

# The Lycoming Vet

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## **May is Military Appreciation Month**

### **May 1st - Loyalty day**

A day to reflect on the proud heritage of our American freedom

### **May 1st - Silver Star Service Banner Day**

Recognizes those who have been awarded the Silver Star Medal

### **May 5th - May 11th - Public Service Recognition Week**

Time set aside to honor the those who serve our nation as government employees and ensure that our government is the best in the world

### **May 8th—Victory in Europe Day/ V-E Day or VE Day**

This day marks the end of World War II in Europe

### **May 10th -Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

A day to honor military spouses and recognize the important role military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe

### **May 13th - Children of Fallen Patriots Day**

Honors and raises awareness of the sacrifices and struggles the children of fallen patriots must endure in the wake of their parents' death

### **May 18th - Armed Forces Day**

A single holiday to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country

### **May 27th - Memorial Day**

A remembrance of our veterans

### 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

## April

Month of the Military Child

April 5 - Gold Star Wives Day  
April 11 - Submarine Force Birthday  
April 14 - Air Force Reserve Birthday  
April 15 - Purple Up! For Military Kids  
April 23 - Army Reserve Birthday  
April 30 - National Military Brats Day

## May

National Military Appreciation Month

May 1 - Loyalty Day and Silver Star Service Banner Day  
May 8 - Victory in Europe Day/ VE Day  
May 9 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day  
May 13 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day  
May 17 - Armed Forces Day  
May 23 - National Poppy Day  
May 26 - Memorial Day

## June

June 6 - D-Day, anniversary of WWII allied invasion in Normandy, France  
June 14 - Flag Day and Army Birthday  
June 23 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday  
June 25 - Anniversary of the start of the Korean War

## What can your local Veterans Affairs Office do for you?

Located at 33 West Third Street in Williamsport, three fully accredited Veterans Service Officers are available to help you navigate the Veterans Affairs system.

- All help is FREE of charge
- Wednesdays - walk in with your questions
- Call for a one-on-one appointment other days of the week 570-327-2365

Our office can help you with:

- Disability Compensation
- Pension/Survivor's Pension
- VA Healthcare
- Dependency & Indemnity Compensation

Additional Benefits we can help with:

- Veterans Headstones, markers and flags
- Burial Benefits and Grave Registry
- Veterans Emergency Assistance
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses for 60% - 100% disabled Veterans
- Real Estate Tax Exemption for 100% total and Permanent VA disabled wartime Veterans

Guidance for certain questions:

- Education and GI Bill information
- Discharge and Medal Replacements
- Lost discharge paperwork ( National Archive requests)



Our Mission is “to fulfill President Lincoln’s promise ‘To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan’ by serving and honoring the men and women who are America’s Veterans”.

# Fishing and Hunting Licenses

**Are you a veteran  
with a disability rating between 60% - 100% ?**

**Call 570-327-2365  
for an appointment to apply for  
a reduced fee (60% to 90%)  
or free fishing or hunting license (100%)**

Please bring :  
your tax abatement letter as proof of your VA disability rating.  
DD214  
PA ID (driver's license, photo ID)



Our Mission is “to fulfill President Lincoln’s promise ‘To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan’ by serving and honoring the men and women who are America’s Veterans”.





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Post W of the Traveler's Protective Association recently made two donations of \$500 each to the DuBoistown Veterans of Foreign Wars and South Williamsport American Legion. Left, TPA Post President Larry D. Campbell presents a \$500 check to Donna Rearick, treasurer of the DuBoistown VFW post. Right, Campbell presents a \$500 check to Timothy Willits, commander of the South Williamsport American Legion post. According to a news release, "traditionally, TPA Post W makes donations to organizations that are in the greater Williamsport area during the December holiday season."



PHOTO PROVIDED

In late February, state Rep. Joe Hamm, R-Hepburn Township, "was honored to attend the Lycoming County Veterans Council's Annual Banquet held at the DuBoistown VFW," according to an email from the lawmaker's office. "I thanked the Veterans Council for everything they do in our community, including hosting the annual Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park in Williamsport and for organizing the annual Lycoming County Veterans Parade," Hamm said, according to the email. "We are the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave because a small percentage of Americans wrote and continue to write a blank check to the United States of America. May we always remember the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform and honor our Veterans for their service."

# Army Recipes

August 15, 1944 War Department TM 10-412

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

## NO. 586. CORN A LA SOUTHERN

Yield: 100 servings, approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup each.

