

# The Lycoming Vet

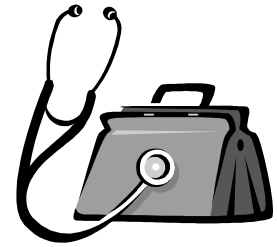
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**A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT'S INSIDE**



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



**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.

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

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

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# HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,

As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:  
'Tis the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave:  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,  
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation;  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

# CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV)  
Susquehanna Valley Chapter #47

# July

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 *Meeting* 7:00pm	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Please join us for the DAV Chapter #47 meeting at the American Legion Post #1  
10 West Third Street, 3rd Floor  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm**

# HOMETOWN HEROES, INC. DONATION



Loyal Gaming Rewards, an Altoona-based business, recently made a donation to Hometown Heroes Inc., a program of the Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs that recognizes local veterans by displaying banners on county streets and by helping veterans in need, pay their bills. Since the local Veterans Affairs office took over the Hometown Heroes program last year, about \$3,000 has gone to Lycoming County Veterans for home repair cost, heating bills, rent and more.

# 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

## **Veterans of the Vietnam War – Post PA 51**

P.O. Box 23, Hughesville, PA 17737  
Phone: 570-547-2814

## **American Legion Post 35-**

Glenn Sharrow  
78 N. Main St., Hughesville, PA 17737  
Phone: 570-584-2123

## **VFW Post 3428-**

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

## **American Legion Post 36 -**

George Webster Pepperman  
P.O. Box 211, Jersey Shore, PA 17740  
Phone: 570-398-4174

## **VFW Post 5859-**

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

## **American Legion Post 104 -**

Eugene Grafius  
1312 Broad St., Montoursville, PA 17754  
Phone: 570-368-9000

## **VFW Post 7863-**

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

## **American Legion Post 251 -**

Bower Decker  
185 Broad St., Montgomery, PA 17752  
Phone: 570-547-2039

## **VFW POST 844-**

Howard W. Kahler Post  
1260 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-326-2752

## **American Legion Post 268 -**

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

## **Forty & Eight Voiture 382**

345 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-322-1670

## **American Legion Post 617 -**

Royal P. Steinbacher  
901 Market Street, South Williamsport,  
PA 17702  
Phone: 570-327-0255

## **Susquehanna Valley Chapter 47 of The Disabled American Veterans**

P.O. Box 3372, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-567-4554

## **American Legion Post 999 -**

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

## **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)

# 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/>**



## PA State Senator Gene Yaw— Senate District 23

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## PA State Representative Garth D. Everett— 84th Legislative District

<b>Penn Hills Plaza, Halls Station</b>	<b>Tiadaghton Valley Mall</b>
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<b>Muncy, PA 17756</b>	<b>Jersey Shore, PA 17740</b>
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<b>Fax: 570-546-5220</b>	<b>Fax: 570-398-5963</b>
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<b>Website: <a href="http://www.repeverett.com/">http://www.repeverett.com/</a></b>	<b>Email: <a href="mailto:geverett@pahousegop.com">geverett@pahousegop.com</a></b>



## PA State Representative Jeff Wheeland— 83rd Legislative District

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<b>Williamsport, PA 17701</b>	<b>P.O. Box 202083</b>
<b>Phone: 570-321-1270</b>	<b>Harrisburg, PA 17120-2083</b>
<b>Fax: 570-327-3719</b>	<b>Phone: 717-772-1314</b>
	<b>Office Hours: M-F 8-5</b>

**Website: <http://www.pahouse.com/mirabito/>**  
**Email: [jwheeland@pahousegop.com](mailto:jwheeland@pahousegop.com)**

**Not sure who your representative is? Find out at:**

**<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/countylist.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](mailto:bobbrown@worldlynx.net)

Web: [www.allentownmortgage.com](http://www.allentownmortgage.com)

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## 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**.

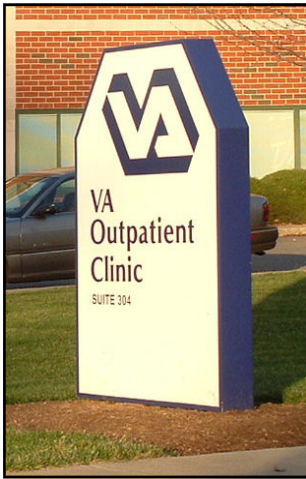
If you have any other questions or concerns please contact us at 570-327-2365





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# 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

*Pennsylvania*  
**CareerLink**  
LYCOMING COUNTY

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

**E-mail:** [tifrench@state.pa.us](mailto:tifrench@state.pa.us)

**Phone:** 570-601-5934

**Online:** [www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us](http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us)



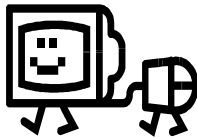
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Williamsport, PA 17701  
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48 West Third Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
570-327-2365

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- Twenty- one years USAF

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- 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:**

Fourth of July Weekend- Friday July 3, 2015

Labor Day– Monday September 7, 2015

**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.