

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 10 - 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 24 - 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



In Memoriam

Sharon Eileen Lowe

Sue

November 14, 1952 - July 31, 2022

She was born Nov. 14, 1952 in Williamsport, daughter of Blanchard and Martha M. (Solomon) Baker.

Sue was brought up in a very patriotic family. Her mother taught her and her seven siblings to be very respectful of the flag. She taught flag etiquette and respect for what the flag stood for.

She enlisted in the Navy on May 6, 1986 and spent three tours being discharged on January 9, 1995.

Her second tour was at Command Naval Reserve Force located in New Orleans, LA. While there in 1989 she was chosen as Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the year.

Her third tour was again at the Naval Reserve Center in Williamsport. Besides her duties at the Reserve Center, she was on the inspection team conducting inspections at other Reserve Centers.

She was a life member of The American Legion Post #268 located in Muncy, PA. She has been a member for 30 years, since 1991. She was also a life (dual) member of The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #268, since 2006 and their secretary for the last eight years. Sue was also elected American Legion Post #268 Commander for the two terms (1997-1999), also adjutant for the last 10 years. She was also elected Lycoming County American Legion Commander for a term of three years (2002-2005) and adjutant for two years. She was also elected in 2014-2016 as American Legion 16th District Commander where under her charge were 22 Legions from three counties. Also served as an adjutant for the district for four years. She was a proud member of the Past District Commanders Association. Sue was also a life member since 2003 of the Muncy Veterans of Foreign Wars Unit 3428 Auxiliary and served as secretary for two years. Where she has volunteered for various benefits for veterans. Other Veterans organizations that she belonged to consists of the Lycoming County Veterans Council for the last 10 plus years, where she served as the Second Vice, then First Vice, then President for one year.

She was one of the founding members of the Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc. Which started in 2014 and have served as Secretary/Treasurer ever since.

She has also been on the board of the Lycoming County Veterans Transition Center since 2017 and now was serving as the secretary for the past year.

Sue also served on the Veterans Day Parade Committee for two years. Through the American Legion she had participated in numerous parades and also have been on the Funeral Honor Guard to honor any fallen comrades.

Some of Sue's accomplishments are; delivered Meals on Wheels, helped to organize Easter egg hunts, Halloween parties, and Christmas parties for over 30 years for veterans and their families, co-founder of Classic Car Show for nine years at the Muncy American Legion as fund raisers to help veterans and families in need, volunteered for numerous veteran related bike runs to benefit veterans and their families, also children in need of medical attention, attended three state sponsored American Legion Colleges: active, Auxiliary and adjutant programs, completed the National American Legion online college course, and attended numerous District, Central Section, State and National conferences and conventions.

Her proudest accomplishment was being the editor of The Veteran Gazette. In January 2022 was the start of the 18th year of publication. This is a small publication of veteran's articles, recipes, etc., sort of a small newspaper. The reason for starting this was to inform the local communities of veteran organizations; 24 email subscriptions, 170 copies distributed to seven organizations, along with nine mail outs. She was the only employee, her late husband helped for 16 years until his passing. He was a Navy veteran also, GMG2.

Sue was working at Susquehanna Transit and the Muncy Legion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth G. Lowe; and brothers, John, Paul, and Charles Baker.

She is survived by her sisters, Marlene "Jean" Baker, and Linda (Robert) Whiteman; and nieces and nephews.

There was a graveside service at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Green Lawn Memorial Park, Route 15, Montgomery, PA.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Muncy American Legion Post #268, 515 Legion Road, Muncy, PA 17756. www.spitlerfuneralhome.com



