



Erie County Council VFW Auxiliary
FEBRUARY / MARCH 2017 Newsletter

“Anchored to Serve Our Veterans and Their Families”

Amy Darling, President

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Upcoming Events:

FEBRUARY

February 12

ECCA Soup-a-thon
Leonard Post 6251

February 27

ECCA Meeting

MARCH

March 10-11

SPRING CONFERENCE
Liverpool, NY

March 18

District 6 Fundraiser

March 19

District 6 Meeting

March 27

ECCA Meeting

APRIL

April 6-8

National President's Visit
Victor, NY

April 24

ECCA Meeting

MAY

May 12 & 13

ECC VFW & AUX
Convention

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Hello Everyone!! We are halfway through the year. Thank you for everything you have done so far for our Veterans and their families. Let's keep up the fantastic work. The deadline for Year-End Reports is fast approaching: April 1 for Department Programs and April 10 for President Reports.

CONGRATULATIONS to those who have been able to achieve 100% and kudos to those who are 100%+ !! As of the December Membership Report, a few auxiliaries only need a few members to be 100%. Maybe a member is ill or in a nursing home – think about paying their per capita to achieve that 100%.



AMERICANISM & BUDDY POPPY CONTESTS will be judged at the February meeting.

WAYS & MEANS: The months are February and March - tickets have been distributed. Contact Junior Vice President Ann Davis with any questions.



The WNY FREEDOM LOUNGE needs YOU !! Please consider volunteering at the Lounge; whether it be weekly, monthly, or whenever you are available. Donations are also needed. Most importantly, please get the word out to your VFW and Auxiliary members. Remember, this endeavor is to provide an area for Veterans, Active Military, and their Families to relax before, between, and/or after flights. Volunteer applications and information about the Lounge can be found online at <http://freedomlounge.nickelcity.net/>

SPRING CONFERENCE: Presidents should have received this information in December. Please read this information at your Auxiliary meeting as it has vital information on Delegate voting for Resolution #1, Section 801B. Please let me know if you didn't receive the information.



DEADLINES: ECCA: Americanism and Buddy Poppy display contests will be judged at the February meeting.

DEPARTMENT/NATIONAL: Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award – Feb 15; Continuing Education Scholarship – Feb 15; and Young American Creative Patriotic Art – March 31.

HISTORIAN Carol Camillo is requesting pictures of any and all Veterans Family Support by March 3, 2017. Pictures will be used for an album to be given to the National President when she makes her visit to New York in April.

Loyally Submitted,
Amy Darling, ECCA President



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DISTRICT SIX VFW/AUX MEETING: The next *District Six meeting* is scheduled for **Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 1 PM** at **Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940** ▪ 965 Center Road ▪ West Seneca, NY 14224 (716-674-2940). The meeting is open to all Auxiliary members; however, Auxiliary Presidents, Delegates, and Alternates should be attending this meeting.

The **VERA BRADLEY (District 6) FUNDRAISER** will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 1 PM at the Pvt. Leonard Post Jr. VFW Post #6251 – 2450 Walden Avenue – Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (716-684-4371).

EVENTS



VETERANS COURT FUNDRAISER – Hot Dog Roast & Basket Raffle: Saturday, February 11 (2-6 PM) @ Lt. Col. Matt Urban VFW Post #7275 – 3741 Walden Avenue – Lancaster, NY 14086 (716-681-8387). Baskets & Desserts are needed. If you're willing to donate, please contact Dee Ippolito (716-440-3411).

SOUPATHON: Sunday, February 12 (Noon – 3 PM) @ Pvt. Leonard Post Jr. Post #6251. \$5 donation gets you a slice of bread and all you can eat soup. Desserts are available. Auxiliaries are requested to bring in a soup or two (2 gallons), dessert, and donate a basket or three for this great fundraiser for ECCA.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL for VOD & PATRIOTS PEN PARTICIPANTS & FAMILIES: Thursday, March 2 (6 PM) @ Harvey D. Morin VFW Post #2940.

VERA BRADLEY (6th District) FUNDRAISER: Saturday, March 18 (1 PM) @ Pvt. Leonard Post Jr. VFW Post #6251.

SECOND ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW: Sunday, April 2 (12-4 PM) @ Harvey D. Morin VFW Post #2940.

MONTHLY FLEA MARKET February 4, March 4, and April 1 (8 AM–3 PM) @ Harvey D. Morin VFW Post #2940. Breakfast and Lunch Available.

AUXILIARY EVENTS: Remember you can utilize the ECCA Newsletter, Website, and Facebook sites to announce your Auxiliary's upcoming events. See deadline date(s) below. Events on Facebook can be added at any time.



NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE: Articles for the ECCA Newsletter and/or Website must be submitted by the 20th of each month. Please keep in mind newsletters are published every other month:

- ✚ August/September – Submissions due by July 20;
- ✚ October/November – Submissions due by September 20;
- ✚ December/January – Submissions due by November 20;
- ✚ February/March – Submissions due by January 20;
- ✚ April/May – Submissions due by March 20.



Presidents' Day



3rd Monday in February



Please be sure to read important information from the National Auxiliary Magazine and Department Auxiliary News at your meetings!!

Peace & Love,

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