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A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT'S INSIDE



Obtaining
an ID Card

Veteran's
Discounts

Important
Numbers

Help For
Veterans

VA
Seminars

Valley
Forge

RAPIDS SITE

ID CARD CENTER

3 Ways To Qualify For Your ID Card

- **Active Duty**
- **Retired Military**
- **100% T&P (Total & Perminant)**



Ronald D. Curley (Site Security Manager/VO)
 Williamsport Armed Forces Reserve Center

Address: 1307 Grove Street, Room B150 Williamsport, PA 17701

Phone:(570) 321-5041

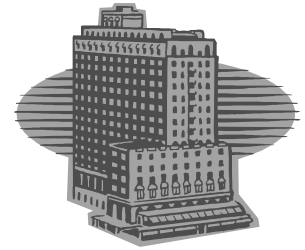


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Finally

A list of most places that give Military Discounts with you ID Card or your Health Card.



Restaurants:

- A&W Root Bear
- Arby's
- Auntie Anne's
- Back Yard Burgers
- Captain D's
- Chick-Fil-A
- Cotton Patch
- Denny's
- Dunkin Donuts
- Friendly's
- Hard Rock Café
- IHop
- Java Café
- KFC
- Long John Silver
- Outback
- Panda Express
- Pancho's Mexican Buffet
- Pizza Hut
- Quizno's
- Sizzler
- Sonic
- Taco Bell
- TGI Friday
- The Kitchen Store
- Whataburger

Products:

- AA Auto
- Advance Auto
- Areopostale
- Apple Computers
- AutoZone
- Avon Stores
- Barnhills
- Bass Pro Shops
- Bath and Body Works
- Big 10 Tires
- (The) Buckle
- Champs Sports
- Copelands Sports
- Dell
- (The) Discovery Channel Store
- Dress Barn
- (The) Finish Line
- Foot Action
- Footlocker
- Gadzooks
- GNC
- Great Party
- Happy Harry's
- Home Depot
- Hot Topic
- Jockey
- (The) Kitchen Store
- Kohls
- Lerner
- Lowe's
- Michaels
- Napa Auto Parts
- New York & Company

The Following may Annually Have Discount Specials

Travel and Leisure:

- Anheuser Busch
- Disney
- Homewood Suites by Hilton
- Movie Theaters
- Professional Sports Teams
- Ripley's Attractions and Museums
- Sandals Resorts
- Sea World



Cell Phone Service:

- Cingular
- Sprint
- T-Mobile
- Nextel
- Verizon

Services:

- Amtrak
- AT&T
- California Cryobank
- Geico
- Jiffy Lube
- Meineke
- Pep Boys
- Sears Portrait Studio

- Pac Sun
- Play It Again Sports
- Pure Beauty
- Sally Beauty Supply
- Spencer's Gifts
- Suncoast
- Timberland Outlets
- Wilson Leather



VA Benefit Seminars

MSGT George W. Heiges Jr. (Ret.)
Director of Lycoming County Veterans
Affairs, has been making his way
around Senior Living Centers, and
local Veterans Service Organizations.



George has been doing Seminars
on VA Benefits, informing
Veterans what they are entitled
to for their Service with an
Honorable Discharge. And don't
forget about those wonderful
Widows of Veterans, who have
stuck around through all of the
hard times, there is also a
"Widow's Pension" that they
could be eligible for.



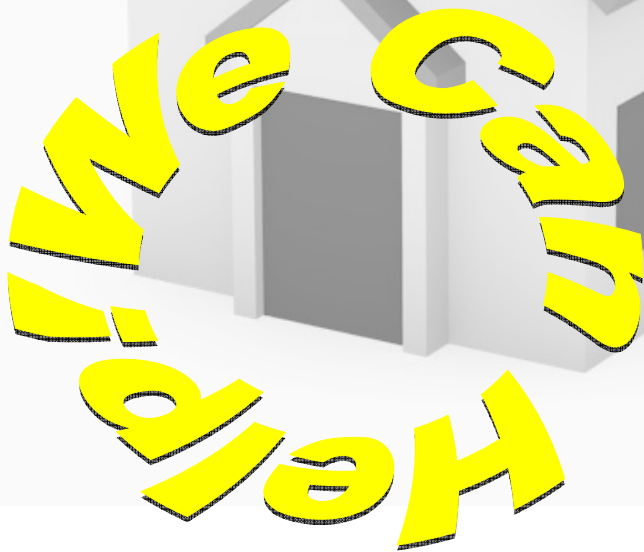
If you would like George to
come to a Center please call
us at 570-320-2101 to
schedule.