Lycoming County Veterans Affairs

VA Education and Training Benefits



What	Montgomery GI Bill Post 9/11 GI Bill	DEA (Federal Benefit) Dependent Educational Assistance	Educational Gratuities (State Benefit)
Eligibility	Most Veterans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Veteran must be 100% total and permanent disability or must have Individual Unemployability➤ Honorable Discharge➤ Killed in action or died in service result of wounds incurred in service during a period of war or armed conflict or as result of hostile fire or terrorist attack during peacetime, as determined by the Department➤ Additional Criteria on applications	
Who is it for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ For Veterans➤ Or must have been transferred to Dependent while Veteran in service	➤ For Dependents (child/spouse/widow/widower)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ For Dependents (child/spouse/widow/widower)➤ Must be approved for DEA first
Point of Contact	Contact VA School Rep	Contact VA School Rep County VA has app. -last choice	VA School Rep will direct to County VA
Additional Info	GI Bill Hotline: 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551) Students Outside the U.S.: +1-918-781-5678	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Once approved for DEA, dependent student must be removed from Veteran's claim. A letter should be sent from the VA to remind Veteran to follow up with this.➤ 36 or 48 months, depending on service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Up to \$500 per semester➤ school Financial Aid Office will determine how funds will be dispersed➤ 4 scholastic year max

Chapter 30 Benefits – Montgomery GI Bill (School)

Chapter 31 Benefits - Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) VA Form 21-1900 (VA Office/va.gov)

Chapter 32 Benefits - Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) VA Form 22-1990 (School)

Chapter 33 Benefits – Post – 9/11 GI Bill (School)

Chapter 35 Benefits – Dependent Educational Assistance (DEA) (VA Office/va.gov)

VA benefits hotline:
800-827-1000

MyVA411 main information line:
800-698-2411

If you have hearing loss
call TTY: 711.

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/>
<https://www.va.gov/education/>

Additional Veteran Education Resources

<https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/>

<https://hireourheroes.org/index.html>

<https://skillbridge.osd.mil/>

<https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/Persona/PersonaPage/Veterans>

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)



WORDS OF

WARRIORS

A MESSAGE FROM COMBAT VETERANS

Local Veterans and their families share personal combat stories of their lives before, during and after combat. The Williamsport Vet Center is honored to help bring these important accounts to our community.



Please register using the QR code
Or contact the Williamsport Vet Center
at 570-327-5281 or
WordsOfWarriors1023@gmail.com



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

3-5 PM

COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER, WILLIAMSPORT

Reception to follow for Veterans and your families

Disclaimer: This program contains mature language and content that may be disturbing for some audiences.

VET[★]**CENTER**

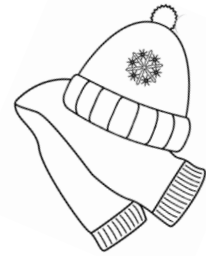
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Connection.
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Community.

Hometown Heroes Ceremony



St. Mark's Lutheran Church
142 Market Street, Williamsport PA
Saturday, November 12, 2022
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
- Walkers
- Canes
- 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 10, 2022



Army Recipes

August 15, 1944 War Department TM 10 -412

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

NO. 365. POULTRY DRESSING

Ingredients	100 servings	..... servings
Celery, chopped.....	5 pounds (5 No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Onions, finely chopped.....	2½ pounds (2½ No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Fat (for frying).....	3 pounds (1½ No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Bread crumbs, soft.....	24 pounds (48 No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Poultry seasoning.....	1½ ounces (3 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Salt.....	2 ounces (4 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Pepper.....	½ ounce (2 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Parsley, finely chopped.....	8 ounces (1 mess kit cup).....	.....

1. Fry celery and onions until partially cooked.
2. Add bread crumbs, poultry seasoning, salt, pepper, and parsley; mix w
3. Place in greased baking pans; cover with buttered parchment paper.
4. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 1 to 1½ hours.

BEETLE BAILEY



NO. 393. PIE CRUST (two crust)Yield: Crust for
eighteen 9-inch pies.

Ingredients	100 servings	..... servings
Flour, sifted	7½ pounds (7½ No. 56 dippers) .....	.....
Salt	4 ounces (8 mess kit spoons) .....	.....
Shortening	4½ pounds (2¼ No. 56 dippers) .....	.....
Water (variable)*	1½ quarts (1½ No. 56 dippers) .....	.....

