

# The Lycoming Vet

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**Happy**



**Holidays**

### 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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# MILITARY DATES OF REMEMBRANCE

## October

October 9 - Columbus Day

October 13 - Navy Birthday

October 26 - National Day of the Deployed

October 27 - Navy Day

## November

Military Family Month, Warrior Care Month

November 10 - Marine Corps Birthday

November 11 - Veterans Day

Armistice/Remembrance Day

November 23 - Thanksgiving

## December

December 1 - Civil Air Patrol ( USAF Auxiliary ) Birthday

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 13 - National Guard Birthday

December 20 - Space Force Birthday

December 28 - Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Assistant

After Honorably serving in the United States Marines Corp, my journey over the next thirty years included representing a national entertainment distributor, Kraft Foods USA as a sales representative, and then in 2014 I accepted a position as a Resident Supervisor at the Lycoming County Prerelease Center. In 2016 I went on to the position of Facility Supervisor.

During my career within the County I became involved with a local veterans organization, volunteering and serving on the board of directors in several positions.

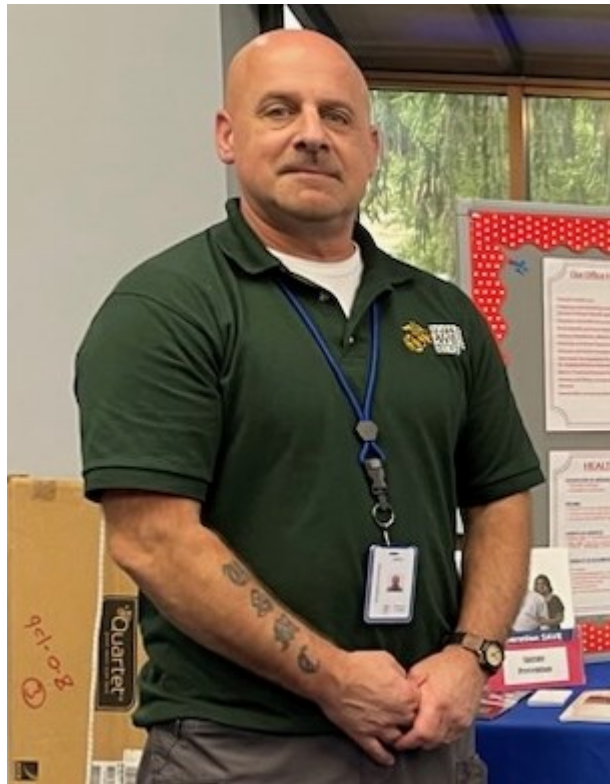
This is where I developed the knowledge and understanding of my fellow Veterans needs, as well as being given the opportunity to help families within our community.

I am humbled to be a part of the Lycoming County Veterans Affairs.

As a VSO it's an honor to assist veterans and their families in many ways, including, answering questions, advising, educating individuals and groups on what benefits are available from federal, state, county, and local resources, assisting persons in completing and filing benefit claims and representing individuals in VA hearings.

I look forward to meeting with our Veterans, assisting when and where I can.

~Jeff



**Jeff Hamilton**

**Welcome to Veterans Affairs!!!**

Please feel free to call and make an  
appointment with our newest fully  
accredited Veterans Service Officer!!!

# December 7, 1941



## National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Each year on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Survivors, veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. A further 1,178 people were injured in the attack, which permanently sank two U.S. Navy battleships (the USS *Arizona* and the USS *Utah*) and destroyed 188 aircraft.

On Aug. 23, 1994, the United States Congress designated Dec. 7 as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Every year, remembrance events are held at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, culminating in a commemoration ceremony on December 7th.

<https://www.nps.gov/per1/learn/historyculture/national-pearl-harbor-remembrance-day.htm>





## VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DINNER

November 4, 2023 at 4:00pm

We are inviting veterans or active military and a guest to join us for a special event. We will offer a turkey dinner and hear from Aaron Reitz. He is serving as the Chaplaincy Program Director at SCI Rockview.

Please register by Saturday, October 28th as seating will be limited. Meal and event are hosted compliments of Fairlawn Community Church, as a small token of our gratitude for your service.

Please also consider arriving early around 3:00PM to have your photo taken to be displayed on our Veterans Wall of Honor. Check out our Facebook event for more info or updates!

