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To understand a Veteran you must know:



We left home as teenagers or in our early twenties for an unknown adventure.
 We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.
 We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.
 We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.
 We found new friends and a new family.
 We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race, or creed.
 We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.
 We didn't get enough sleep.
 We smoked and drank too much.
 We picked up both good and bad habits.
 We worked hard and played harder.
 We didn't earn a great wage.
 We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing important events.
 We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.
 We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.

We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.

Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.
 Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.
 Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.
 We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.
 We participated in time-honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.
 We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.
 We have dealt with victory and tragedy.
 We have celebrated and mourned.
 We lost a few along the way.
 When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all.
 We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.
 We share an unspoken bond with each other that most people don't experience, and few will understand.
 We speak highly of our own branch of service and poke fun at the other branches.
 We know, however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.
 Being a Veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.
 It has no monetary value, but at the same time, it is a priceless gift.
 People see a Veteran and they thank them for their service.
 When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.
 So, from myself to the rest of the Veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for your country.
 Try to remember the good times and make peace with the bad. Share your stories.

But most importantly, stand tall and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a Veteran 

~Author Unknown



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studentveterans.org/
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<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:
tcjohnson1968@sbcglobal.net

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

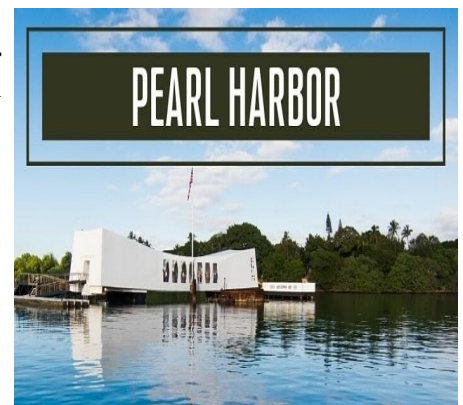
ECC'S VA CERTIFYING OFFICIAL.....

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

DID YOU KNOW.....

December 7th— National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day- Just before 8am on the morning of December 7, 1941, hundreds of Japanese fighter planes carried out a devastating attack on the Pearl Harbor American Naval base in Honolulu, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu. The Japanese aircrews managed to achieve complete surprise and for two hours, Japanese fighter, bomber and torpedo planes carried out a shocking assault on the US naval base.



December 1st is the United States Civil Air Patrol's birthday. {CAP} This agency serve as the official volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force. Formed during World War Two. The Civil Air Patrol consists of cadets, ages 12 to 20 years old, and senior members who are 18 and older. All members wear uniforms as part of their Civil Air Patrol duties, but this agency is not a branch of military service. ([Civil Air Patrol Birthday](#) | [Military Benefits](#))

IMPORTANT INFORMATION to know at ECC:

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.

- ◆ **PAYMENT DUE DATE is 5 January 2022:** to secure your Spring-2022 classes, you must make a payment or submit paperwork to the Financial Aid Office by 7 p.m. on January 5, 2022.

MILITARY CONNECTED EVENTS

- ⇒ **RED SHIRT FRIDAY- Remember Everyone Deployed (RED)**
Wear a red shirt on any given Friday to show support to all deployed Troops. Just wear RED and tell why!
- ⇒ **13 December— U.S. National Guard Birthday**
- ⇒ **18 December— National Wreaths Across America**

ECC'S STUDENT VETERANS' ACADEMIC ADVISOR, TIFFANY BRUNO

Call 847-214-7390 to schedule an appointment today!
Questions? Email Tiffany at tbruno@elgin.edu