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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
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.

VAMC Wilkes-Barre Toll Free: 1-877-928-2621

DAY: Utilization Management
8:00AM-4:00PM
EXT. *7258

NIGHT: Health Benefits Advisor
4:00PM-8:00AM
EXT. *7140

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Now is the Time To Sponsor Your 2017 Hometown Hero Banner

SPECIAL OFFER:
With the purchase of this year's banner we are offering, for sale, a garden flag available for $40.00

Deadline for Sponsorship is September 1, 2017

All sponsorships - $210

Banners Will Be Displayed Beginning in October 2017

We now accept Paypal

Call Natalie Steppe at 570-320-2101, visit the website at LYCO.ORG/VA, or stop by The Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office for more information or to sponsor a banner.
CATCH A GOOD TIME AT THE BALLPARK

THE WILLIAMSPORT VET CENTER IS HOSTING A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 31 AT 7 PM
PLACE: BB&T BOWMAN FIELD
GATES OPEN AT 6 PM

CROSSCUTTERS VS WEST VIRGINIA

TICKETS ARE FREE FOR VETERANS AND INCLUDE A $10.00 FOOD VOUCHER

PLEASE CALL BRUCE AT THE VET CENTER (570-327-5281) TO RESERVE A TICKET
VETERANS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Meadows, A Park Home Personal Care Community is forming a Breakfast Club for Veterans that will meet once a month from 8 am to 10 am (day of the week/week of month to be determined). The breakfast is open to veterans from all military branches regardless of when you served or where you served. Active military members are welcome as are family members.

The purpose of this club is to allow veterans to come together, connect, share experiences and meet new people who share common bonds.

If interested in participating, please contact Christina Klingerman by calling 570-433-4663 or by email marketing@theparkhomemeadows.org
Calling All WWII Veterans

We want you to join us for our 2017 Veteran’s Day Parade.

South Williamsport, PA
2:00pm

November 11th

Please call Natalie at 570-320-2101 if you would like to participate in this year’s Veterans Day Parade.
Blue Star Mothers of America is a national nonprofit organization comprised of mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans.

We are supportive mothers and unwavering patriots.

For the second year, our chapter is teaming with Wreaths Across America™ to place wreaths on Veterans’ graves at Wildwood Cemetery in Williamsport, PA in honor of National Wreaths Across America Day.

You may have heard about Wreaths Across America™ in the news. This is the organization that lovingly places wreaths on the graves of heroes at Arlington National Cemetery with the help of thousands of sponsors and volunteers who purchase and place each wreath with honor and remembrance. Last December with the help of our community we were able to lay over 230 wreaths in Wildwood Cemetery!

We at Blue Star Mothers Chapter 12 are honored to bring this program here to the Williamsport area once again.

On Saturday, December 16th, your wreath will be placed on a local hero’s grave with a special ceremony being held at Noon— the same day and time that wreaths are placed on the graves at Arlington National Cemetery and other participating cemeteries.

**We need your support.** We are seeking individuals, families, groups and corporations who would like to help us remember and honor our Veterans laid to rest at Wildwood by sponsoring a wreath. Each wreath is $15. Please see our enclosed donation form.

We are also seeking individuals and groups who would like to volunteer their time to help us place these beautiful wreaths on this special day.

Donations for wreaths may be made out to Blue Star Mothers of America North Central PA Chapter 12 and mailed to PO Box 851, Williamsport, PA 17703.

Interested volunteers may contact our volunteer coordinator, Kelli Daldo at BSMAchapter12@yahoo.com or 570-651-2491. And please visit our web pages to learn more about our organizations at www.bluestarmothers.org and www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.
Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 10, 2017
Start of World’s Longest Veterans Parade from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery and participating locations

Monday, December 11, 2017
State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico

Saturday December 16, 2017
10:00 am start time, Wildwood Cemetery.

Simultaneous wreath laying ceremonies at over 1100 locations all across the country and beyond.

For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 570-772-4638. You can also email info@wreathsacrossamerica.org

Wreaths Across America Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as Wildwood Cemetery on December 16th, beginning at 10:00 am. Wreaths may be also purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org by using our Group ID PA0187P.