**ADDRESS:**  
353 Pleasant Hill Rd  
Cogan Station, PA 17728

**REGISTER BY OCT 28**  
Call Barb at (570) 337-0769  
Leave a msg with name of vet and guest.

**JOIN US FOR SERVICES NOV 5TH:**  
Sunday 8:45 and 10:30am  
Guest Speaker: **Aaron Reitz**

**OR REGISTER ONLINE:**

Open your phone's camera and hold over code, click the pop up to be directed to registration.





**Join Us for the 2023  
Veterans Day Parade**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023  
At 2pm in Williamsport**



*VETERANS DAY*



# Lycoming County Annual Veteran Parade

## Hoodies and Crewneck Sweatshirts

### Crewnecks

**S-XL - \$15.00**

**2XL - \$18.00**

**5XL - \$21.00**

### Hoodies

**S-XL - \$18.00**

**2XL - \$22.00**

Available at :

Veterans Affairs  
330 Pine Street Williamsport

(or ask a member of the Parade Committee)



# Veterans Day dinner celebration with Geisinger

## Geisinger

**Thursday, Nov. 9 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Geisinger Medical Center Muncy  
255 Route 220 Highway**

We're hosting our annual drive-through appreciation dinner for U.S. military veterans. You can pick up a complimentary meal for you and one guest at the location above.

Reservations are required by Friday, Oct. 27.  
Servings are limited, so reserve your meal today.

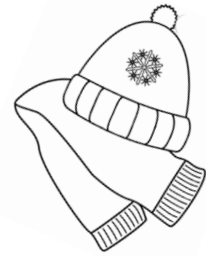
To make a reservation, call **570-308-2475**  
or visit [go.geisinger.org/vetsdinner-gmcm](http://go.geisinger.org/vetsdinner-gmcm).

# Hometown Heroes Ceremony



St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
142 Market Street, Williamsport PA  
Saturday, November 18, 2023  
10:00 am

# Warm Up Shop



In need of a warm jacket or other necessity?

Come on in for a visit,  
no appointment needed!

Items available vary!!



## Donations Welcomed!!!

We are looking for gently used or new jackets, scarves, gloves or other necessities.



Other items may include:

Blankets

Clothes for interviews

Hats

Etc.



Thank you!!!!





EVERY CHILD DESERVES A LITTLE CHRISTMAS

♥ *Please donate a new, unwrapped toy for a child in need* ♥

♥ *Thank you for your kindness* ♥

♥ *Every child deserves a little Christmas* ♥

Lycoming County Toy Drop Off Location:

Veterans Affairs Office  
330 Pine Street, Suite 401

**Deadline: December 6, 2023**



# Army Recipes

## August 15, 1944    War Department    TM 10 -412

<https://archive.org/details/TM10-412/page/n215/mode/2up?view=theater>

### NO. 612. HOPPING JOHN

Ingredients	100 servings	..... servings
Peas, blackeyed.....	6 pounds.....	.....
Water, boiling.....	.....	.....
Ham bones or rind.....	.....	.....
Onions, sliced.....	1 pound (1 No. 56 dipper).....	.....
Pepper, black.....	¼ ounce (1 mess kit spoon).....	.....
Rice, uncooked.....	6 pounds (3 No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Water, boiling.....	.....	.....

1. Cover peas with boiling water. Add ham bones or rind, onions and pepper.
2. Cover and heat to boiling point; boil 1 hour.
3. Place rice on top of other ingredients. Add enough water to cover rice.
4. Cover and heat to boiling point; reduce heat and simmer, without stirring, about 30 minutes or until rice is tender.

### NO. 626. POTATO PUFF

Yield: 100 servings, approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup each.

Ingredients	100 servings	..... servings
Milk, evaporated.....	1¼—14½ ounce cans.....	.....
Water (for milk).....	1 pint (½ No. 56 dipper).....	.....
Potatoes, white, mashed.....	32 pounds (16 No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Egg yolks, beaten.....	15 yolks (¾ No. 56 dipper).....	.....
Butter, melted.....	¾ pound (¾ mess kit cup).....	.....
Salt.....	.....	.....
Pepper.....	.....	.....

1. Combine milk, water, potatoes, egg yolks,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the butter, salt and pepper; mix well.
2. Place potato mixture in well-greased baking pans. Pour remaining butter over top.
3. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) until light brown.

