Support our TROOPS
Remember our VETERANS
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.
A SPECIAL INVITATION
to attend the
DEDICATION CEREMONY
of the
PRIVATE WALTER L. SMITH
SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE
and the
LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM F. MERRILL
VIETNAM VETERANS HIGHWAY
(Designated by Act 46 of the 2016 Pennsylvania Legislature)

Sunday, October 9, 2016 – 2:30 PM
Muncy Baptist Church
11 West Penn Street, Muncy, PA

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING AND REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES:

Private Walter Lawrence Smith, U.S. Army, served in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the Spanish-American War, and the Philippine Insurrection. On July 28, 1901, during an engagement at Don Carlon, Samar, Philippine Islands, he was severely wounded, captured and taken prisoner, and killed by insurgents. His remains were never recovered.

Walter was the son of David S. Smith and Hannah L. (Colley) Smith of Muncy Creek Township, and has many descendants and relatives, including Zehner/Zaner, Colley, Smith, and Bailey families.

Lance Corporal William Franklin Merrill, U.S. Marine Corps, served in the Vietnam War. On November 26, 1969, he was killed in action while on a special night patrol at Quang Nam. His body was returned home to his family for internment at Boalsburg, PA Cemetery.

Bill was the son of Joseph A. Merrill and Sheila (Wolfe) Merrill.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND
A reception will immediately follow the ceremony

This event is sponsored by the Muncy Historical Society
and the families of Private Walter Smith and Lance Corporal William Merrill

William H. Bailey, Jr. (great-nephew of Walter L. Smith)
U.S. Navy, Korean War
Home: (352) 341-0501 Cell: (352) 476-6065 Cell: (352) 476-5045

FROM WILLIAMSPORT: Take I-180 East to Exit 13A (Route 405 West to Muncy). Continue on East Water Street to Main Street. At light make left onto S. Main Street. At light, make right onto W. Penn Street to the church at 11 West Penn Street (corner of West Penn and South Market Street).

FROM INTERSTATE 80: Traveling west from Bloomsburg/Danville areas: Take the I-180 Exit to Exit 10 (Main Street Muncy). At bottom of ramp, left to Main Street. At light, left turn onto West Penn Street. Follow directions above.
A CEREMONY HONORING ★ ★ ★ 
U.S. VIETNAM WAR VETERANS

HOSTED BY
REPRESENTATIVE
GARTH EVERETT
84TH DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE
JEFF C. WHEELAND
83RD DISTRICT

SENATOR
GENE YAW
23RD DISTRICT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016 ★ 7:00 PM
COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER
220 WEST FOURTH STREET, WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17701

We are proud to recognize and honor the Vietnam Veterans of House Districts 83 and 84 within the 23rd Senatorial District with a special Commemorative Ceremony.

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and coordinate, support, and facilitate programs and activities of the Federal, State and local governments in commemoration of the Vietnam War. A special Vietnam Veterans' lapel pin has been produced and will be distributed to attending veterans.

In order to attend this event the pin recipient must be a United States Veteran who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of stationing location. Questions regarding the event may be directed to Representative Everett's district office at 570-546-2084.

Registration is required for this event at:
or call 570-546-2084

★ ★ ★ A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS AND HONORS YOU ★ ★ ★
The Lycoming County Hometown Hero Banner Ceremony will be held on

**November 12, 2016 at 10:00am**

Location: St. Mark’s Lutheran Church-
142 N. Market Street, Williamsport PA

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**Marine Corps Ball**

The 241st United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Dinner, Dancing, Camaraderie

**November 12, 2016 from 5:30pm to 11:00pm**

Genetti Hotel, Grand Ball Room

**$30.00 per person/ $55.00 per couple**

Tickets must be purchased by November 4th, 2016

For more information, contact Doug Lane at 570-322-4075
or Bill Dougherty at 570-435-2236

Doors open at 5:15pm no outside alcohol permitted

Dinner Selection Includes: Choice of Pork Tenderloin or Prime Rib
Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls
Coffee and Tea
Birthday Cake and Ice Cream
“Veterans, Who Do They Think They Are?”
They are the men and women who live every day in pain.
Physical pain from their wounds, lost limbs, or maybe it’s the shrapnel they still carry.
Emotional pain from being separated from their families for long periods of time.
For missing the birth of their child, or death of a parent.
Mental pain for what they have seen and what they had to do.
Pain from knowing that they would have died for you and you are not wise enough to know you should care.
They are the ones who make life-long friends.
They know how precious life is and they never forget the ones who didn’t make it back. Never.
That is why you will see Veterans at the cemetery on Memorial Day walking around and silently thanking the ones who are buried there.
They don’t have to know them personally to know the sacrifice each one made.
They are the ones who...
… are loud and boisterous.
… are quiet.
... shivered in the foxhole, trying to keep the enemy at bay.
... crawled through sand when the temperature was 126 Degrees.
... carried their buddy to safety.
... sometimes drink too much, trying to keep the memories from haunting them.
... carry the flag with honor and respect it deserves.
... wear their military uniform with pride and still have it in their closet 30 some years later.
... don’t ask you to go out of your way for them.
... have gone out of their way for you.
... spent many nights awake on guard duty so you didn’t have to.
... helped keep our shores safe while you played video games.
... missed their birthdays, anniversaries, and other important dates.
... got shot and got sent home, but felt guilty because their buddies were still there.
... followed orders even when they didn’t want to.
... had enough love and pride in their country to do a job many others couldn’t do.
... stepped up when the call went out.
... ate MRE’s till they were sick of them.
... cried “Medic” at the top of their lungs though they couldn’t even hear their own voice.
... cried when they were alone in their tent.
... flew planes, drove tanks, worked a ship, and armed the missiles.
... had moms at homes praying for them every minute of every day.
... made it safe for you so you could go to school or work.
... missed ordering pizza, the movies, the shopping trips, and all that you take for granted.
... asked to take a friend’s deployment because that friend had a family.
... gave their girlfriends a lock of their hair to keep as a promise of their return.
... wanted to come home.
... didn’t return.
... waited months for a letter.
How Can You Not Wait One Day?

God Bless Our Veterans,
Laurel A. Olmsted
Wife of a Veteran, Proud Mother of two Veterans
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Your Reps in Washington & Harrisburg

U.S. Representative Thomas Marino— 10th Congressional District

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Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-322-3961
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Office Hours: M-F 9-5
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330 Pine Street, Suite 204
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349 Pine Street Suite 1
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Website: [www.repwheeland.com](http://www.repwheeland.com)

Not sure who your representative is? Find out at:
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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 ~ No Emergency Services/No walk-ins

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.

Contact: Timothy French Phone: 570-601-5934 E-mail: tifrench@state.pa.us Online: www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us
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

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- Fully accredited as a Veterans Service Officer by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Four years USMC

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

Office Hours
Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday– Thursday: Scheduled Appointments Only
Friday: Walk-Ins  9:00 AM– 4:30 PM
(No Comp or Pension Claims, Info ONLY)
Closed weekends and major holidays.

The Lycoming County VA Office Will Be Closed:
Veterans Day– Friday November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving Holiday– Thursday & Friday November 24 &25
Christmas– Monday December 26, 2016

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.