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: __________________________
Address: __________________________
City: __________________________
State: __________________________ Zip: __________
Phone: __________________________
Email: __________________________

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?
___ Yes OR ___ No, I wish to remain Anonymous

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"SORRY: WE CANNOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS"

In Honor of:

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email: __________________________

Mailing: __________________________

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: __________________________
Rank: __________________________
State: __________________________

Location ID: PAWWCW Fundraising Group ID: PA0187P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash $: __________________________
Total # Checks: __________________________
MO $: __________________________
Entered: __________________________

Total$: __________________________ Date: __________________________
Reconciled: __________________________
GEN: __________________________
LYCOMING COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
WILLIAMSPORT, PA

Honor or memorialize a Veteran with a personalized brick permanently placed within the renovated walkways of the Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park, located at West Fourth Street and Wahoo Drive, Williamsport, PA.

Select a size:

_____ 4" x 8" Up to 3 lines of text, gray brick
$50 Maximum of 18 characters per line, including letters, numbers, spaces, and symbols.

_____ 12" x 12" Up to 6 lines of text, gray brick
$200 Maximum of 18 characters per line, including letters, numbers, spaces, and symbols.

Please fill out 1 order form per brick. PRINT clearly with 1 character per block.

Ordered by: Name: ____________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Phone: _____________________________________________

Please submit your order forms, along with payment to:

Streets and Parks Department
ATTN: Veterans Memorial Park
1550 West Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Make checks payable to: Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park
Military Share

A FRESH EXPRESS PROGRAM FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS!
Held at: VFW 7863 Leroy O. Buck Post 150 Shaffer Street, Duboistown, PA 570-323-1579

Military Share is a fresh express program of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and is designed to provide fresh, nutritious food for families with at least one member who is serving or who has served in the US Armed Forces.

This program is for the veterans of Lycoming County.

Each family will receive, fresh produce, deli and dairy products, pantry staples and meats, fish and poultry.

Please register your family below. Our distribution will be on the third Thursday of each month starting at 10:00am. Registration is REQUIRED.

Any questions regarding this program call 570-323-1579.

Name of Veteran: ____________________________
Number of Members in Household: ____________
Weekly Income: $___________
Branch of Service: __________________________
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<td>10 E. 3rd St., Williamsport, PA 17701</td>
<td>570-323-9409</td>
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<td>American Legion Post 35</td>
<td>76 N. Main St., Hughesville, PA 17737</td>
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<td>American Legion Post 36</td>
<td>P.O. Box 211, Jersey Shore, PA 17740</td>
<td>570-398-4174</td>
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<td>American Legion Post 104</td>
<td>1312 Broad St., Montoursville, PA 17754</td>
<td>570-368-9000</td>
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<td>185 Broad St., Montgomery, PA 17752</td>
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<td>515 Legion Rd., Muncy, PA 17756</td>
<td>570-546-5210</td>
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<td>American Legion Post 617</td>
<td>901 Market Street, South Williamsport, PA 17702</td>
<td>570-327-0255</td>
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<td>Blue Star Mothers of America Inc.</td>
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<td>United States Submarine Veterans Inc.</td>
<td>Williamsport Base</td>
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<td>Veterans of the Vietnam War – Post PA 51</td>
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<td>Edward J. Smith Post</td>
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<td>Howard W. Kahler Post</td>
<td>570-326-2752</td>
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<td>Forty &amp; Eight Voiture 382</td>
<td>345 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701</td>
<td>570-322-1670</td>
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<td>Susquehanna Valley Chapter 47 of The Disabled American Veterans</td>
<td>P.O. Box 3372, Williamsport, PA 17701</td>
<td>570-567-4554</td>
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<td>Williamsport Detachment 388</td>
<td>Marine Corp League Inc.</td>
<td>P.O. Box 3245, Williamsport, PA 17701</td>
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<td>Korean War Veterans of Lycoming County, Inc.</td>
<td>P.O. Box 3232, Williamsport, PA 17701</td>
<td>570-745-3775 (Military Funerals)</td>
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Your Reps in Washington & Harrisburg

U.S. Representative Thomas Marino— 10th Congressional District
Williamsport District Office
1020 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 1A
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-322-3961
Fax: 570-322-3965
Office Hours: M-F 9-5
Website: [http://marino.house.gov/](http://marino.house.gov/)

PA State Senator Gene Yaw— Senate District 23
330 Pine Street, Suite 204
One Progress Plaza, Suite 13
Williamsport, PA
Phone: 570-322-6457
Fax: 570-327-3703
Toll-free: 1-800-443-5772
Website: [http://senatorgeneyaw.com/](http://senatorgeneyaw.com/)