1. Combine flour, salt, and shortening by cutting with a knife or rubbing between the fingers until shortening is in particles about the size of dried peas.
2. Add water to flour, sprinkling a small amount at a time over the mixture mix lightly with a fork until all particles are moistened and in small lumps. Place portions that stick together to one side of the bowl before adding more water.
3. Mix ingredients as little as possible to form a stiff dough (*if dough is undermixed, the finished crust will have raw spots; if overmixed, the crust will be tough*).
4. Place dough on floured board or table top. Divide into as many portions as there are pies to be made. Cut each portion into two pieces, each about 3 inches in diameter. Use one piece for bottom crust and the other for the top.
5. Work with one piece of dough at a time; keep remainder in refrigerator. Sprinkle flour on dough to be used for bottom crust. Roll dough, with floured rolling pin, into circular shape, 3/16 inch thick and slightly larger than pie pan. Use light, even strokes, rolling from center of dough out in every direction.
6. Roll dough onto rolling pin and unroll onto pie pan; press out all air between pan and dough.
7. Dampen outer rim of bottom crust with water to help seal top and bottom crusts together.
8. Roll out top crust in same way as bottom crust. Pierce dough with a fork in several places, making an attractive pattern, to allow steam to escape during baking.
9. Roll crust onto rolling pin and unroll onto filled lower crust.
10. Remove excess dough by pressing hands against rim of pie pan. Press the two layers of dough together and crimp with a fork or crimp between thumb and forefinger. This seals the two crusts together and helps to keep juicy pies from running over. Reserve excess dough for bottom crust of next pie. (*Always use fresh dough for top crusts.*)
11. Bake pies in hot oven (425° to 450° F.) 40 to 45 minutes. Remove from oven when filling reaches boiling point and crust is golden brown.

*The amount of water needed will vary according to the strength of the flour and the amount of fat used.

NO. 403. PUMPKIN PIE FILLINGYield: Filling for
eighteen 9-inch pies.

Ingredients	100 servings	.... servings
Sugar, brown.....	6½ pounds (5 No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Cinnamon.....	1½ ounces (6 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Mace (optional).....	½ ounce (2 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Salt.....	1½ ounces (3 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Eggs, slightly beaten.....	30 eggs (1½ No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Milk, evaporated.....	6 — 14½-ounce cans.....	.....
Water (for milk).....	3 quarts (3 No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Pumpkin.....	2 No. 10 cans.....	.....

1. Mix sugar, cinnamon, mace, and salt together.
2. Add beaten egg; mix thoroughly.
3. Mix milk and water; heat. Add hot milk and pumpkin to egg mixture; mix thoroughly.
4. Place unbaked pie shells in oven. Pour one No. 56 dipper filling into each pie shell.
5. Bake in hot oven (400° to 425° F.) about 15 minutes. Reduce heat and continue baking 15 minutes or until center of pie filling has risen level with crust. Remove immediately from oven.

NO. 404. FRESH APPLE PIE FILLINGYield: Filling for
eighteen 9-inch pies.

Ingredients	• 100 servings	.... servings
Apples, fresh.....	35 pounds.....	.....
Sugar, granulated.....	9 pounds (4½ No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Salt.....	3 ounces (6 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Cinnamon.....	1½ ounces (6 mess kit spoons).....	.....
or		
Nutmeg.....	¼ ounce (3 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Butter.....	¼ pound (½ mess kit cup).....	.....

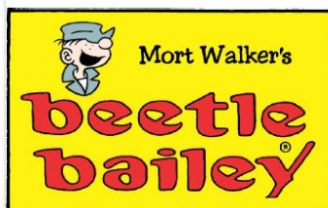
1. Pare apples; core and slice.
2. Mix sugar, salt, cinnamon, or nutmeg together.
3. Fill unbaked pie shells with alternate layers of apples and sugar mixture.
4. Place small pieces of butter on top of apples; cover with pastry (recipe No. 393).
5. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 10 minutes; reduce heat and continue baking slowly until apples are tender and transparent.

NOTE. Other fresh fruits such as peaches or apricots may be substituted for apples in recipe for fresh apple pie filling. The amount of sugar and spices needed will vary according to the sweetness of the fruit used.

NO. 590. SCALLOPED CORNYield: 100 servings, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each.