NOTE. Chopped chives, pimientos or green peppers may be added to the potato mixture.

### BEETLE BAILEY





**AMERICAN  
RESCUE  
WORKERS**

*Beginning September 1, STEP Transportation in partnership with the American Rescue Workers is operating the*

## **Lycoming County Veterans Transportation Program**

*Offering round trips to the following destinations:*

- Grocery Stores
- Medical Facilities\*
- Pharmacies
- Education & Libraries
- CareerLink & Job Interviews
- Court Dates, including Veterans Court
- Food Banks
- Banks
- Veterans Offices
- Social Service Offices
- Social Security Office
- Recreation
- DMV



*\*Medical Facilities include Geisinger and UPMC facilities throughout STEP's Service Area which includes: Lycoming, Clinton, Montour, Union, Northumberland, and Center Counties, as well as the Veteran's Facility in Wilkes-Barre on select days of the week.*

*Services provided based on funding availability.*

**For more information please call:**  
STEP Transportation 570.323.7575  
**or email:** [trcenter@stepcorp.org](mailto:trcenter@stepcorp.org)

**Eligibility Requirements:**  
Must be able to document Veterans Status (ie DD-214)

## Have you applied for a Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion?

More information regarding eligibility can be found at :  
[www.lyco.org](http://www.lyco.org)

Go to Departments, then Assessment  
On the left side of the screen  
“Homestead/Farmstead”

Or reach out to:

Assessment Office  
Lycoming County  
48 West Third Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
Office: 570-327-2301  
Fax: 570-327-2309  
[assessment@lyco.org](mailto:assessment@lyco.org)  
Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

BEETLE BAILEY





# Instructions

## Application for Homestead & Farmstead Exclusions

### BASIC INFORMATION

Please complete the parcel number, ownership information, property location, municipality and school district. Please list a daytime and evening phone number where you may be reached in the event that there are any questions.

### HOMESTEAD INFORMATION

1. Only a primary residence may receive the homestead exclusion. This is the fixed place of abode where the owner intends to reside permanently until the person moves to another home. You may be asked to provide proof that this property is your primary residence, such as your driver's license, your voter registration card, your personal income tax form, or your local earned income tax form.
2. Do you have another residence which you claim as your primary residence? For instance, do you claim another state as your primary residence or another county in Pennsylvania? The Homestead Exclusion can only be claimed once, for a place of primary residence. You may not claim this property as your primary residence if you claim another property as a homestead or if you receive a homestead tax abatement or other homestead benefit from any other county or state.
3. If you live in a unit of a cooperative or a condominium and you pay all or a portion of your real property taxes jointly through a management agent or association, rather than paying your taxes separately from other units, circle yes.
4. If you answered yes to question 3, provide your share of the ownership. You may be asked to provide a contact to confirm this information.
5. Circle yes if the property for which you are seeking a homestead exclusion is used for other purposes, such as a business or rental property.
6. If you answered yes to question 5, indicate what percentage of the property that is used as business or rental property.

### FARMSTEAD INFORMATION

Only complete this section (questions 7, 8, and 9) if you are applying for a farmstead exclusion. If you answer yes to questions 8 a, b, or c, you may be asked to provide proof that the buildings and structures are used for commercial agricultural activity, such as the net income or loss schedule from your state or federal income tax forms.

7. Only buildings and structures on farms which are at least ten contiguous acres in area, have been farmed in the last three years, and used as the primary residence of the owner are eligible for a farmstead exclusion. If your property includes at least ten contiguous acres of farmland, circle yes.
8. Circle yes if the buildings or structures are used primarily to:
  - a. Produce or store farm products produced on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production.
  - b. House animals raised or maintained on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production.
  - c. Store agricultural supplies or machinery and equipment used on the farm in agricultural production.
9. Circle yes if any farm buildings or structures receive an abatement of property tax under any other law. (Such as corn cribs, silos, and plastic green houses.)

### Change In Use

When the use of a property approved as a homestead or farmstead property changes so that the property no longer qualifies for the homestead or farmstead exclusion, the property owners must notify the Assessment Office within 45 days of the change in use. If the use of your property changes and you are not sure if it still qualifies for the homestead or farmstead exclusion, you should contact the Assessment Office at (570) 327-2301.

