

The Lycoming Vet

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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: please contact the VA within **72 hours** of your emergency, so you are better aware of what services VA may or may not cover.

Call: 844-724-7842

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NO. 424. CLUB SALAD

Yield: Approximately 18 pounds,
100 servings, approxi-
mately 3 ounces each.

Ingredients	100 servings	servings
Macaroni, cooked.....	5 pounds (5 No. 56 dippers).....	
Eggs, hard-cooked, diced....	20 eggs.....	
Pickles, chopped.....	2 pounds (2 No. 56 dippers).....	
Celery, diced.....	6 pounds (6 No. 56 dippers).....	
Pimientos, chopped.....	1 pound (½ No. 56 dipper).....	
Peppers, green, chopped.....	1 pound (1 No. 56 dipper).....	
Parsley, chopped.....	2½ ounces (12 mess kit spoons).....	
Onions, chopped.....	½ pound (¼ No. 56 dipper).....	
Salt.....	1½ ounces (2½ mess kit spoons).....	
Vinegar.....	1 pint (½ No. 56 dipper).....	
Lettuce.....	6 heads.....	
Mayonnaise or salad dressing.	1 quart (1 No. 56 dipper).....	

1. Combine macaroni, eggs, pickles, chopped vegetables, salt, and vinegar; mix well.
2. Chill and serve on lettuce with mayonnaise or salad dressing (recipes Nos. 459 to 484).

<https://archive.org/>

War Department
Technical Manual
TM 10-412

Army Recipes
August 1944

Well Wishes For Jim!

We all wish Jim the best as he leaves our office
and moves South!!

Congratulations Jim!!!!

Please bear with us as we are short staffed!
We hope to have a new member to our office accredited
and ready to go soon!!



MILITARY DATES OF REMEMBRANCE

July

July 4 - Independence Day

July 27 - Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July 29 - Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps

August

August 4 - Coast Guard Birthday

August 7 - Purple Heart Day

August 29 - Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

September

September 4 - Labor Day

September 11 - Patriot Day

September 15 - POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 18 - Air Force Birthday

September 24 - Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day



Williamsport Detachment #388-Marine Corps League Hot Dog sale dates. All sales 9am - 3pm

July 1, 2023 Beiter's South Williamsport

July 22, 2023 Tractor Supply

August 3-6, 2023 Loyalsock Valley Antique Machine Association
Show

August 19, 2023 Tractor Supply

September 2, 2023 Beiter's South Williamsport

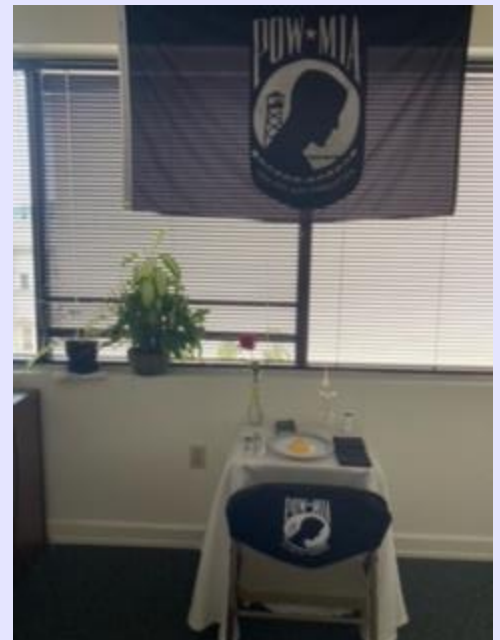
September 23, 2023 Tractor Supply

October 21, 2023 Tractor Supply

November 18, 2023 Tractor Supply



September 15 , 2023
POW/MIA Recognition Day



The table is small,

Symbolizing the helplessness of one person, alone against his oppressors.

The table cloth is white,

Symbolizing the purity of their intentions in responding to their Country's call to arms.

The single red rose in the vase,

Symbolizing the blood that many have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return.

The yellow ribbon,

Represents the yellow ribbon worn on the lapels of thousands who bear witness to our Nations' unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our POW/MIAs.

The Bible,

Represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our Country. The United States was founded as "One Nation Under God".