Ingredients	100 servings	... servings
Corn.....	3 No. 10 cans.....	.....
Onions, diced (optional).....	5 ounces ($\frac{3}{4}$ No. 56 dipper).....	.....
Milk, evaporated.....	2 — 14½-ounce cans.....	.....
Water (for milk).....	$\frac{3}{4}$ pint ($\frac{1}{2}$ mess kit cup).....	.....
Flour, sifted.....	4 ounces ($\frac{1}{2}$ mess kit cup).....	.....
Butter, melted.....	12 ounces ($\frac{1}{2}$ mess kit cup).....	.....
Salt.....	1 ounce (2 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Pepper.....	.....	.....
Sugar, granulated.....	2½ ounces (5 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Butter, melted.....	12 ounces ($\frac{1}{2}$ mess kit cup).....	.....
Bread or cracker crumbs, dry..	1¼ pounds (1¼ No. 56 dippers).....	.....

1. Mix corn and onions; heat slowly, stirring occasionally.
2. Mix milk and water; heat.
3. Mix flour and melted butter. Add a small amount of milk; stir until smooth. Add hot milk slowly. Heat to boiling point; boil 2 minutes, stirring constantly.
4. Combine white sauce, salt, pepper, sugar and corn; mix well.
5. Pour melted butter over crumbs.
6. Arrange alternate layers of corn and crumbs in well greased baking pans, finishing with crumbs.
7. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 15 minutes or until crumbs are brown.



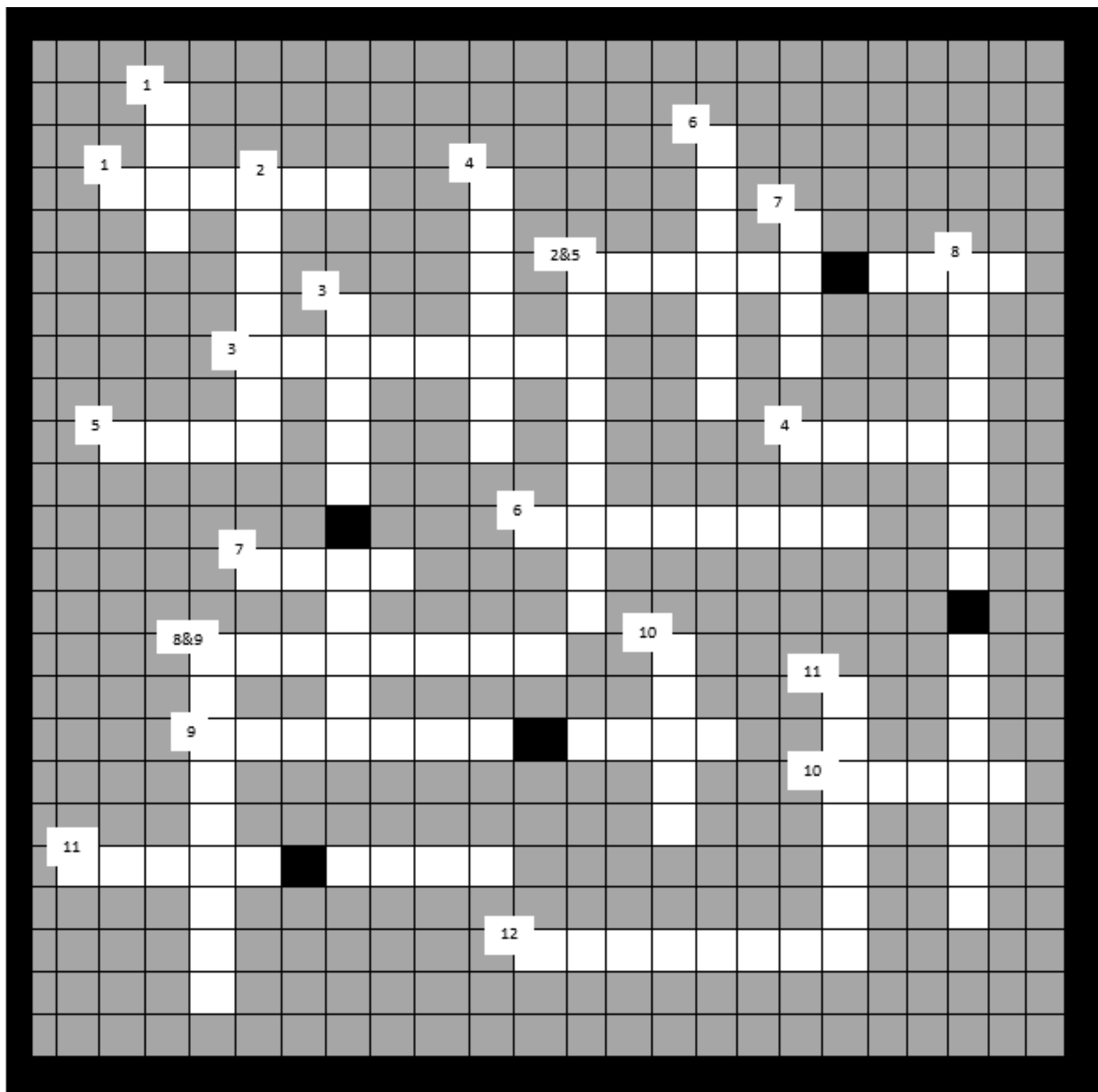
1 across – How far did we go?
 2 across – Slang, it's going to be cold, what you need.
 3 across – Troops by air
 4 across – Radio detection and ranging
 5 across – Anchored float serving as a navigation mark, to show hazards, or mooring.
 6 across – A building or place
 7 across – Home
 8 across – Slang. sailor, has not crossed the equator
 9 across – LZ or where do we go?
 10 across – Not the front, but the back of the boat
 11 across – Yes
 12 across – All together now