Ingredients	100 servings	.... servings
Corn, cream style.....	3 No. 10 cans.....	.....
Eggs, slightly beaten.....	10 eggs ( $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 56 dipper).....	.....
Butter, melted.....	12 ounces ( $\frac{1}{2}$ mess kit cup).....	.....
Peppers, green, chopped.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Sugar, granulated.....	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ounces (4 $\frac{1}{4}$ mess kit spoons).....	.....
Salt.....	1 ounce (2 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Pepper.....	.....	.....
Milk, evaporated.....	4 — 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce cans.....	.....
Water (for milk).....	2 quarts (2 No. 56 dippers).....	.....

1. Combine all ingredients; mix well.
2. Pour into well greased baking pans. Bake in slow oven (300° F.) about 1 hour or until firm.

## NO. 592. SUCCOTASH

Yield: 100 servings, approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup each.

Ingredients	100 servings	.... servings
Beans, Lima, dry.....	3 pounds*.....	.....
Water, cold.....	.....	.....
Salt.....	.....	.....
Corn.....	2 No. 10 cans.....	.....
Onion juice.....	2 ounces (4 mess kit spoons).....	.....
Paprika.....	.....	.....
Butter.....	12 ounces ( $\frac{1}{2}$ mess kit cup).....	.....

\*1 No. 10 can Lima beans may be substituted for the 3 pounds dry Lima beans.

1. Wash beans thoroughly. Cover with cold water; soak 3 to 4 hours.
2. Add salt. Cover and heat to boiling point; reduce heat and simmer 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours or until tender but not split or mushy. Drain.
3. Combine beans, corn, salt, onion juice, paprika and butter; mix well. Heat slowly to serving temperature.

## NO. 612. HOPPING JOHN

Ingredients	100 servings	.... servings
Peas, blackeyed.....	6 pounds.....	.....
Water, boiling.....	.....	.....
Ham bones or rind.....	.....	.....
Onions, sliced.....	1 pound (1 No. 56 dipper).....	.....
Pepper, black.....	$\frac{1}{4}$ ounce (1 mess kit spoon).....	.....
Rice, uncooked.....	6 pounds (3 No. 56 dippers).....	.....
Water, boiling.....	.....	.....

1. Cover peas with boiling water. Add ham bones or rind, onions and pepper.
2. Cover and heat to boiling point; boil 1 hour.
3. Place rice on top of other ingredients. Add enough water to cover rice.
4. Cover and heat to boiling point; reduce heat and simmer, without stirring, about 30 minutes or until rice is tender.





**Korean War Veterans  
of  
Lycoming County  
Honor Guard  
2024**





Share

Local Veteran :  
Pictures and history.

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Shared by family



Matthias Kaupp 1834– 1895

Civil War Pvt. Co. G192 Inf.

Lycoming County Commissioner 1882– 1885

Born in Schopfloch, Oberant County, Freudenstadt, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany

He lived in Hughesville, held township offices and engaged in farming until 1891.



# ONE POT CHEESY TUNA MAC

Serves 4

## Ingredients

- 2 cup low-sodium vegetable or chicken broth
- 2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni pasta
- 1 12 oz. can nonfat evaporated skim milk
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp. paprika
- ½ tsp. onion powder

## Directions

- Add the broth, milk, peas, butter, and spices to a Dutch oven or a large pot. Stir and bring to a boil. Once the mixture boils, add the pasta.
- Cook for about 10 minutes, stirring to prevent boiling over and sticking.
- Once the pasta is al-dente and the liquid is nearly absorbed, remove from heat.
- Quickly add the cheese and drained tuna. Gently mix to incorporate
- Cover to assist with further melting the cheese.
- Serve immediately.





## **Restoration House Ministries**

**“Restoring God’s people to their true identity in Jesus Christ”**

Restoration House is a 12 month faith-based residential facility for men 18 and over to help them overcome any kind of life controlling issue, such as:

- Addiction
- Alcohol
- Depression
- Anger
- Suicide

Our ministry teaches morals and values from the Word of God to help them overcome their old behavior and lifestyles, along with providing an environment in which the Holy Spirit moves and empowers them to live a NEW and FREE LIFE!

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865-352-1274  
[rhmsevier@gmail.com](mailto:rhmsevier@gmail.com)

In my Father’s House are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and I will take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.”

John 12:2-3 AMP

There’s a place for GOD in you  
There’s a place for YOU in GOD





Pennsylvania  
Department of Military  
and Veterans Affairs

# 🔊 Have you heard? 🔊

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The DMVA recently launched  
an Instagram page.

Follow us **@PA.DMVA** for  
the latest benefits information  
and key news for veterans and  
service members across the  
commonwealth!



