

The Lycoming Vet

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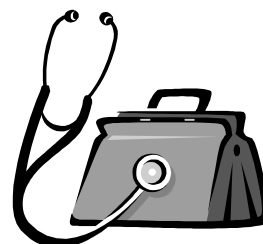
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VAMC Wilkes-Barre Toll Free: 1-877-928-2621



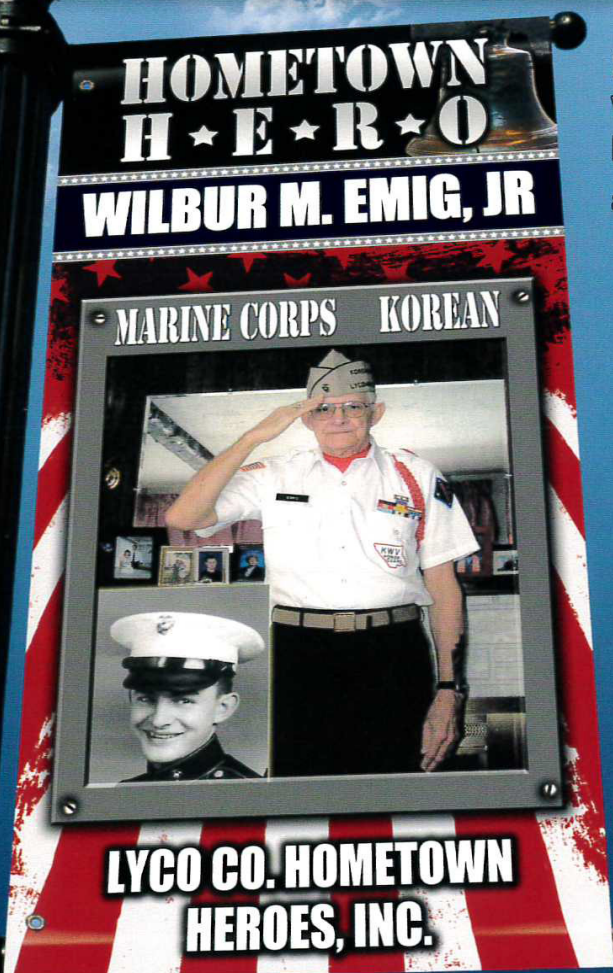
Did you know?
 If you were unable to get to your VA Hospital because of an emergency: you, your family, friends, or hospital staff need to contact one of the numbers within **72 hours** of your emergency, so you are better aware of what services VA may or may not cover.

DAY: Utilization Management
8:00AM-4:00PM
EXT. *7258
NIGHT: Health Benefits Advisor
4:00PM-8:00AM
EXT. *7140

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Now Is The
Time To Sponsor
Your 2017

Hometown Hero Banner



SPECIAL OFFER:

With the purchase of this year's banner we are offering, for sale, a garden flag available for \$40.00

Deadline for Sponsorship is
September 1, 2017

All sponsorships - \$210

Banners Will Be Displayed
Beginning in October 2017

We now accept Paypal

Call Natalie Steppe at 570-320-2101, visit the website at LYCO.ORG/VA, or stop by The Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office for more information or to sponsor a banner.

CATCH A GOOD TIME AT THE BALLPARK



THE WILLIAMSPORT VET CENTER IS HOSTING A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 31 AT 7 PM

PLACE: BB&T BOWMAN FIELD

GATES OPEN AT 6 PM

CROSSCUTTERS VS WEST VIRGINIA

TICKETS ARE FREE FOR VETERANS AND INCLUDE A \$10.00 FOOD VOUCHER

PLEASE CALL BRUCE AT THE VET CENTER (570-327-5281) TO RESERVE A TICKET



VETERANS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Meadows, A Park Home Personal Care Community is forming a Breakfast Club for Veterans that will meet once a month from 8 am to 10 am (day of the week/week of month to be determined). The breakfast is open to veterans from all military branches regardless of when you served or where you served. Active military members are welcome as are family members.

The purpose of this club is to allow veterans to **come together, connect, share experiences and meet new people who share common bonds.**

If interested in participating, please contact Christina Klingerman by calling 570-433-4663 or by email marketing@theparkhomemeadows.org



Calling All **WWII** **VETERANS**



**WE WANT YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR
2017 VETERAN'S
DAY PARADE.**

South Williamsport, PA

2:00pm

November 11th

Please call Natalie at 570-320-2101 if you would like to participate in this year's Veterans Day Parade.



Blue Star Mothers of America is a national nonprofit organization comprised of mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans.

We are supportive mothers and unwavering patriots.

For the second year, our chapter is teaming with Wreaths Across America™ to place wreaths on Veterans' graves at Wildwood Cemetery in Williamsport, PA in honor of National Wreaths Across America Day.

You may have heard about Wreaths Across America™ in the news. This is the organization that lovingly places wreaths on the graves of heroes at Arlington National Cemetery with the help of thousands of sponsors and volunteers who purchase and place each wreath with honor and remembrance. Last December with the help of our community we were able to lay over 230 wreaths in Wildwood Cemetery!

We at Blue Star Mothers Chapter 12 are honored to bring this program here to the Williamsport area once again.

On Saturday, December 16th, your wreath will be placed on a local hero's grave with a special ceremony being held at Noon—the same day and time that wreaths are placed on the graves at Arlington National Cemetery and other participating cemeteries.