1 down – Slang. whirly bird
 2 down – Troops by hoof
 3 down – Slang. not tossed, but all over a dress uniform
 4 down – Solid. Nothing is getting through.
 5 down – Slang. Sailor, that has crossed the equator
 6 down – Use it again, make it, make do.
 7 down – Fly it
 8 down – It's not a zoo, but it has Osprey, cobras and wildcats
 9 down – Hawaii and New Zealand are part of this area
 10 down – Where you sleep. In the racks
 11 down – What should be taught

Word Box

Helo	Bunks
Klicks	Shellback
Calvary	Facility
Buoy	Snivel Gear
Airborne	Salvage
Armored	Flag
Fruit Salad	Radar
Base	Aircraft Carrier
Pollywog	Stern
Polynesia	History
Roger That	Military
Landing Zone	

Crossword Puzzle



Traveling?

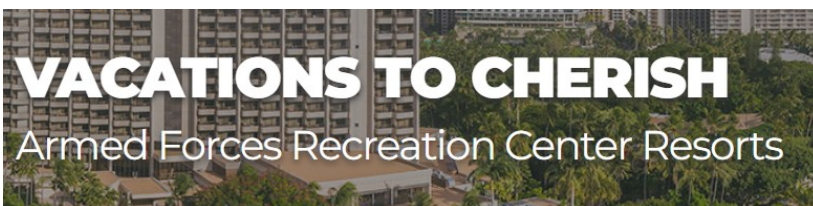
Don't forget to look into Military Lodges/ Inns.

(each branch/type of lodge has different eligibility criteria)

**To confirm eligibility or for additional information, please call the
DoD Reservation Center at 800-628-9466**

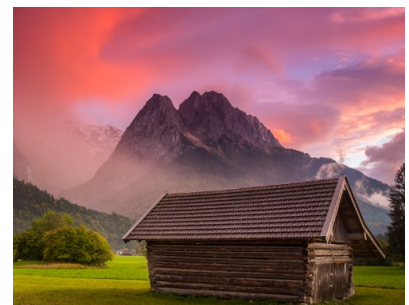


<https://www.navy-lodge.com>



<https://www.armymwr.com/travel/armed-forces-hotels-resorts>

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News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Sep. 20, 2022

VA announces state partnerships to provide voter registration assistance to Veterans

WASHINGTON — On National Voter Registration Day, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced partnerships with the states of Michigan, Kentucky and Pennsylvania to create a pilot voter registration program that provides voter registration information, materials and — if requested — assistance to Veterans, eligible dependents and caregivers at select VA facilities across the country.