The candle,

Represents the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, out of the hands of their oppressors and into the arms of a grateful Nation.

The slice of lemon,

Reminds us of their bitter fate.

The Salt,

Reminds us of the countless fallen tears of those who wait.

The glass is inverted,

For they can not toast with us tonight.

The chair is empty,

For they are not here.

Remember, we all called them comrades, brothers, sisters and friends.

Do not let them be forgotten, for surely they have not forgotten us.

National Purple Heart Day

August 7, 2023



The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after 5 April 1917, has been wounded or killed. Specific examples of services which warrant the Purple Heart includes:

- a) any action against an enemy of the United States;
- b) any action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States are or have been engaged;
- c) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party;
- d) as a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces; or
- e) as a result of an act of any hostile foreign force.

More information:

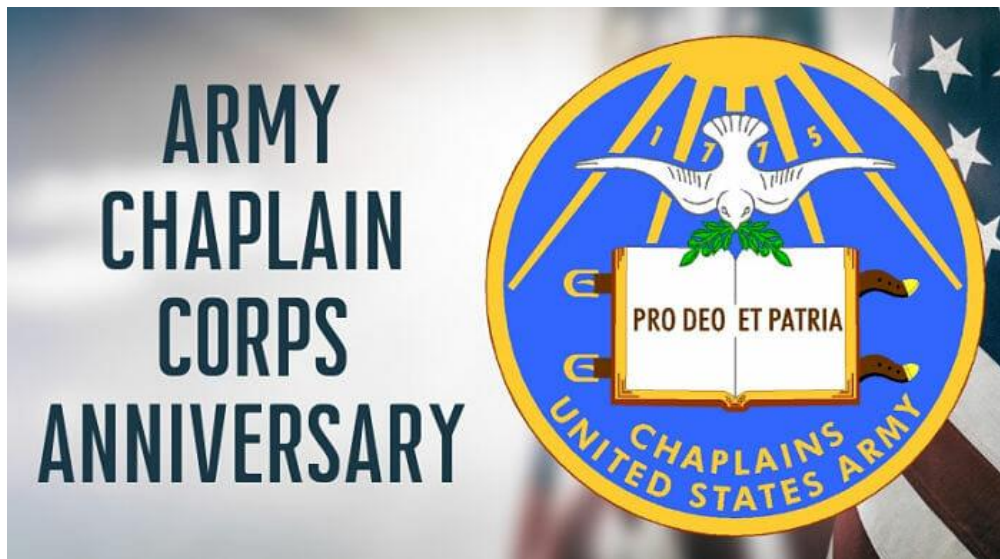
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_Heart#Criteria

Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

Friday, July 29, 2023

**Pro Deo et Patria
(For God and Country)**

**July 20, 1775,
the Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Army Chaplain Corps.**



MISSION

To build Army spiritual readiness to deploy, fight, and win our Nation's wars, by providing reliable and relevant world-class religious support, as a unique element of the Army that is fully engaged across the full spectrum of conflict.

VISION

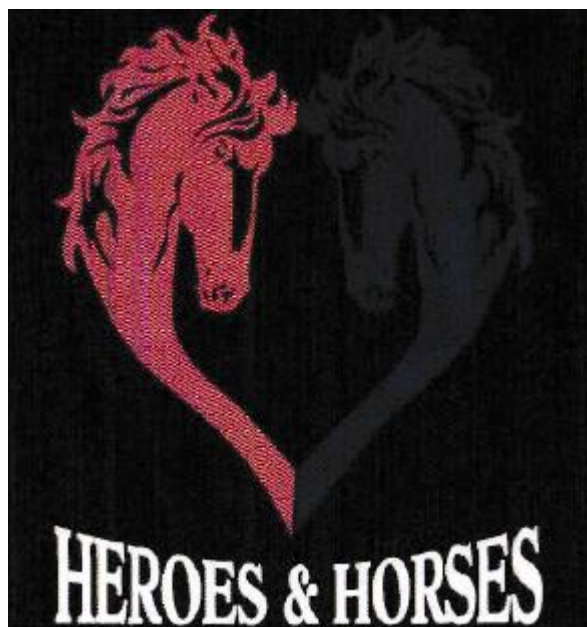
The Army Chaplain Corps of 2029 will be ready to build Army spiritual readiness by caring for Soldiers, their Families, and Army Civilians, across the full spectrum of conflict. The Chaplain Corps will do this by being a world-class, fully integrated network of mutually supportive Army religious support professionals, who are known for their integral and critical contributions to enhancing the readiness of Soldiers of all ranks.

