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A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT'S INSIDE



2016-2017 Banners

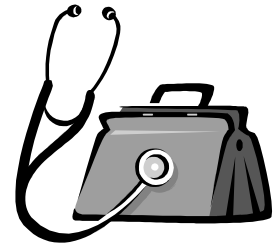
Cane Donation

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Wills for Heroes

**New to VA Medical
Center**

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



Did you know?
 If you were unable to get to your VA Hospital because of an emergency: you, your family, friends, or hospital staff need to contact one of the numbers within **72 hours** of your emergency, so you are better aware of what services VA may or may not cover.

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

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

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Now Accepting

2016-2017 Hometown Hero Banner Application

Now Is The
Time To Sponsor
Your 2016
Hometown Hero
Banner

Only 300 Banners
Will Be Printed
This Year

Deadline for
Sponsorship is
September 2, 2016

All sponsorships
are \$210.

Banners Will Be
Displayed Beginning
in October 2016

Call Natalie Miller at 570-320-2101 or stop by
The Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office
for more information or to sponsor a banner.

Applications can be found online at:
www.lyco.org/Departments/VeteransAffairs/HometownHeroInc.aspx
or at the Veterans Affairs Office, 330 Pine Street, Suite 401.
Proceeds from this program goes towards our local
Veterans in Lycoming County that are in need of help

2ND DONATION TO THE LYCOMING COUNTY HOMETOWN HEROES, INC.



LGR— Loyal Gaming Rewards LLC

has now made two donations to the organization that helps Lycoming County Veterans and families in need of help. If it would be help with paying an electricity bill or paying for oil to help keep their families warm during the winter time.

Every banner that is sold and hung in the downtown Williamsport Area also helps with this cause. More than half of the money that is made from the banners is used for this same reason. Please remember this when buying a banner, not only are you honoring a family member/co-worker you are also helping our local Veterans and their families that may not be in the best circumstances. We want to help our Veterans get back on their feet and live a better life. Thank you again to LGR for their donations and to all who have purchased a banner over the years.

Pictured above from left to right, Daniel Mausteller of LGR
George W. Heiges Jr member of Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc.
and of Montgomery Legion Post

LOCALS HELPING LOCALS



John Good, and 16 year old son Eddie Good, of Williamsport, take time out of their busy lives to honor and help their local veterans. Starting from cutting down a tree on their property, they were going to make some tomato stakes and instead decided to make some one of a kind cedar wood canes. With 60 hours invested in making these canes they decided to help their local veterans and contacted the Veterans Affairs office and donated 16 canes to be given to Veterans in need.



**Invitation to All Pennsylvania Military Veterans
And First Responders
To Obtain
FREE ESTATE PLANS**



In partnership with the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and with sponsorship by the Lycoming Law Association, we are proud to bring the **Wills for Heroes** program to you. **Wills for Heroes** is a *free* and easy service that provides Wills, Living Wills, Health Care and Financial Powers of Attorney to military veterans and first responders and their spouses/partners.

If you die without a Will, Pennsylvania's intestate laws will determine who will receive your property. Undoubtedly, your loved ones' grief will be overwhelming; a clear expression of your intent, desires, and wishes may help ease some of this inevitable burden. While nobody likes to think about an untimely death, it is best that you express your wishes through a written document. For your family's peace of mind, please consider this invaluable opportunity, offered completely free to you and your spouse/partner.

On **Saturday, May 7, 2016**, volunteer lawyers will be conducting a *Wills for Heroes* Program for **Pennsylvania military veterans and first responders** and their spouses or significant others (**please note that proof of affiliation or DD214 will be requested at the event**). This **May 7th** event will be held at the **Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company (Station 14), 1600 Dewey Avenue, Williamsport, PA beginning at 11am**. Appointments for each person last approximately 1 hour and at the conclusion of it you will have notarized legal documents – a Will, Living Will, and Health Care and Financial Powers of Attorney (or any combination thereof). If you select that you are coming with a spouse/significant other you will have back to back appointments, and the computer will automatically schedule a second appointment. You do not need to schedule a separate appointment. Please schedule your appointment early as this event is sure to fill up fast. **ON-LINE REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016.**

Appointments must be scheduled online at: www.pabar.org/wfh/
The password is: **Lycoming**

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Kristine Waltz at kwaltz@dingeswaltz.com . For more information on the program visit the Wills for Heroes Foundation at www.willsforheroes.org.

****** If your estate exceeds approximately **\$750,000**, this service is unavailable to you due to the complexity of your estate and the limited time to complete the legal documents. *For determining if your estate is over \$750,000, include your cash, personal property, stock and bonds, real estate equity, savings, cash value of a whole/universal life insurance policy only (not the amount of the insurance policy).*

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WILLS DAY FOR
YOUR APPOINTMENT. MANY INDIVIDUALS ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME FOR THIS PROGRAM.
NO-SHOWS ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED!!

VA Medical Center Wilkes-Barre Establishes Call Center
Call center is available to assist Veterans, served at the VA Medical Center Wilkes-Barre and its Community Based Outpatient Clinics

Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm

1-877-928-2621

AMERICAN LEGIONS, VFW's & OTHER COUNTY VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS



American Legion Post 1-

Garrett Cochran
10 E. 3rd St., Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-323-9409

Veterans of the Vietnam War – Post PA 51

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

American Legion Post 35-

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

VFW Post 3428-

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

American Legion Post 36 -

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

VFW Post 5859-

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

American Legion Post 104 -

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

VFW Post 7863-

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

American Legion Post 251 -

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

VFW POST 844-

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

American Legion Post 268 -

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

Forty & Eight Voiture 382

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

American Legion Post 617 -

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

Susquehanna Valley Chapter 47 of The Disabled American Veterans

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

American Legion Post 999 -

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

Williamsport Detachment 388

Marine Corp League Inc.
P. O. Box 3245, Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-323-9900

Korean War Veterans of Lycoming County, Inc.