Homeless Veteran in Need Of Help?

Call 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838)

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) has founded a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans hotline to ensure that homeless Veterans or Veterans at-risk for homelessness have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. The hotline is intended to assist homeless Veterans and their families, VA Medical Centers, federal, state and local partners, community agencies, service providers and others in the community. To be connected with a trained VA staff member call 1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838).



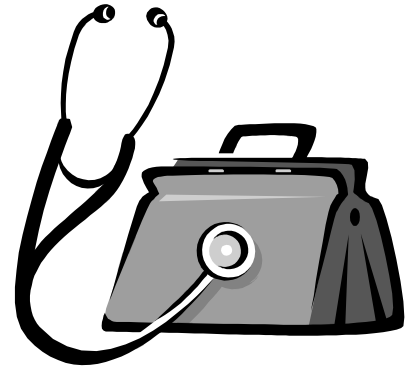
Homeless Veterans Can Get Help!

- Call for yourself or someone else
- Free and confidential
- Trained VA counselors to assist
- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- We have information about VA homeless programs and mental health services in your area that can help you.

What will happen when I call?

- You will be connected to a trained VA staff member.
- Hotline staff will conduct a brief screen to assess your needs.
- Homeless Veterans will be connected with the Homeless Point of Contact at the nearest VA facility.
- Family members and non-VA providers calling on behalf of a homeless Veteran will be provided with information regarding the homeless programs and services available.
- Contact information will be requested so staff may follow-up.

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 below 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



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

Pennsylvania Legislative Appointment Initiative



VALLEY FORGE MILITARY COLLEGE

The Military College of Pennsylvania



Hon. Rick Mirabito

The Valley Forge Military College Mission

The mission of Valley Forge Military College is to educate students within an academic and military environment to transfer to academically competitive four-year colleges, universities, or service academies. The College builds leaders of character— for the future, for the community, for the country, for the world.

Two Programs for your Constituents:

1. The Legislative Appointment Initiative— Each Senator and Representative is entitled to award one student from their district (plus an alternate) an appointment to the Military College of Pennsylvania, and a significant scholarship to help pay for that experience.
2. The Military Day Student Program— Each Senator and Representative can refer as many military Veterans/ Guardsman or Reservists to attend Valley Forge as independent day students. In most cases existing government benefits will pay 100% of the cost of attendance.

How to Apply for a Legislative Appointment:

Students should apply directly to their regional offices of their state Senator or Representative for a legislative appointment. Their committee will review all the applications, and will select one student each year to represent their district at Valley Forge Military College.

About Valley Forge Military College

Status: Private

Character: Two Year Transfer College, co-educational, military-education model.

Founded: 1935

Location: 100-acre campus in Wayne, PA, suburban Philadelphia residential area

Enrollment: 311 Full-time Cadets

Faculty: 19 Full-time; 3 Adjunct

Student Faculty Ratio: 14:1

Average Class Size: 18

Transfer Rate: Over 95%

Calendar: Fall and Spring, Winter and Summer Online.

