



# Erie County Council VFW Auxiliary

## FEBRUARY 2018 Newsletter

**"Our Veterans Love is More Precious than Gold"**

**"Catch the Dream for Our Veterans"**

**Doris "Dee" Ippolito, President**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**February 1**  
**National Freedom Day**

**February 2**  
**GROUNDHOG DAY**

**February 3, 1879**  
**Amendment to US**  
**Constitution guaranteed**  
**male citizens the vote**

**February 14**  
**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

**February 17**  
**VFW 7275 – Buffalo**  
**Veteran's Treatment**  
**Court Fundraiser**

**February 18**  
**ECCA Soup-A-Thon**  
**Leonard Post 6251**  
**12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**February 19**  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**February 26, 2018**  
**ECCA MEETING**

**March 9-11**  
**SPRING CONFERENCE**  
**Syracuse**

**March 11**  
**DISTRICT SIX MEETING**  
**Crosby Post**

**May 10-11**  
**ECC / ECCA VFW**  
**CONVENTION**  
**Crosby Post**

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Sisters and Brothers: Since Spring is almost here, it has been my pleasure to begin my second round of visits to your Auxiliaries. So far in January I have had the opportunity to be at #1419 for the ECCVFW meeting and to meet with 1419 Auxiliary President Katie Blaszkiwicz, visit 5861 Auxiliary and President Ann Ferguson, visit 416 Auxiliary and President Joanne Fentner & also VFW Comrades. You have all welcomed me so warmly and so willingly shared all your activities with our Veterans. Keep up your great work!! I'm looking forward to seeing each of the other ECCA Auxiliaries in early February and again hearing about all your activities.

### GENERAL ORDERS:

1. Remember to register by February 9, 2018 for the Spring Conference (March 9 & 10) in Syracuse.
2. Donate to the President's Purse – a thank you gift for Dept. of New York President Denise McHugh and National President Dee Guillory.
3. Donate to the advancement fund for National Guard, Jane Reape, by purchasing raffle tickets and sending funds to Dept. of New York Treasurer Kim White.
4. Prepare for the District Six meeting on March 11 and bring new washcloths and towels for the VA to the meeting.
5. End-of-the-Year Reports are due to Program Chairmen by March 31.
6. Send your favorite recipe in a Word document format to Linda LaRosa ([llarosa60@gmail.com](mailto:llarosa60@gmail.com)) by March 1 for the Dept. of NY's new cookbook.

Loyally Submitted,

**Doris "Dee" Ippolito, ECCA President**

**Happy Valenting's Day !!**



### **A special message from ECC VFW Commander Harris Bartz**

*Thank you for ECCA's cooperative efforts with the ECC this year. We are preparing for our Joint ECC VFW Convention on May 11 and 12 at our Crosby Post in Kenmore. Convention information will be out soon. Looking forward to seeing you all there!!*

*- Harris Bartz, ECC VFW Commander*

**DISTRICT SIX MEETING:** The next ***District Six VFW AUX meeting*** will be held on **March 11, 2018 at 1:00 PM** at the Harry Crosby VFW Post # 2472 – 3354 Delaware Avenue – Kenmore, NY 14217. Audit at 12 Noon by Trustees. The meeting is open to all Auxiliary members; however, Auxiliary Presidents, Delegates, and Alternates should be attending this meeting.



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Buffalo VA Medical Center needs your help & support: Volunteers: Office work, reading to patients, reception desk, etc.; Donations to Coffee Cart, Homeless Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner, and Homeless Expectant Female Veterans.

**SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES:**

✚ March 31: YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART

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

AMERICANISM CONTESTS: Pat Marciniak - Chairman

- ✚ Kindergarten (Class Project) - Scrapbook Contest
- ✚ First & Second Grades – Coloring Contest
- ✚ Third & Fourth Grades – Poster Contest



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 about the Lounge.** 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/> Stay tuned for some new and exciting news about the Lounge.



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.

- ✚ February 17: Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court Fundraiser (ECC & ECCA Special Project) at VFW Post 7275. Theme baskets and desserts requested.
- ✚ February 18 (1:00 PM): ECCA Soup-a-Thon @ Pvt. Leonard Post Jr VFW Post 6251 from 12:00-3:00 PM. Sunday, February 12 (Noon – 3 PM) @ Pvt. Leonard Post Jr. Post #6251. \$6 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 theme basket for this great fundraiser for ECCA. Contact Chairman Kathie Blake with questions/information.
- ✚ March 1: Deadline Dept. of NY Spring Conference registration.
- ✚ March 9 & 10: Dept. of NY AUX Spring Conference in Syracuse.
- ✚ March 11: District Six AUX meeting- Harry Crosby VFW Post # 2472 – 3354 Delaware Avenue – Kenmore 14217.
- ✚ May 11 & 12: ECC / ECCA Convention @ Crosby VFW Post.



NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE: Articles for the ECCA Newsletter and/or Website must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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Deborah A. Fucina, Past ECCA President  
ECCA Webmaster & Newsletter Editor