# WWII bomb disposal in Paris causes hours of chaos

PARIS (AP) — The disposal of what Paris police called an “excessively dangerous” unexploded World War II bomb caused hours of transportation chaos Friday on rail and road networks in the French capital, including the suspension of high-speed train links with London and Brussels.

Having moved the bomb into a hole, disposal experts managed to unscrew and then destroy its fuse, “like you see in the movies,” said Christophe Pezron, who heads the Paris police laboratory that includes bomb disposal services. He said that the half-ton British-made bomb could have caused major damage had it exploded after workers inadvertently dug it up with an earthmover.

But the police operation that made the bomb safe before it was then taken away triggered major disruption for hundreds of thousands of rail travelers and motorists.

The bomb was dug up near train tracks north of Paris, forcing a shutdown of the rail network serving Gare du Nord, France’s busiest station. A portion of the **A1 highway — a major road artery into northern Paris** — and sections of the capital’s always-busy beltway were also closed while police disposal officers worked.

“We’re delighted and relieved that all this has come to an end,” Transport Minister Philippe Tabarot was able to finally declare Friday afternoon — 12 hours after the bomb-disposal police were first called — as roads reopened and rail services were progressively being restored.

The minister said that almost 500 trains had been canceled, impacting around 600,000 people at Gare du Nord that serves not only Paris’ northern suburbs and northern France, but also international destinations in the U.K., Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

“All of the northern part of our country was paralyzed,” Tabarot said.

Eurostar, the operator of high-speed trains through the Channel Tunnel that joins England with the European continent, said that normal traffic would resume Saturday between Paris and Brussels and Paris and London, after Friday’s full day of cancellations. Hundreds of commuter, regional and high-speed train services between Paris and its suburbs and towns and cities in northern France were also canceled.

Gabrielle Cotton, a tourist from the U.S. state of Missouri, was traveling by train from Amsterdam, Netherlands, to Paris, but got no further than Brussels.

“I heard the girl next to me — her parents called her and said that there was a World War II bomb found in the train station,” she said. “They told us we had to get off in Brussels.”

Retired Parisian Michel Garrot also found himself stranded with his wife in the Belgian capital.

“There’s no solution. We’re going to call the hotel and stay one more day. And change our train ticket,” he said.

At Eurostar’s hub in London, St. Pancras International station, passengers scrambled for alternatives. Fridays are invariably busy with

thousands of weekend travelers. Paris-bound passengers were advised to try taking trains to Lille in northern France, or fly.

Bride-to-be Charlotte Liddell had a bachelorette party — her own — to get to in Paris and wanted to join friends already in the French capital.

“It’s the hen do without the hen!” she said. “We’re very upset, but it’s so out of our control.”

Eurostar said that it “sincerely apologizes for the disruption and understands the inconvenience this may cause.”

Workers laboring overnight on a bridge-replacement project spotted the rust-eaten, dirt-covered bomb before dawn Friday, after it was found by an earth-moving machine at a depth of about two meters (six feet), between train tracks to the north of Gare du Nord, national rail operator SNCF said.

Bomb disposal services arrived within the hour and set up a 200-meter security perimeter, later extended to 500 meters. Pezron, the police lab director, said that the bomb could have exploded had it been struck accidentally with workers’ tools or shaken too vigorously.

Morning rush-hour travelers arriving at Gare du Nord to catch trains were greeted by bright-red signs warning of disruptions, lines of passengers seeking information and ticket exchanges, and barriers blocking access to the Eurostar terminal.

The Gare du Nord habitually hosts 700,000 travelers per day, making it the busiest rail hub in both France and Europe, the SNCF says.

Deadly legacies of World War I and II

Bombs left over from

the battles fought in France and its skies in both world wars are regularly unearthed, even more than a century later, although it’s rare that they cause such widespread disruption in people-packed Paris.

“It’s the fourth one we’ve found in this area since 2019,” Pezron said.

In World War II, Allied forces’ bombing raids flattened towns and cities in the Normandy region northwest of Paris, but didn’t wreak destruction on the same scale on the French capital. Still, factories, train lines and other targets in and around Paris were bombed repeatedly, killing more than 3,600 people and wounding thousands more, according to city archives.