P. O. Box 3232, Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-745-3775 (Military Funerals)

Your Reps in Washington & Harrisburg



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

Williamsport District Office
1020 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 1A
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-322-3961
Fax: 570-322-3965
Office Hours: M-F 9-5
Website: <http://marino.house.gov/>



PA State Senator Gene Yaw— Senate District 23

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Toll-free: 1-800-443-5772	
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Muncy, PA 17756	Jersey Shore, PA 17740
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Fax: 570-546-5220	Fax: 570-398-5963
Website: http://www.repeverett.com/	Email: geverett@pahousegop.com



PA State Representative Jeff Wheeland— 83rd Legislative District

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Office Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30	
Website: www.repwheeland.com	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 LYCOMING COUNTY VA OFFICE:

Would you like to have a VA Benefit Seminar at a Nursing Home, Legion, VFW, or Other Organization? Have George come and speak to the Veterans and Widows about what they could be eligible for through the VA. Call our office at 570-327-2365 to set it up.

Home Loans? Contact Bob Brown, Sr. Loan Officer at Allentown Mortgage Corp. VA Loan Specialist/ Residential Financing.

Phone: 610-883-7601 or 484-494-6593

Email: bobbrown@worldlynx.net

Web: www.allentownmortgage.com

Licensed by the PA Dept. of Banking

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:

Are you rated 100% disabled by the VA? Then you may be eligible for real estate tax exemption and free hunting and fishing licenses. Call 570-327-2365 for more information.

If you or anyone you know are interested in being trained for an Honor Guard position please contact the VA office at 570-327-2365.

Important information to Know when Transitioning from TRICARE Prime to Standard.

- You can still see your same doctor.
- Costs for care will change.
- Your health care prior authorizations are still valid.

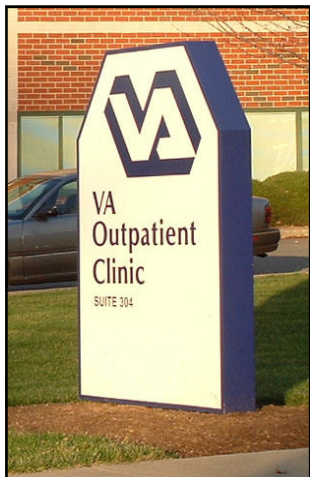
Be aware that your out-of-pocket costs for existing care will change from TRICARE Prime copayments to TRICARE Standard (Extra) cost-shares and deductibles on **October 1, 2013**.

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



MARINE CORPS BALL

VA Outpatient Clinic



The VA Outpatient Clinic was established July 1997 on the Campus of Divine Providence Hospital in the Wenner Building, 1705 Warren Avenue, Suite 304, Williamsport, PA **Phone: 570-322-4791 Fax: 570-322-5170**
Open: Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Scheduled appointments only
~ No Emergency Services/No walk-ins

Services Include: Primary Care, Enrollment/Eligibility forms, Psychiatry, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Social Services, Counseling, Lab, Nutrition services, and Immunizations.

The VA Clinic has a social worker at the clinic on Tuesday and Thursday. Her name is Chris Veach; please call the clinic at (570) 322-4791 to schedule an appointment.

Vet Center

The Vet Center is located at Suite 104, 49 East Fourth Street, Williamsport, next to the James V. Brown Library. Phone 327-5281. All services provided by the Vet Center are **FREE OF CHARGE**. These include readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for their family members. These include:

- individual and group counseling: women, spouses, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, OEF/OIF, and other combat veterans.
- group counseling
- marital and family counseling
- bereavement counseling



- substance abuse information and referral
- referral in applying for VA Benefits, job counseling and educational VA benefits
- referral for homeless vets
- military sexual trauma (male and female) counseling & referral
- outreach and community education

Pennsylvania
CareerLink
LYCOMING COUNTY

The PA Career Link—Lycoming County office is located at 329 Pine Street in Williamsport and is open Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Contact: Timothy French

E-mail: tifrench@state.pa.us

Phone: 570-601-5934

Online: www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us



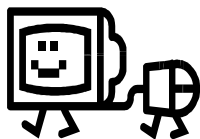
**Lycoming County Office of
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330 Pine Street
Williamsport, PA 17701
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Williamsport, PA 17701
570-327-2365

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Secretary

Visit Our Web Site:
www.lyco.org/va

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News and
Information
For Veterans



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We are here to help you . . .

MSGT George W. Heiges (Ret.)

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- Fully accredited as a Veterans Service Officer by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Twenty- one years USAF

David A. Keene

Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs

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

To make an appointment, please contact

Natalie Miller at: 570-320-2101

Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday– Thursday: Scheduled Appointments Only
Friday: Walk-Ins 9:00 AM- 4:30 PM

(No Comp or Pension Claims, Info ONLY)

Closed weekends and major holidays.

The Lycoming County VA

Office Will Be Closed:

Memorial Day– Monday May 30, 2016

**Do you have announcements
or information to share???**

The Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs invites you to submit articles and items of interest to be published in the next edition of *The Lycoming Vet*.

For questions or to make submissions,
please contact Natalie Miller at the Veterans Affairs Office.