Equine Assisted Activities for our Military Personnel

Horses of Hope, Inc. And Heroes & Horses

**Mailing Address:
PO Box 110
Woolrich, PA 17779**

570-660-6881



Heroes & Horses

In order to meet the needs of our military personnel, Horses of Hope has created a division just for our Military Veterans, Heroes & Horses. We are here to help improve the lives of our Heroes through the connection with horses, whether it's through riding, which is optional or just hanging out and grooming in the barn. We teach Horsemanship and how horses can teach us about ourselves.

Through Heroes & Horses, you learn a variety of equestrian skills which can improve patience, focus, and lower anxiety levels. If you choose to ride, it can help with balance, motor skills, muscle strength and self-confidence.

Our lessons are conducted by PATH Intl. instructors and community volunteers who are dedicated to helping each Veteran reach their full potential. Heroes & Horses is proud to offer services to our Veterans at no cost in honor of their dedicated service to our country.

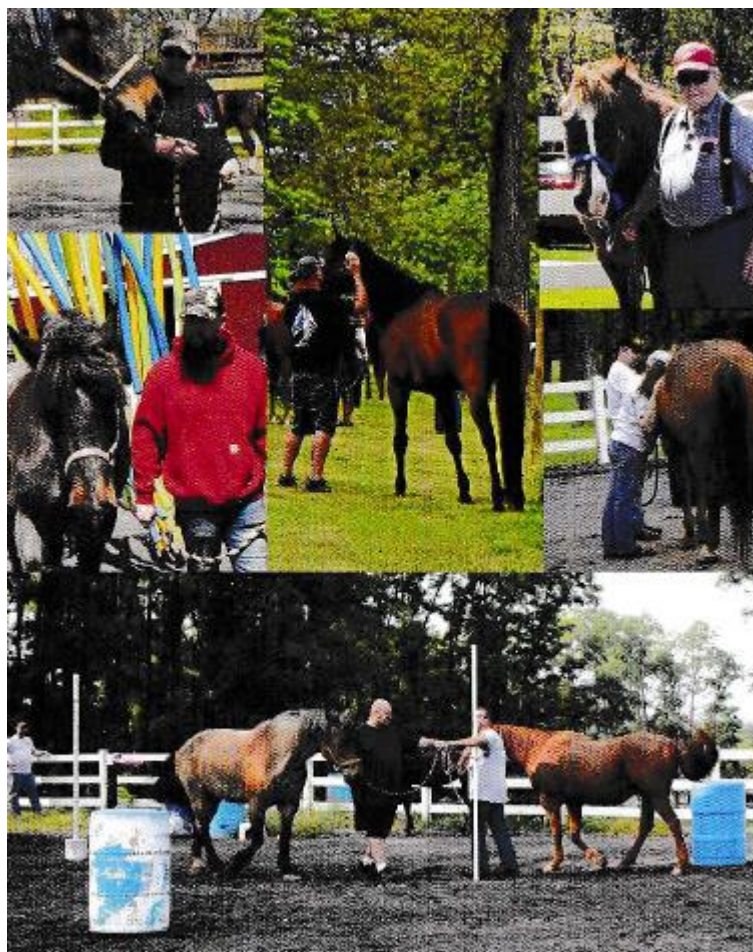
"There is something about the outside of a horse, that is good for the inside of a man".

Winston Churchill

For decades, therapeutic horse riding has offered help to individuals as they overcome serious physical and emotional challenges.

If the Veteran chooses to ride, the movement of the horse's gait, at a walk, is similar to a human's walking motion. The horse's simulated gait can assist wounded Veterans to strengthen specific muscle groups, which may ultimately aid the Veteran as he or she relearns how to walk or use a prosthesis.

Horses naturally react strongly to a person's anxiety. This can act as a mirror for the Veteran to become aware of and learn to control their anxiety level. We work with the Veteran to read the horse's behavior and react in a way that de-escalates anxiety in both horse and Veteran.