Through this partnership, VA aims to make it easier for Veterans to exercise their fundamental right to vote.

“Keeping our nation’s sacred obligation to Veterans includes making sure they can fully participate in our democratic process by voting,” said **Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Donald Remy**. “Veterans have sacrificed greatly to protect the freedoms that define us all as Americans, and it is our solemn duty to make sure they are able to enjoy those freedoms here at home.”

VA has been working closely with election authorities in these three states to determine how the department can fulfill voter registration requirements set forth by state law and consistent with the spirit and mandates of the National Voter Registration Act to ensure Veterans and eligible dependents and caregivers receive accurate and timely information regarding voter registration.

These partnerships are executed as part of the Executive Order 14019, [Promoting Access to Voting](#), a whole of government effort to make voting more accessible to all Americans.

To learn more about VA’s efforts to provide voter registration assistance to Veterans, go to [How Veterans Can Register to Vote](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Sep. 13, 2022

VA awards more than \$130M in new grant funding to help homeless Veterans and their family members find stable housing

Effort builds on VA’s goal to house 38K homeless Veterans in 2022

WASHINGTON — On Sept. 13, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it awarded \$137 million in grants through VA’s [Supportive Services for Veteran Families](#) Program to help Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and their families.

These grant awards supplement the previous [FY 2022 SSVF grants](#), increase the number of Veterans who are eligible for SSVF assistance, and allow the 150 non-profit organization grantees to expand on existing services for Veterans and their families. These grants are being awarded in addition to the [FY 2023 SSVF Grants](#), which were announced Aug. 1.

In this calendar year, VA has already placed more than 22,000 homeless Veterans into permanent housing — putting VA on track to meet its [goal of 38,000 permanent housing placements for homeless Veterans in 2022](#).

“It’s our job to remove the barriers that stand between homeless Veterans and the homes they need and deserve, including rising rental costs, cumbersome rental processes and more,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “These grant funds will empower our trusted VA partners to help homeless and at-risk Veterans through the entire housing process — from identifying a home to affording it to making it their own.”

The SSVF grant awards can be used for:

- Supporting Veterans with [HUD-VASH vouchers](#) and connecting them with landlords from whom to rent.
- Providing incentives to encourage landlords to rent to Veterans. Grantees will be permitted to provide up to the equivalent of two months’ rent to landlords as a fee for any lease of not less than one year when necessary to assist a Veteran in remaining in or obtaining permanent housing.
- Providing additional funds for move-in expenses to improve Veterans’ quality of life by giving them essential items and home furnishings to help turn their house into a home.
- Expanding program eligibility by lifting the income limit for participants from 50% to 80% of the [Area Median Income](#) in designated communities. This is significant because Veterans who previously may not have been eligible for assistance due to income restrictions can now receive assistance with identifying and obtaining permanent housing from SSVF grantees’ housing navigators.

In fiscal year 2021, SSVF served 114,175 participants, including 80,049 Veterans and 19,266 children.

The grant recipients successfully competed under a [Notice of Funding Availability](#) published June 24. View the list of [grantees](#) and learn more about SSVF [here](#).

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VAU.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

News Release

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Oct. 1, 2022

VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers expands to Veterans of all eras

WASHINGTON — Today, VA's [Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers](#) is expanding to include [eligible](#) Veterans and family caregivers of all eras.

Previously, PCAFC was only available to eligible Veterans who served on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This expansion opens the program to eligible Veterans who served after May 7, 1975, and before Sept. 11, 2001.

PCAFC provides caregivers of eligible Veterans with resources, education, financial assistance, health insurance, beneficiary travel, peer support and more. The program is a cornerstone of VA health care, ensuring that Veterans get the world-class care they deserve and that caregivers get the comprehensive support they need.

