without controversy. The U.S. Government

recognized the need to protect American interests against piracy and rival powers in the western hemisphere. The reason this milestone is significant is that in spite of the timeline of the original Continental Navy and the “reboot” of an American sea power. The date the Continental Navy came into existence is the officially recognized birth of the U.S. Navy. **HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY!**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Campaigns to fight breast cancer. From the installation hospital to The Pentagon Channel, there are many programs, messages, and fundraisers to help find a cure and support those affected by this disease.

Military-Themed Museums Go Pink To Support Breast Cancer Awareness, is one example.

According to some statistics, approximately **one in eight women** may develop an invasive form of the disease. **Those stats alone make raising breast cancer awareness a crucial issue; for military women there is an additional concern.** A 2009 Walter Reed Army Medical Center study found that women serving in the military have a slightly elevated risk of breast cancer.

Support Breast Cancer Awareness– Go PINK



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VETERANS CRISIS LINE

1-800-273-8255, Press 1

1 suicide is too many



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 or email:
alelginpost57@yahoo.com

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

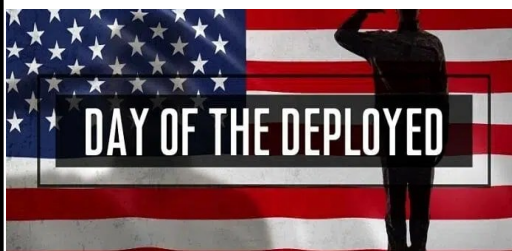
Any questions, please contact Anitra King,
847-214-7531 or email: aking@elgin.edu

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.....



DAY OF THE DEPLOYED, was introduced as a bill on Oct. 18, 2011 by Senator Hoeven, from North Dakota, stated, "Our U.S. service men & women currently deployed, along with their loved ones, make untold sacrifices as they serve our nation."

A national Day of the Deployed pays tribute to their commitment to our country and their work to protect our freedoms."

MILITARY CONNECTED OBSERVANCES & EVENTS –

October is **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

- ⇒ 13 October– U.S. NAVY celebrates it's 250th Birthday!
- ⇒ 13 October– Columbus Day is observed
- ⇒ 26 October- Day of the Deployed is recognized
- ⇒ 27 October– Navy Day is honored
- ⇒ 31 October– Halloween is celebrated

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

FREE RESOURCES at ECC

- ⇒ **ACCESS ECC** to assist with logon or D2L– **First Stop**— 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)

ECC'S STUDENT VETERANS' ACADEMIC ADVISOR,

TIFFANY BRUNO email: tbruno@elgin.edu— or Call 847-214-7390 to schedule an appointment and plan classes for spring 2026.
November 3rd @ 8am starts priority registration for spring 2026!