We need your support. We are seeking individuals, families, groups and corporations who would like to help us remember and honor our Veterans laid to rest at Wildwood by sponsoring a wreath. Each wreath is \$15. Please see our enclosed donation form.

We are also seeking individuals and groups who would like to volunteer their time to help us place these beautiful wreaths on this special day.

Donations for wreaths may be made out to Blue Star Mothers of America North Central PA Chapter 12 and mailed to PO Box 851, Williamsport, PA 17703.

Interested volunteers may contact our volunteer coordinator, Kelli Daldo at BSMAchapter12@yahoo.com or 570-651-2491. And please visit our web pages to learn more about our organizations at www.bluestarmothers.org and www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Start of World's Longest Veterans Parade from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery and participating locations

Monday, December 11, 2017

State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico

Saturday December 16, 2017

10:00 am start time, Wildwood Cemetery.

Simultaneous wreath laying ceremonies at over 1100 locations all across the country and beyond.

For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 570-772-4638.

You can also email info@wreathscrossamerica.org



Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as Wildwood Cemetery on December 16th, beginning at 10:00 am. Wreaths may be also purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org by using our Group ID PA0187P

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
 PO Box 851
 Williamsport, PA 17703
 Questions? Please call 570-772-4638
 Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card= If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included.	\$2.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

****SORRY- WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS****

In Honor of:

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email: _____

Mailing: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: PAWCCW

Fundraising Group ID: PA0187P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash \$: _____ Total\$: _____ Date: _____
 Total # Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____
 MO \$: _____
 Entered: _____

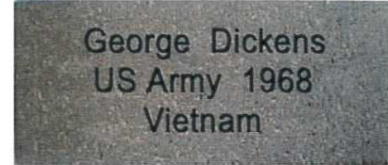
GEN:

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



_____ 12" x 12" Up to 6 lines of text, gray brick
 \$200 Maximum of 18 characters per line, including letters, numbers, spaces, and symbols.



Please fill out 1 order form per brick. PRINT clearly with 1 character per block.

Ordered by: Name: _____

Please submit your order forms, along with payment to:

Address: _____

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

Phone: _____

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

Military Share

**A FRESH EXPRESS PROGRAM FOR VETERANS
AND ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS!**

**HELD AT: VFW 7863 LEROY O. BUCK POST
150 SHAFFER STREET, DUBOISTOWN, PA
570-323-1579**

Military Share is a fresh express program of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and is designed to provide fresh, nutritious food for families with at least one member who is serving or who has served in the US Armed Forces.

This program is for the veterans of Lycoming County.

Each family will receive, fresh produce, deli and dairy products, pantry staples and meats, fish and poultry.

Please register your family below. Our distribution will be on the third Thursday of each month starting at 10:00am. Registration is **REQUIRED.**

Any questions regarding this program call 570-323-1579.

Name of Veteran: _____

Number of Members in Household: _____

Weekly Income: \$ _____

Branch of Service: _____

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: 570-8656216

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

Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. -

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

Williamsport Detachment 388

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

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

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

330 Pine Street, Suite 204	One Progress Plaza, Suite 13
Williamsport, PA	Towanda, PA 18848
Phone: 570-322-6457	Phone: 570-265-7448
Fax: 570-327-3703	Fax: 570-268-4313
Toll-free: 1-800-443-5772	
Website: http://senatorgeneyaw.com/	Email: gyaw@pasen.gov



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

Penn Hills Plaza, Halls Station	Tiadaghton Valley Mall
21 Kristi Road, Suite 2	Room 105
Muncy, PA 17756	Jersey Shore, PA 17740
Phone: 570-546-2084	Phone: 570-398-4476
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

349 Pine Street Suite 1	Room 414 Irvis Office Building
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Phone: 570-321-1270	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2083
Fax: 570-327-3719	Phone: 717-787-2885
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.

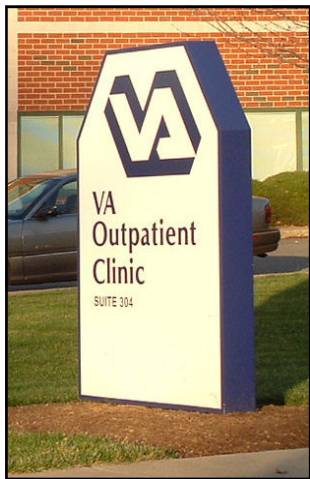
- You can still see your same doctor.
- Costs for care will change.
- Your health care prior authorizations are still valid.

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



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
~ Walk-Ins welcome

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.



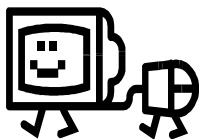
**Lycoming County Office of
Veterans Affairs**

330 Pine Street
Williamsport, PA 17701
Suite 401
Executive Plaza Building
Mailing Address:
48 West Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701
570-327-2365

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www.lyco.org/va

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For Veterans



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We are here to help you . . .

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Lycoming County Director of Veterans Affairs

570-327-2365 gheiges@lyco.org

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

Frank J. Pasaniti

Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs

570-327-2365 fpasaniti@lyco.org

- 1st Lieutenant– USMC

**To make an appointment, please contact
Natalie Miller at: 570-320-2101**

Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Scheduled Appointments Only: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

Walk-Ins 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM: Wednesdays
(No Comp or Pension Claims, Info ONLY)

Closed weekends and major holidays.

The Lycoming County VA

Office Will Be Closed:

Fourth of July– Tuesday July 4, 2017

Labor Day– Monday September 4, 2017

**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.