By signing and dating this form, the applicant is affirming or swearing that all information contained in the form is true and correct.

For questions on the Homestead or Farmstead Exclusion, please contact the Assessment Office at (570) 327-2301, office hours 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

# Lycoming County

## Application for Homestead and Farmstead Exclusions

Please read the instructions on the reverse side before completing this application. This application must be filed with the Lycoming County Assessment Office by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### BASIC INFORMATION

PARCEL #		CTRL #
NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PROPERTY LOCATION		
MUNICIPALITY	SCHOOL	
PHONE (DAY)	(EVENING)	

\_\_\_\_\_ I /We are **not** interested in the Homestead / Farmstead Exclusion. (Please sign below.)

### HOMESTEAD INFORMATION

1. Do you use this property as your primary residence? YES    NO
2. Did I / do you or your spouse receive a Homestead Exclusion some place else? YES    NO  
If yes, address of the property \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is your residence part of a cooperative or a condominium where some or all of the property taxes are paid jointly? YES    NO
4. If you answered yes to # 3, what is your proportionate share of ownership? \_\_\_\_\_%
5. Do you use any portion of this property for something other than your primary residence, such as a business or rental property? YES    NO
6. If you answered yes to # 5, what percentage of the property is used for business or rental property? \_\_\_\_\_%

### FARMSTEAD INFORMATION

**(This section only needs to be completed if you are also applying for a Farmstead exclusion.)**

7. Does this property include at least ten contiguous acres of farmland? YES    NO
8. Are there buildings and structures on the property that are used primarily to:
  - a. Produce or store any farm product for purposes of commercial agricultural production? YES    NO
  - b. House animals raised or maintained on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production? YES    NO
  - c. Store machinery or equipment used on the farm for the purpose of commercial agricultural production? YES    NO
9. If you answered yes to question 8 a, b, or c, do any farm buildings or structures receive an abatement of property tax under any other law? YES    NO

I hereby certify that all of the above information is true and correct.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
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Any person who knowingly files an application which is false to any material matter shall be subject to payment of taxes due, plus interest, plus penalty and shall be subject to prosecution as a misdemeanor of the third degree and a fine of up to \$2,500.

**VA and 13 community health systems****pledge to share data to improve Veteran health care**

**WASHINGTON** — Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced a pledge with 13 health care systems to share data to improve the Veteran experience regardless of where Veterans receive their health care — inside or outside of VA.

Through this pledge, VA and the 13 health care systems will work to improve Veteran health care by seamlessly exchanging information about care provided and requested; save money for Veterans by ensuring that they are taking advantage of VA and community resources; and connect Veterans with VA benefits, including new benefits for toxic exposure-related conditions under the PACT Act. As with all partnerships, VA will safeguard the privacy and security of Veteran information.

The health care systems partnering with VA in this effort are Emory Healthcare, Inova, Jefferson Health, Sanford Health, University of California Davis Health, Intermountain Health, Mass General Brigham, Rush Health, Tufts Medicine, Marshfield Clinic, Kaiser Permanente Health Plan and Hospitals, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Atrium Health.

“This pledge will improve Veteran health care by giving us seamless, immediate access to a patient’s medical history, which will help us make timely and accurate treatment decisions,” **said VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Shereef Elnahal**. “It will also empower VA to send helpful information to our partner health systems that they can then offer to Veterans in their care — including information about new benefits we are offering under the PACT Act, no-cost emergency suicide care, and more.”

The data sharing goals outlined in this pledge could greatly benefit Veteran patients and the providers who care for them, while helping reduce financial burden for Veterans. For example, this type of information sharing could help inform a non-VA doctor that a Veteran experiencing an acute suicidal crisis should receive care at no cost, under VA’s new policy. Additionally, it could inform a non-VA doctor about how the PACT Act could help a Veteran patient – thus empowering the provider to encourage that Veteran to file for benefits.

As a part of the pledge, VA and the participating health systems will continuously develop and provide capabilities that support three objectives:

- Accurately identify Veterans when they seek care from providers in the community.
- Connect Veterans with VA and community resources that promote health and health care — especially VA services that lower Veterans’ out-of-pocket expenses.
- Responsibly and reliably coordinate care for shared patients — whether or not they are enrolled in VA health benefits, including exchange of information about care requested and provided.