What and Who are Heroes & Horses

Heroes & Horses was developed to serve our Veterans. We are here to help improve lives of our Heroes through connection with horses. Whether it's through riding, which is optional, or just hanging out and grooming. We have developed this program to assist Veterans and show just what Horses have to offer in ways of healing the mind, body, and soul.

Heroes & Horse is starting it's 8th season in 2023. We started with 2 Veterans and our roster is up to 32 registered Veterans. We have seen first-hand how horses can help someone get through many obstacles they are facing, be it physical or emotional. We have seen first-hand the sacrifices of so many military members and we want to give back to those who have sacrificed so much, our Veterans.

Our Heroes & Horses program is an 8– 10 week program and riding will begin in about 5 or 6 weeks, providing the Veteran is ready and willing to ride. Riding is optional in this program as it's about much more than riding. This program is free to all Veterans and our lessons are conducted by PATH Intl. Instructors and community volunteers who are dedicated to helping each Veteran reach their full potential.

570-660-6881

What's the PACT Act and how will it affect my VA benefits and care?

The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history. The full name of the law is The Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

The PACT Act will bring these changes:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras
- Adds 20+ more presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic exposures
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care
- Helps us improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures

**If you're a Veteran or survivor, you can file claims now to apply for
PACT Act-related benefits.**

5 Reasons Why Veterans and Survivors Need to Apply for PACT Act Benefits ASAP!

June 28, 2023

5 Reasons Why Veterans and Survivors Need to Apply for PACT Act Benefits ASAP!

Have you filed for PACT Act benefits with VA? If not, why not?

First, VA wants you to apply for PACT Act benefits and care right now – and reapply if you’ve been denied before. If you served overseas since 1955, there’s a good chance you’re eligible for benefits under the PACT Act.

Second, if you apply for PACT Act-related benefits by August 9, your benefits may be backdated to August 10, 2022 – so get your claims in as soon as possible.

- And if you’re not ready to submit a full claim by then, don’t worry – you can also submit a quick-and-easy “**intent to file**” by August 9 and still receive the same effective date.

Third, some Veterans are worried that applying for PACT Act benefits will impact their current benefits – but the truth is this: if you file a claim, you are 32 times more likely to see your benefits increase or stay the same than decrease. So don’t worry and don’t wait – apply today.

Fourth, there are people out there who will try to convince you that you need to pay someone or use a lawyer to apply for VA benefits – but that’s not true. Applying for PACT Act benefits is free, it’s easy, and you can do it by working directly with VA or a Veteran Service Organization.

Finally, you can learn more about the PACT Act – and apply or submit your “**intent to file**”



Why Veterans and Survivors Should Apply by August 9th

- There is no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits, but there is urgency: If you apply for PACT Act-related benefits before by August 9, your benefits may be backdated to August 10, 2022 – the day the bill was signed into law.
- And if you're not ready to submit a full claim by then, don't worry – you can also submit a quick-and-easy “intent to file” by August 9 and still receive the same effective date.
- Don't wait.

Please make an appointment today : 570-327-2365

- Thanks to the PACT Act, VA is now able to “presumptively” provide benefits to Veterans who live with hundreds of toxic-exposure related conditions – including many cancers and illnesses.

o This means that when eligible Veterans apply for benefits, they do not need to prove that their service caused their condition; instead, VA automatically assumes service-connection for these Veterans and provides benefits accordingly.

**Korean War
Veterans of
Lycoming County
Honor Guard**

**Looking for
Veterans to honor
Veterans with
graveside military
honors**

“We Still Serve”

**Contact:
Honor Guard Commanders
Howard Wilt
(570) 745-3775
David Lomison
(570) 494-1301**





Drop off Location
Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office
330 Pine Street, Suite 401
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-327-2365

Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc.
Hometown Heroes
2023 Streetlight Banner Program

The Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc. (LCHH) program serves as a tribute to recognize service men and women from the Lycoming County area who have served or are serving our country in a branch of the military.

Reserve your space starting on **January 1, 2023**. Purchase deadline will be **September 1, 2023 (Cost \$210.00)**.