PA State Representative Garth D. Everett— 84th Legislative District
Penn Hills Plaza, Halls Station
21 Kristi Road, Suite 2
Muncy, PA 17756
Phone: 570-546-2084
Fax: 570-546-5220
Website: [http://www.reper Everett.com/](http://www.reper Everett.com/)

PA State Representative Jeff Wheeland— 83rd Legislative District
349 Pine Street Suite 1
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-321-1270
Fax: 570-327-3719
Office Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30
Website: [www.repwheeland.com](http://www.repwheeland.com)

Not sure who your representative is? Find out at:
[http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county list.cfm?CNTYLIST=LYCOMING](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county list.cfm?CNTYLIST=LYCOMING)
FROM THE LYCOMING COUNTY VA OFFICE:

Would you like to have a VA Benefit Seminar at a Nursing Home, Legion, VFW, or Other Organization? Have George come and speak to the Veterans and Widows about what they could be eligible for through the VA. Call our office at 570-327-2365 to set it up.

Home Loans? Contact Bob Brown, Sr. Loan Officer at Allentown Mortgage Corp. VA Loan Specialist/Residential Financing. Phone: 610-883-7601 or 484-494-6593 Email: bobbrown@worldlynx.net Web: www.allentownmortgage.com *Licensed by the PA Dept. of Banking*

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

Are you rated 100% disabled by the VA? Then you may be eligible for real estate tax exemption and free hunting and fishing licenses. Call 570-327-2365 for more information.

If you or anyone you know are interested in being trained for an Honor Guard position please contact the VA office at 570-327-2365.

Important information to Know when Transitioning from TRICARE Prime to Standard.

• You can still see your same doctor.
• Costs for care will change.
• Your health care prior authorizations are still valid.

Be aware that your out-of-pocket costs for existing care will change from TRICARE Prime copayments to TRICARE Standard (Extra) cost-shares and deductibles on October 1, 2013.

If you have any other questions or concerns please contact us at 570-327-2365
VA Outpatient Clinic

The VA Outpatient Clinic was established July 1997 on the Campus of Divine Providence Hospital in the Wenner Building, 1705 Warren Avenue, Suite 304, Williamsport, PA. Phone: 570-322-4791 Fax: 570-322-5170. Open: Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Scheduled appointments only. Walk-Ins welcome.

Services Include: Primary Care, Enrollment/Eligibility forms, Psychiatry, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Social Services, Counseling, Lab, Nutrition services, and Immunizations.

The VA Clinic has a social worker at the clinic on Tuesday and Thursday. Her name is Chris Veach; please call the clinic at (570) 322-4791 to schedule an appointment.

Vet Center

The Vet Center is located at Suite 104, 49 East Fourth Street, Williamsport, next to the James V. Brown Library. Phone 327-5281. All services provided by the Vet Center are FREE OF CHARGE. These include readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for their family members. These include:

- individual and group counseling: women, spouses, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, OEF/OIF, and other combat veterans.
- group counseling
- marital and family counseling
- bereavement counseling

- substance abuse information and referral
- referral in applying for VA Benefits, job counseling and educational VA benefits
- referral for homeless vets
- military sexual trauma (male and female) counseling & referral
- outreach and community education

The PA Career Link—
Lycoming County office is located at 329 Pine Street in Williamsport and is open Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.
We are here to help you . . .

MSGT George W. Heiges (Ret.)
Lycoming County Director of Veterans Affairs
570-327-2365 gheiges@lyco.org

- Fully accredited as a Veterans Service Officer by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Twenty-one years USAF

Frank J. Pasaniti
Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs
570-327-2365 fpasaniti@lyco.org

- 1st Lieutenant–USMC

To make an appointment, please contact
Natalie Miller at: 570-320-2101

Office Hours
Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Scheduled Appointments Only: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri
Walk-Ins 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Wednesdays
(No Comp or Pension Claims, Info ONLY)

Closed weekends and major holidays.

The Lycoming County VA Office Will Be Closed:
Fourth of July– Tuesday July 4, 2017
Labor Day– Monday September 4, 2017

Do you have announcements or information to share???

The Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs invites you to submit articles and items of interest to be published in the next edition of The Lycoming Vet.

For questions or to make submissions, please contact Natalie Miller at the Veterans Affairs Office.