

# The Lycoming Vet

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**A SNEAK PEAK AT WHAT'S INSIDE**



**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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# PURPLE HEART AWARDED

**Stanley Sones**, a 90 years old Veteran,

finally received recognition for something he has been waiting for most of his life. Stanley was injured when a bomb exploded near him in France 70 years ago. He was sent to the hospital where he remained for nearly two years, while doctors worked to save his leg.

Edie Perritt, daughter of Stanley, came in to Lycoming County VA Office, just for an update on her **father's claim and started talking to George Heiges Jr** (Director) about how her father was injured and that he had told her he would not receive his Purple Heart until he died. George immediately called Congressman **Marino's office to get a Purple Heart awarded to Stanley**. On August 27, 2014 at the Office of Lycoming County Veterans Affairs a small crowd gathered to celebrate and award Stanley Sones the Purple Heart he deserved Seventy Years Prior. The smile on **Stanley's face was worth a million words.**

Thank you Stanley for  
serving and protecting our Country.



"It's rewarding to actually pin a Purple Heart or a medal on a veteran."

-Congressman Tom Marino-



"History is dying before our eyes and it's just nice for me to see my dad be able to take his little piece of history."

-Edie Perritt-



## 9/11 RIDE

**T**he Memorial Ride to remember those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, and to support the military and first-responders was scheduled on Thursday September 11, 2014.



Organized by the 9-11 Memorial Coalition, the 42-mile ride brought out soldiers, veterans, members of the clergy and anyone with a bike who wanted to partake through Montgomery, Williamsport, Montoursville, Hughesville, and Muncy.

Before the ride began, in front of the Clinton Township Fire Hall, a soloist performed "America the Beautiful" followed by members of the coalition giving thanks and informing riders of possible uneven terrain on the route. The keynote speaker of the memorial event was Dr. Fredric Hellman (chief medical examiner of Delaware County) followed by Rev. John K. Manno (Our Lady Of Lourdes Church in Montoursville) with a prayer for all our of fallen warriors. The Veterans of Korean War also gave a graveside service, firing three volleys. After a soloist performed the National Anthem, the motorist took the road.



Along the way residents stood waving their American flags, holding signs and saluting to all those who rode by.

**Thank you to all who rode and who have and are serving our country.**

# U.S. ARMY HERITAGE & EDUCATION CENTER

## TOUR- Open to all veterans-all wars

This is a tour of the **U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center** at the Carlisle Army War College. This center opened its Exhibits on July 17, 2014 and presents very spectacular exhibits of all the wars from Spanish American to Afghanistan, plus many action documentaries. This is a one day event, via bus, on October 15, 2014. To learn more about this new Center link to: [www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/index.cfm](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/index.cfm)

DATE: Wednesday, October 15, 2014

RENDEZVOUS: Parking Lot, VFW 7863

TIME: 8:00AM

COST: \$25.00/person. Non-refundable

TRANSPORTATION: Susquehanna Trailways, 46 passenger bus with rest room. Air conditioned, and with assisted lift. PA system and comfort seats.

NOTE: The Museum has a café- Meals at your own expense.

### **MUSEUM RESERVATION AND PAYMENT**

Make Checks Payable to: Korean War Veterans of Lycoming County PA, Inc.

Mail to:

Howard Wilt

Korean War Veterans Of Lyco. Co. PA, Inc

1186 Mountain Road

Williamsport, PA 17701

**Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00/person

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING:**

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**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 10, 2014**

**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATION**

# 239TH Birthday of the Marine Corps

*Come and celebrate with us! Dinner, Dancing, Camaraderie*

When: *November 8, 2014*

Time: *5:30PM TO 10:00PM*

Where: *Genetti Hotel, Grand Ball Room*

Cost: *\$31.00/person or \$52.00/couple*

Dinner Selection Includes:

*Choice of Country Stuffed Chicken or Prime Rib 8oz*

*Parsley Buttered Potaties*

*Green Beans Almondine*

*Rolls*

*Coffee and Tea*

*Birthday Cake and Ice Cream*

*Tickets must be purchased by November 1, 2014.*

*For more information, contact Doug Lane @ 570-322-4075  
or Robert Mosley @ 570-322-4727*

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:15PM NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED**

## Reserve Your Meals:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this reservation and bring to the September or October meeting with a check payable to:  
WMSPT DET MCL or mail to P.O. Box 3245 and tickets will be mailed to you. Deadline with November 1,  
2014. Please call Doug Lane with any questions.

# Military Mothers Unite



Blue Star Mothers of America will now be coming to Williamsport. Thanks to Jacqueline Ceasar-Wherry, Jane Schramm, and Karen Campbell, who got together and saw a need in the community and sought to fill that need. On Tuesday September 30, 2014 the group held its inaugural dinner for the unofficial north-central Pennsylvania chapter. The group needs to reach a certain number of member before it can become official. All mothers and female guardians of deployed service men or women are welcome to join. **The group will hold its first meeting at 6:00pm on October 13, 2014 at the Montoursville, VFW, 1312 Broad Street.**

**Support is one of the most basic things one person can offer another, and yet it's one of the most important.**

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## Expense Application

Don't forget that all Grave Maintenance, and Veterans Organization (Fourth Of July, Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day) Applications are due before December 15, 2014. If we do not receive your application before this date we will not be able to reimburse the expenses.

If you need any applications or have a question please contact Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office at 570-320-2101.



# 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  
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

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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



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

<b>Penn Hills Plaza, Halls Station</b>	<b>Tiadaghton Valley Mall</b>
<b>21 Kristi Road, Suite 2</b>	<b>Room 105</b>
<b>Muncy, PA 17756</b>	<b>Jersey Shore, PA 17740</b>
<b>Phone: 570-546-2084</b>	<b>Phone: 570-398-4476</b>
<b>Fax: 570-546-5220</b>	<b>Fax: 570-398-5963</b>
<b>Office Hours: M-F 9-5</b>	<b>Office Hours: M-F 9-4:30</b>
<b>Website: <a href="http://www.repeverett.com/">http://www.repeverett.com/</a></b>	<b>Email: <a href="mailto:geverett@pahousegop.com">geverett@pahousegop.com</a></b>



## PA State Representative Rick Mirabito— 83rd Legislative District

<b>800 West Fourth Street, Suite GO2</b>	<b>115 East Wing P.O. Box 202083</b>
<b>Williamsport, PA</b>	<b>Harrisburg, PA 17120</b>
<b>Phone: 570-321-1270</b>	<b>Phone: 717-772-1314</b>
<b>Fax: 570-327-3719</b>	
<b>Office Hours: M-F 8-5</b>	
<b>Website: <a href="http://www.pahouse.com/mirabito/">http://www.pahouse.com/mirabito/</a></b>	<b>Email: <a href="mailto:rmirabito@pahouse.net">rmirabito@pahouse.net</a></b>

**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](mailto:bobbrown@worldlynx.net)

Web: [www.allentownmortgage.com](http://www.allentownmortgage.com)

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## 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



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# 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](mailto:tifrench@state.pa.us)**

**Phone: 570-601-5934**

**Online: [www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us](http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us)**



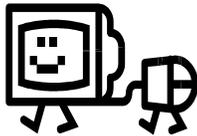
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**Lycoming County Director of Veterans Affairs**

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

- 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  
Closed weekends and major holidays.

**The Lycoming County VA**

**Office Will Be Closed:**

Veterans Day- Tuesday, November 11, 2014  
Thanksgiving Day- Thursday, November 27, 2014  
Day After Thanksgiving- Friday, November 28, 2014  
Christmas Day– Thursday, December 25, 2014

**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.