Any health system or provider that supports the pledge’s objectives is encouraged to participate. Those signing the pledge begin their work in October, striving to provide proof-of-concept in early 2024. Learn more about the pledge or contact [VeteranInteroperabilityPledge@va.gov](mailto:VeteranInteroperabilityPledge@va.gov).

## VA awards \$16 million to help Veterans with disabilities participate in adaptive sports

**WASHINGTON** — Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it awarded nearly \$16 million in grant funding to 91 national, regional, and community programs to help more than 13,000 Veterans and service members with disabilities participate in adaptive sports. This funding will help these organizations plan, develop, manage, and implement a variety of sports and equine therapy activities, including life-improving programs for Veterans and training for providers.

Adaptive sports are competitive or recreational sports and activities customized to fit the needs of Veterans with disabilities, including paralympic sports, archery, cycling, skiing, hunting, rock climbing, and sky diving. These activities allow Veterans to rehabilitate through recreation and encourage an active and fit lifestyle.

“These grants help ensure that Veterans with disabilities have access to sports and activities that build independence and quality of life,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “These heroes served and sacrificed for our country, and we are proud to help them play the sports they love.”

Army Veteran Freddie De Los Santos joined the military after 9/11. After losing a leg in a devastating injury, he took up hand cycling as part of his rehabilitation. De Los Santos is now a para-cycling champion and proud to represent the U.S. through adaptive sports. He touts VA’s Adaptive Sports program’s benefits as a compliment to his VA health care services.

“The program helped me to incorporate myself back into society – mentally, socially, and physically,” said **Army Veteran Freddie De Los Santos**. “It has been the most rewarding experience being able to compete despite my disability.”

Over the last nine years, VA has awarded more than \$100 million in adaptive sports grants to improve Veterans’ well-being and independence. Recipients of this year’s grants are located in 30 states and Puerto Rico.

VA awards grants to a range of organizations, including Veterans Service Organizations, city and regional municipalities, and other community groups. In addition to equine therapy, the grants will support a variety of sports opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces, to include cycling, kayaking, archery, hunting and pickleball.

Learn more about the awardees and details of [VA Adaptive Sports Program](#) or [@Sports4Vets](#) on social media.



## VA expands maternity care coordination for Veterans

**WASHINGTON** — Starting Oct. 1, Veterans will have access to maternity care coordinators from the beginning of their pregnancy to 12 months post-partum — an expansion from the previous end-date of 8 weeks post-partum. These coordinators help Veterans navigate health care inside and outside of VA, connect Veterans with care after delivery, ensure access to follow-up screenings, and more. This means that all new mothers will have the support and resources they need from VA, regardless of where they give birth.

This expansion is a key step toward improving maternal outcomes for Veterans and part of the work that VA is doing to implement the White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis. In addition to these maternity care coordinators, VA provides Veterans with the full range of maternity care services throughout pregnancy, delivery, and postpartum — including primary care, exams, tests, ultrasounds, newborn care, lactation support, and more.

Women Veterans are the fastest-growing cohort of Veterans who use VA, and VA currently provides health care to approximately 600,000 women Veterans — half of whom are of child-bearing age. Pregnancies in women Veterans using VA care have increased by more than 80% since 2014, from 6,950 pregnancies in 2014 to 12,524 in 2022.

“This expansion of care coordination is a critical step toward improving outcomes for Veteran mothers and their newborn children,” said **Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough**. “Now, Veteran mothers will know that they have one-on-one support throughout every step of their pregnancy — from the day it begins to one year postpartum.”

“Evidence shows that new mothers often need support and care coordination long after 8 weeks post-partum, which is why VA is taking action to support Veteran mothers for much longer after they give birth,” said **Under Secretary for Health Shereef Elnahal, MD**. “We will also screen pregnant and postpartum Veterans for social determinants of health, mental health risk factors, relationship health and safety, and more.”

“Extended follow-up care for postpartum Veterans is a great step forward, given that a significant proportion of poor maternal outcomes happen later in the postpartum period,” said **Acting Chief Officer for VA Office of Women’s Health Sally Haskell, MD**. “Extending postpartum care coordination up to one year allows VA maternity care coordinators the ability to double the amount of contact with their patients to help improve the physical and mental health of both parent and child.”

