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 11th 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
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

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

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

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:
tcjohson1968@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

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 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 these
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