"For the first time, eligible Veterans of all service eras can participate in the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers," says **Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Donald Remy**. "We recognize the critical role family caregivers play in caring for Veterans, and through this expansion, we're able to ensure that family caregivers of all eligible Veterans have access to the comprehensive support they deserve."

This is the second expansion of PCAFC, and it will expand access to the program for tens of thousands of Veterans and their family caregivers. The [first expansion of PCAFC](#) began in Oct. 2020, as part of implementation of the VA MISSION Act of 2018. PCAFC has added approximately 20,000 active Veteran and family caregiver participants during the past two years.

Earlier this month, VA [announced](#) an interim final rule that will extend PCAFC eligibility for legacy participants, legacy applicants and their family caregivers, by three years to Sept. 30, 2025. Legacy Participants or Legacy Applicants are Veterans and their family caregivers who participated in PCAFC prior to Oct 1, 2020.

[Learn more](#) about the PCAFC expansion and VA's Caregiver Support Program, reach out to a [local CSP team](#) or call our Caregiver Support Line at 855-260-3274 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET, and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Col. Arnald D. Gabriel, US Air Force Ret., will lead a free concert on Oct. 9 at the Community Arts Center as part of the Liberty Band Festival. Incorrect information ran in the caption for this photo in Thursday's Showcase.

THE 11TH ANNUAL

LIBERTY CLASSIC

Community Band Festival

CONCERT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
1:30 PM

COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER
WILLIAMSPORT, PA

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FREE

ADMISSION

HOSTED BY:

REPASZ BAND
1831



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

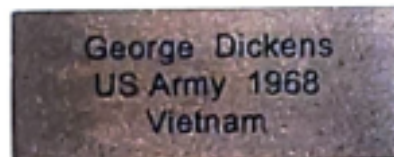
LYCOMING COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK WILLIAMSPORT, PA

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

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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:

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

The second Tuesday of the month

6:00 p.m.

Location: Post 1, American Legion , 10 East Third Street, Williamsport

Susquehanna Valley Chapter 47 of The Disabled American Veterans

P.O. Box 3372, Williamsport, PA 17701

Phone: 570-244-6649

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 Corp. 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 Fred Keller — 12th 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://keller.house.gov/>

Washington, DC Office
 202-225-3731

Selinsgrove Office
 570-374-9469

Tunkhannock Office
 570-996-6550



PA State Senator Gene Yaw — Senate District 23

175 Pine Street, Suite 105
 Williamsport, PA 17701
 Phone: 570-322-6457
 Fax: 570-327-3703
 Toll-free: 1-800-443-5772

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

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

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 Jeff Wheeland — 83rd Legislative District

349 Pine Street Suite 1
 Williamsport, PA 17701
 Phone: 570-321-1270
 Fax: 570-327-3719

Office Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30

Website: www.repwheeland.com

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 Harrisburg, PA 17120-2083
 Phone: 717-787-2885

Email: 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 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/>

*Wishing you all a safe and beautiful
Fall and Holiday Season,
filled with family and friends.*



**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 Keely Hitchens at the Veterans Affairs Office.

570-327-2365

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Williamsport, PA 17701
Suite 401
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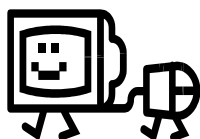
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Office Hours

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:

Veterans Day - Friday, November 11, 2022

Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday, November 24, 2022

Friday, November 25, 2022

Christmas Day - Monday, December 26, 2022

New Year's Day 2023 - Monday January 2, 2023

Fun Facts:

There have been only five 5-star generals | The five-star rank didn't exist until 1944, and it was retired in 1981 when Omar Bradley, the final recipient died. The most notable of these five men was former president Dwight D. Eisenhower. George Washington was formerly a five star general, but he was posthumously promoted to a six-star general in 1976.

The military used submarines as early as the revolutionary war | Most people probably think of submarines as fairly modern inventions that date back no more than a hundred years. However, the world's first use of a submarine in warfare took place in 1776 when the American vessel The Turtle attempted to attach a time bomb to the bottom of the British ship Eagle in New York harbor. It was hand powered and could only accommodate one person aboard. Unfortunately, the mission failed, and the bomb blew up far away from its intended target.