Each individual banner will include the veteran's name, picture, branch of service, era of service and sponsor's name.

The program is non-political and non-partisan.

- ★ **Early Bird Special:** Purchase Banner by April 7, 2023, and receive 15% off (Cost \$178.50).
- ★ **Special Offer-** With the purchase of this year's banner we are offering a garden flag for \$40.00. The garden flag will have the Veteran's name, branch of service, era of service and picture. This flag will fit on a normal garden flag holder.

The Hometown Heroes Banners:

- ★ Will be on display for one year
- ★ Will be 18" wide and 36" high
- ★ Will be located on street lights in Williamsport
- ★ Will include the sponsor's name prominently displayed at the bottom of the banner

Ways to Sponsor a Banner

- ★ Family members and loved ones of veterans may purchase a banner themselves or obtain sponsorship by a local business.
 - LCHH is not responsible for finding sponsorship for banners purchased by individuals, family members or loved ones.
- ★ Should a family wish to purchase a banner, the family name will appear on the banner in place of the business sponsorship name.
- ★ Businesses may sponsor a banner for a particular veteran by contacting Lycoming County Home Town Heroes Inc.
- ★ Cost of sponsorship for families, individuals and civic organizations and businesses is **\$210.00**.
- ★ **Please make checks Payable to LCHH (Lycoming County Hometown Heroes).**

Sponsorships Benefits include:

- ★ Sponsor's name listed on each banner purchased
- ★ Participation in the Lycoming County Hometown Hero Ceremony
- ★ Listing in the Lycoming County Hometown Hero Ceremony Program Booklet

Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc. is a not for profit, organization whose mission is to recognize the contributions of our veterans who served, promote role models for our youth, and provide assistance to veterans and their families in need.

All sponsorships are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

- ★ **Not looking to Sponsor a Banner, Donations also accepted all year round.**

Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc. will make a good faith effort to hang banners on light poles in areas desirable to your business; **however, final placement is at LCHH's discretion.**

The banners will be provided to the sponsor of the banner at the end of the display year.

*If the specific veteran is being honored, the sponsor must complete the sponsorship form. This helps to ensure that LCHH has the most accurate and correct information. Sponsorship forms CANNOT be completed by LCHH, or over the telephone. ***Forms MUST be fully completed to be accepted for sponsorship.**

*Please include the Veteran/ Family of Veteran's personal information so we are able to send the LCHH Ceremony information directly to them.

2023 Hometown Heroes Banner Program

Hometown Hero Information (Please print) Submit an ORIGINAL PHOTO- it will be returned

Name of Veteran in Photo *(as it should appear on banner)*: _____

Is the Veteran? **ALIVE** _____ **DECEASED** _____ **KIA** _____ **POW/MIA** _____

Era of Service (WWI, WWII, etc.)** _____ Branch of Military: _____

Is this a Renewal? **Yes** _____ **No** _____ If so, are you using the same Picture? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Sponsor's Name *(as it should appear on banner)*: _____

Name of person submitting photo: _____ Relationship to Veteran: _____

Veteran/ Family of Veteran's Information:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby grant Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc., permission to use the attached photo (which includes a likeness of me or of my relative) in the 2023 Williamsport Hometown Heroes Program without payment or other consideration.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed name)

SPECIAL OFFER- \$40.00 Garden Flag

____ **Yes** I want to include a garden flag for \$40.00 along with my Large Banner Purchase

____ **No** I do not wish to purchase a garden flag

BUSINESS SPONSOR (Please fill in this section also – please print)

Sponsor Name *(as it should appear on banner)*: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

____ Yes, I will make a contribution to the Hometown Hero Celebration

____ Yes, I will sponsor a Banner

PLEASE MARK ONE - If sponsoring a banner but do not have a veteran

____ The Business would like the banner

____ The veteran/ family of veteran may have the banner

****Era of Service - Official Department of Defense Dates ****

Global War on Terror (GWOT): September 11, 2001 - to present

Cold War: September 2, 1945 – December 26, 1991

Korean Conflict Era: June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955

WW I Era: April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918

Persian Gulf: August 2, 1990 - August 31, 1991

Vietnam Era: November 1, 1955 - May 7, 1975

WW II Era: December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946

****IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US AT 570-327-2365****



Veterans
Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 press 1

Confidential help for Veterans
and their families

Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net
Or
Text to 838255

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

Commercial : 570-824-3521
Utilization Management - EXT. 27258

24 hr/7 days a week
Health Benefits Advisor, Administrative Officer On Duty - EXT. 27140

Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park

Purple Heart Monument Campaign



The Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park is adding a Purple Heart Monument to honor those who have received the Purple Heart in defense of our Nation.