VA maternity care coordinators also screen for social, physical, and mental health concerns; answer questions about billing; provide resources for childbirth education; and offer lactation consulting during pregnancy and after delivery.

VA understands the importance of having a solid support system during and after pregnancy, so along with extended maternity care, the department offers essential wraparound services. In addition to primary care, this includes access to mental health care, housing assistance, and resources to address food insecurity.

Learn more about [VA maternity care coordination](#).

## VA expands burial benefits for Veterans and their families

**WASHINGTON** — Today, VA announced that Veterans, and their families, caregivers, and survivors now have access to expanded burial benefits to help with end-of-life expenses related to a Veteran's gravesite, burial, funeral and transportation of remains to their final resting place. Burial benefits are available to individuals who pay for a Veteran's burial and funeral costs that are not reimbursed by any other organization. The updated burial benefits are:

- Expanded reimbursement of transportation expenses, to include costs for transporting remains, to state or Tribal Veterans' cemeteries in addition to previously eligible national cemeteries.
- Instituted a more generous single payment rate for non-service-connected burial benefits.
- Extended the VA plot or interment allowance to Tribal organizations.

"Last fiscal year, VA delivered more than 84,000 burial benefits to families of Veterans," said **VA Under Secretary for Benefits Joshua Jacobs**. "Expanding burial benefits means we are able to ensure Veterans are honored in their final resting place, and assist their family, caregivers, and survivors during the difficult time of their loved one's passing."

VA provides burial benefits for all legal burial types, including cremation, burial at sea, and donation of remains to a medical school. Eligible individuals include a surviving spouse or legal partner, surviving child, parent or executor of the Veteran's estate. Additionally, VA may pay burial benefits to a funeral home or third party who handled burial arrangements for a Veteran whose remains are unclaimed.

Veterans are encouraged to plan with end-of-life benefits provided by VA. These benefits include VA life insurance, care preferences, survivor benefits, and burial benefits that can be applied for in advance of a Veteran's passing. Visit [www.va.gov/plan-ahead](http://www.va.gov/plan-ahead) to learn more.

There is no time limit to file for a service-connected burial, plot or interment allowance, or the transportation benefit. However, claims for non-service-connected burial benefits must be filed within two years of the Veteran's burial or cremation. A non-service-connected burial benefit is one where the cause of death was not related to military service.

Learn more about [burial benefits](#) and additional information regarding [flags](#), [headstones](#), and [markers](#).



Veterans  
Crisis Line  
988 then press 1

Confidential help for Veterans  
and their loved ones

Confidential chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://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

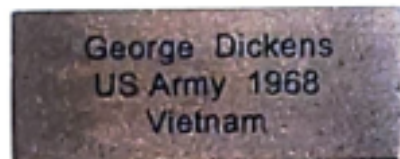
## LYCOMING COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK WILLIAMSPORT, PA

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**



## 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  
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Meeting Location: Zafar Gorotto Club  
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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-**

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150 Shaffer St., South Williamsport, PA 17702  
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## **Susquehanna Valley Chapter 47 of The Disabled American Veterans**

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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  
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Williamsport, PA 17703  
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# Your Reps in Washington & Harrisburg



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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:

**D**id 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% - 90% - ask about reduced hunting and fishing licenses.

## FROM THE LYCOMING COUNTY VA OFFICE:



**W**ould you like to have a VA Benefit Seminar at a Nursing Home, Legion, VFW, or other organization?

Have Mike, Jeff 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.



**H**ome Loans? Contact Bob Brown, VA Loan Officer at Best American Mortgage Company.

Phone: 484-494-6593

Web: [www.BESTPALOAN.COM](http://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

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## **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](mailto:tifrench@pa.gov)

Online: [pacareerlink.pa.gov](http://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-vet-education-benefits/veteran-rapid-retraining-assistance/>



## Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs

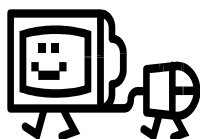
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**[www.lyco.org/VA](http://www.lyco.org/VA)**

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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:

**Veterans Day - Friday, November 10, 2023**

**Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday, November 23, 2023**

**Friday, November 24, 2023**

**Christmas Day - Monday, December 25, 2023**

**New Year's Day 2024 - Monday January 1, 2024**

# VETERANS DAY

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