A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT’S INSIDE

2016-2017 Banners

VA News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Meeting Correction
Did you know?
If you were unable to get to your VA Hospital because of an emergency: you, your family, friends, or hospital staff need to contact one of the numbers within 72 hours of your emergency, so you are better aware of what services VA may or may not cover.

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**Now Accepting**

2016-2017 Hometown Hero Banner Application

Applications can be found online at http://www.lyco.org/Departments/VeteransAffairs.aspx under “In the News” or at the Veterans Affairs Office 330 Pine Street, Suite 401.

Call Natalie Miller at 570-320-2101 or stop by The Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office for more information or to sponsor a banner.
The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Robert A. McDonald announced the award of $4 Million in the renewal funding offered through the Grant and Per Diem (GDP) Program to 21 community agencies that currently provide enhanced services for homeless Veterans with special needs.

The program promotes the development and provision of supportive housing and services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and income, and obtain greater self determination. The Special Need grant funding population includes women, chronically mentally ill, frail elderly, terminally ill, and individuals who have the care of minor dependents.

As a result of these and other efforts, Veteran homelessness is down significantly since the launch of the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent Homelessness.

More information about VA’s homeless program is available at [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless).

Community organizations seeking details and or more information may visit VA’s National Grant and Per Diem Program at [www.va.gov/homeless/GPD.ASP](http://www.va.gov/homeless/GPD.ASP)

National Call Center
For HOMELESS VETERANS
1-877-4AID-VET
1-877-424-3838
HONORING OF VETERANS PLATES NOW AVAILABLE FOR MOTORCYCLES

Pennsylvania motorcyclists can now show their support for Veterans by purchasing newly authorized “Honoring Our Veterans” special fund registration plates for motorcycles.

The plate, authorized by Act 17 of 2015, features the standard registration plate design in white and yellow with an image of the American Flag and Bald Eagle, with the words “Honoring Our Veterans” at the bottom of the plate.

The plate is available at a cost of $35. Fifteen dollars from the sale of each license plate goes to the Veterans’ Trust Fun administered by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The fund supports and assists Pennsylvania Veterans and their families through grants to Veterans’ Service Organizations and other charitable organizations.

Motorcycle owners can apply for a plate by completing and submitting Form MV-914, found on the PennDot website at www.dmv.pa.gov by choosing “Registration Plates” in the “Vehicle Services” section and then clicking on the “Special Fund” Tab.

Educational Gratuity Program For Students Of Veterans

Did you know that the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs offers an Educational Gratuity Program for students of Veterans who hold a 100% disability rating and served during wartime?

For additional information feel free to contact the Program Manager at 717-861-9410.
VA has long recognized the crucial role that caregivers play in helping Veterans recover from injury and illness and in providing for their daily care in the community. Caregivers are truly partners in caring for Veterans and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is dedicated to providing them with the support and services they need. The VA has many programs that support Veterans and their caregivers for additional information, please contact the Caregiver Support Coordinator at your local VA medical center.

In addition VA established a toll-free National Caregiver Support Line 855-260-3274. The support line is staffed by licensed independent social workers and is available to respond to inquiries about the new Caregiver services associated with Public Law 111-163, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010, as well as serve as a resource and referral center for caregivers and Veterans from all eras, professionals and the general public; provide referrals to local VA Medical Center Caregiver Support Coordinators and VA/community resources; and provide emotional support.

*Correction*

D.A.V. Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm
AMERICAN LEGIONS, VFW’s & OTHER COUNTY VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

**American Legion Post 1**
Garrett Cochran  
10 E. 3rd St., Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-323-9409

**American Legion Post 35**
Glenn Sharrow  
76 N. Main St., Hughesville, PA 17737  
Phone: 570-584-2123

**American Legion Post 36**
George Webster Pepperman  
P.O. Box 211, Jersey Shore, PA 17740  
Phone: 570-398-4174

**American Legion Post 104**
Eugene Grafius  
1312 Broad St., Montoursville, PA 17754  
Phone: 570-368-9000

**American Legion Post 251**
Bower Decker  
185 Broad St., Montgomery, PA 17752  
Phone: 570-547-2039

**American Legion Post 268**
Roland Ritter  
515 Legion Rd., Muncy, PA 17756  
Phone: 570-546-5210

**American Legion Post 617**
Royal P. Steinbacher  
901 Market Street, South Williamsport, PA 17702  
Phone: 570-327-0255

**American Legion Post 999**
West Branch Service Post  
2985 Four Mile Drive, Apt. 107  
Montoursville, PA 17754  
Phone: 570-447-1572

**Veterans of the Vietnam War – Post PA 51**
P.O. Box 23, Hughesville, PA 17737  
Phone: 570-547-2814

**VFW Post 3428**
Edward J. Smith Post  
12 N Market St., Muncy, PA 17756  
Phone: 570-546-3820

**VFW Post 5859**
Billy O. Brandt Post  
201 N. Lincoln Ave., Jersey Shore, PA 17740  
Phone: 570-398-2801

**VFW Post 7863**
Le Roy O. Buck Post  
150 Shaffer St., South Williamsport, PA 17702  
Phone: 570-323-1579

**VFW POST 844**
Howard W. Kahler Post  
1260 West 3rd Street, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-326-2752

**Forty & Eight Voiture 382**
345 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-322-1670

**Susquehanna Valley Chapter 47 of The Disabled American Veterans**
P.O. Box 3372, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-567-4554

**Williamsport Detachment 388**
Marine Corp League Inc.  
P.O. Box 3245, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-323-9900

**Korean War Veterans of Lycoming County, Inc.**
P. O. Box 3232, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-745-3775 (Military Funerals)
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