Make a \$150 donation to the new Purple Heart Memorial and receive a personalized 4x8 brick with 3 lines of text containing 16 characters per line that will be placed in the walk by the Purple Heart Memorial.

Complete the information below and submit with your donation of \$150:

Line 1

Line 2

Line 3

Text will automatically be centered on brick by the engraver

Your Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Submit completed form along with donation to:

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

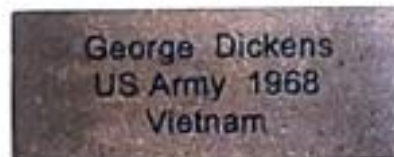
Make checks payable to: **Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park**

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 15 characters per line,
including letters, numbers, spaces,
and symbols.



_____ 12" x 12" Up to 6 lines of text, gray brick
\$200 Maximum of 15 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: _____

Please submit your order forms, along
with payment to:

Address: _____

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

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to: **Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park**

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK OF PICTURE ROCKS

A 501 © (3) Non-Profit Corporation

PERSONALIZED VETERAN BRICK ORDER FORM

Honor or memorialize a Veteran with a personalized brick permanently placed within the walkways of the newly constructed Veterans Memorial Park of Picture Rocks. ALL Veterans, not just those from Picture Rocks, are eligible to have a brick.

The park is located on South Main Street (US Route 220) in Pictures Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Bricks may be engraved with three (3) lines of text. Each line can accommodated a maximum of eighteen (18) characters (which includes letters, punctuation and spaces.)

The \$50.00 price includes the cost of one brick with three lines of engraving and a tax deductible donation of \$32.00.

The following contact information is requested of the person placing the brick order:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Using the blocks provided below, please PRINT clearly the information you wish to have engraved on the brick.

Please submit your completed brick order form, along with a check for the amount of \$50.00, to the following address:

Veterans Memorial Park of Picture Rocks, Inc
P.O. Box 410
Picture Rocks, Pa 17762-0410

Checks are payable to the Veterans Memorial Park of Picture Rocks, Inc.

Events:

Veterans Breakfasts

Grim's Diner
5849 Warrensville Road
8:00 a.m.
2nd Monday of every month
\$8.00

Hillside Assisted Living Community
2725 Four Mile Drive
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
1st Tuesday of every month
Free

Events:

Horses Healing Heroes

When: 22nd of every month
Where: Elysian Fields Equestrian Center
1345 Tallman Hollow Road, Montoursville
570-975-4991
Free, call for more information

Marine Corps League

3rd Saturday of the Month
August September October November
Tractor Supply
Hot dog and Hamburger sale

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

United States Submarine Veterans Inc.-

Williamsport Base
Mailing: 160 North Broad St, Hughesville, PA 17737
Meeting Location: Zafar Gorotto Club
381 E. 2nd St, S. Williamsport, PA 17702
Phone: 570-244-1351

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: 570-8656216

VFW Post 7863-

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

Susquehanna Valley Chapter 47 of The Disabled American Veterans

P.O. Box 3372, Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-244-6649

Williamsport Detachment 388 Marine Corp League Inc.

507 Cemetery Street, 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

Lycoming County Veterans Council Inc.