For Additional Information Contact, Valley Forge Military College Admissions at 610-989-1300 , or visit www.vfmac.edu

AMERICAN LEGION, VFW & OTHER COUNTY VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post 1-

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

American Legion Post 104 -

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

American Legion Post 36 -

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

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

American Legion Post 999 -

West Branch Service Post
Phone: 546-6508
1061 John Brady Rd.,
Pennsdale, PA 17756
Meets at the Montoursville Presbyterian Church

American Legion Post 35- Glenn Sharrow

78 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

VFW Post 5859- Billy O. Brandt Post

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

VFW Post 7863- Le Roy O. Buck Post

150 Shaffer St., South Williamsport, PA 17702
Phone: 570-323-1579

Veterans of the Vietnam War – Post PA 51

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

VFW POST 844- Howard W. Kahler Post

1260 West 3rd Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: 570-326-2752

Williamsport Detachment 388**Marine Corp League Inc.**

P. O. Box 3245, Williamsport, PA 17701
Contact Robert Mosley Phone: 570-322-4727

Forty & Eight Voiture 382

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

**Korean War Veterans
of Lycoming County, Inc.**

P. O. Box 3232
Williamsport, PA 17701
Contact Howard Wilt Phone: 570-745-3775
(to arrange 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
 Williamsport, PA
 Phone: 570-322-6457
 Fax: 570-327-3703
 Toll-free: 1-800-443-5772

One Progress Plaza, Suite 13
 Towanda, PA 18848
 Phone: 570-265-7448
 Fax: 570-268-4313

Website: <http://senatorgeneyaw.com/> Email: gyaw@pasen.gov



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

Penn Hills Plaza, Halls Station
 21 Kristi Road, Suite 2
 Muncy, PA 17756
 Phone: 570-546-2084
 Fax: 570-546-5220
 Office Hours: M-F 9-5
 Website: <http://www.repeverett.com/>

Tiadaghton Valley Mall
 Room 105
 Jersey Shore, PA 17740
 Phone: 570-398-4476
 Fax: 570-398-5963
 Office Hours: M-F 9-4:30
 Email: geverett@pahousegop.com



PA State Representative Rick Mirabito— 83rd Legislative District

800 West Fourth Street, Suite GO2
 Williamsport, PA
 Phone: 570-321-1270
 Fax: 570-327-3719
 Office Hours: M-W-F 8-5; T-TH 8-7
 Website: <http://www.pahouse.com/mirabito/>

Not sure who your representative is? Find out at: http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county_list.cfm?CNTYLIST=LYCOMING

FROM THE LYCOMING COUNTY VA OFFICE:

Beginning January 1, 2012, meetings with the County VA director may be scheduled off-site if the veteran or veterans' widow is physically unable to travel to the office and the court-appointed POA does not live locally. These will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Want more information on VA Home Loans?
Contact Bob Brown, VA Home Loan Representative at 610-434-5222.
Address: 2067 Walbrt Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104.
Allentown Mortgage Corporation

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****

Pennsylvania CareerLink

LYCOMING COUNTY

Contact: Timothy French
Phone: 570-601-5934
E-mail: tifrench@state.pa.us
Online: www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us

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.

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:

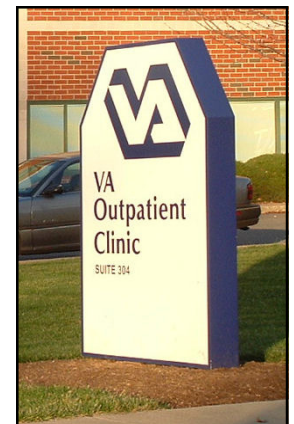
- individual and group counseling: women, spouses, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, OEF/OIF, and other combat veterans.
- group counseling
- marital and family counseling
- bereavement counseling
- substance abuse information and referral
- referral in applying for VA Benefits, job counseling and educational VA benefits
- referral for homeless vets
- military sexual trauma (male and female) counseling & referral
- outreach and community education



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.





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TONY R. MUSSARE, SECRETARY

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Web site:



www.lyco.org/VA

for up-to-date news and
information 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

David A. Keene

Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs

570-327-2365 dkeene@lyco.org

- Four years USMC

To make an appointment, please call

Natalie Miller at: 570-320-2101

Office Hours

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

Scheduled appointments Only

Walk-ins on Friday 9:00 AM- 4:30 PM

Closed weekends and major holidays.

**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.