C/O 2310 Newberry Street
Williamsport, PA 17701
570-220-8156

Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. -

Chapter 12
P.O. Box 851
Williamsport, PA 17703
Phone: 570-772-4638

Your Reps in Washington & Harrisburg

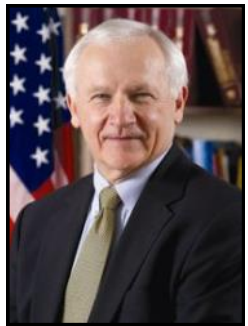


U.S. Representative Dan Meuser — 9th Congressional District

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Bloomsburg, PA 17815
570-871-6370



PA State Senator Gene Yaw — Senate District 23

175 Pine Street, Suite 105
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Fax: 570-327-3703
Toll-free: 1-800-443-5772

362 Main Capitol
Senate Box 203023
Harrisburg, Pa 17120-3023
Phone: 717-787-3280
Fax: 717-772-0575

Website: <http://senatorgeneyaw.com/>

TTY: 800-364-1581

Email: gyaw@pasen.gov



PA State Representative Joe Hamm — 84th Legislative District

274 Broad Street
Montoursville, Pa 17754

Phone: 570-546-2084
Fax: 570-368-5668

Website: <http://www.repjoehamm.com/>

Tiadaghton Valley Mall
Room 105

Jersey Shore, PA 17740

Phone: 570-398-4476

Fax: 570-398-5963

Email: jhamm@pahousegop.com



PA State Representative Jamie Flick — 83rd Legislative District

Water Tower Square Suite 104
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-337-7638

155A East Wing
P.O. Box 202083
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2083
Phone: 717-787-2885
Fax: 717-782-2948

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 PENNSYLVANIA DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

Did you serve during a period of war and currently have a 100% total and permanent disability rating with the VA or do you have war time service and Individual Unemployability?

Then you may be eligible for real estate tax exemption and free hunting and fishing licenses.

Call 570-327-2365 for more information.

60% - 99% - ask about reduced hunting and fishing licenses.

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 Mike, Jim or Natalie 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 up a time.



Home Loans? Contact Bob Brown, VA Loan Officer at Best American Mortgage Company.

Phone: 484-494-6593

Web: www.BESTPALOAN.COM

Licensed by the PA Dept. of Banking

*call for information on eligibility

*call for COEs

*call even if you've had bankruptcy or been denied

ID Card Office Online

Are you active duty or retired from active duty or a dependent of an active duty/active duty retiree,
or do you have a 100% total and permanent VA disability rating?

Do you need an ID card?

Go to : <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

This is for the RAPIDS ID Card Office Online (IDCO) home page.

It is the access point to all IDCO functions.

From this page you can access the ID Card Office Locator, CAC Maintenance, Family/Sponsor update, and My Profile functionality.

The IDCO home page is publicly accessible.

Accessing certain functions from the Home page will require CAC or DS Logon.

Contact them for additional assistance or to report problems, please call:

Toll Free: 800-538-9522 Commercial: 505-335-9980

Community Care

<https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/index.asp/>

Contact for Wilkes-Barre VA is : 570-824-3521; ask for Care in the Community

Overview

VA provides health care for Veterans from providers in your local community outside of VA. Veterans may be eligible to receive care from a community provider when VA cannot provide the care needed.

This care is provided on behalf of and paid for by VA.

Community care is available to Veterans based on certain conditions and eligibility requirements, and in consideration of a Veteran's specific needs and circumstances.

Community care must be first authorized by VA before a Veteran can receive care from a community provider.

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 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Scheduled appointments only

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. 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 570-327-5281.

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 Lycoming County CareerLink office is located at:
329 Pine Street in Williamsport

Hours :

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 570-601-5465

For a dedicated professional to help veterans find job opportunities:

Contact: Timothy French

Phone: 570-601-5934

E-mail: tifrench@pa.gov

Online: pacareerlink.pa.gov

Do you know about VRRAP?
Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program
(VRRAP)

The Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) offers education and training for high-demand jobs to Veterans who are unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Go online or visit Pennsylvania Career Link to learn more!

<https://www.va.gov/education/other-v-a-education-benefits/veteran-rapid-retraining-assistance/>

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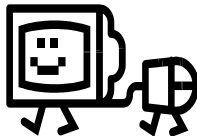
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Office Hours

Scheduled Appointments on:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Walk-Ins Welcomed on Wednesday

No Comp. or Pension Claims.

No Appointment needed

Information ONLY

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed weekends and major holidays.

The Lycoming County VA Office Will Be Closed:

Independence Day - July 4, 2023

Labor Day - September 4, 2023

Veterans Day - November 10, 2023