# How to Set Up and Protect Your ID.me Account

A SIMPLE, SECURE METHOD TO  
LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT AT VA



## What You'll Need:



**Computer and/or  
Mobile Phone with Camera  
and Internet Access**



**Email Address**



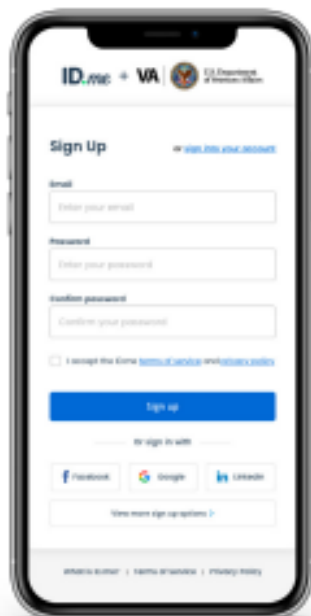
**Knowledge of Credit History  
– OR –  
Photo ID (Driver's License,  
Passport, Passport Card,  
or State ID)**



**Social Security Number**  
[Why does ID.me ask for my SSN?](#)

## HOW IT WORKS

### 1 Sign Up



Create your account or, if  
you already have an ID.me  
account, simply **sign in**.

### 2 Confirm Email



**Check your inbox** for an email  
from ID.me and confirm your  
email address.

### 3 Secure Account



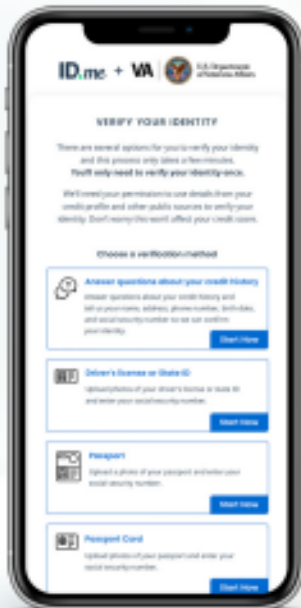
**Protect your account.** You can  
receive a passcode via text message  
or phone call, or choose one of the  
other listed methods.



# How to Verify Your Identity with ID.me

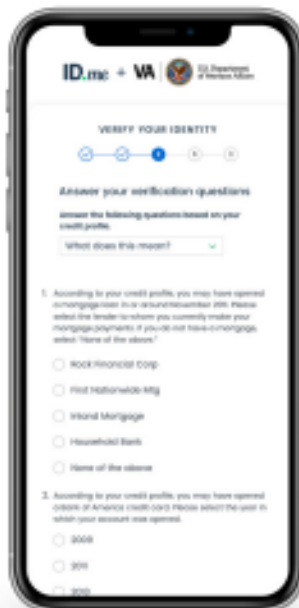
COMPLETE THIS PROCESS **ONCE** TO ACCESS VA PLUS OTHER ID.ME PARTNERS

## 4 Choose How to Verify



Choose how to verify your identity: **answer credit history questions** or **submit photos of your government ID**.

## 4A Option 1: Answer Credit History Questions



Enter some information, including social security number, and **answer multiple-choice questions** on your credit history. This is not a credit inquiry.

## 4B Option 2: Submit Photos of Government ID



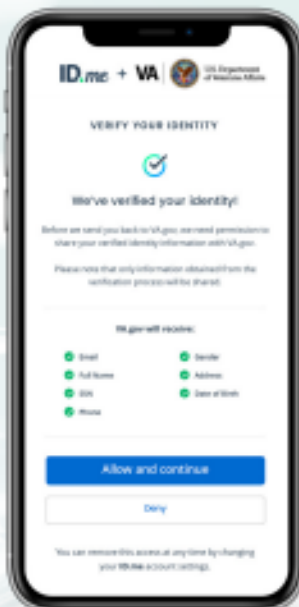
Submit photos of your **driver's license, state ID, passport, or passport card**. Either upload existing photos or take new photos. Then, enter your social security number.

## 5 Confirm Information



Double check that all your information is **accurate and complete**.

## 6 Authorize VA to Receive Information



Your identity has been verified. By choosing to **Allow and Continue**, you can access your VA account.

## GET STUCK ALONG THE WAY?

At ID.me we have a **No Identity Left Behind** mission. If you get stuck along the way, we are here to help. Connect with an ID.me team member via video call and we will verify your identity in moments. Or, visit [help.id.me](https://help.id.me) and ask our virtual assistant or submit an inquiry.



**OUR  
MISSION**

**NO VETERAN**  
*Left Behind*







# PRIMARY COUNTIES

- LYCOMING
- CLINTON
- TIOGA
- POTTER
- CAMERON

## NEED A HELPING HAND?



IF YOU ARE A VETERAN,  
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY,  
OR FAMILY MEMBER  
RESIDING IN  
LYCOMING, CLINTON,  
TIOGA,  
CAMERON OR POTTER  
COUNTY AND NEED HELP  
WE ARE HERE TO LEND A  
HAND!!

**VFW RIDERS GROUP DIST 15-PA**

**HAS A MISSION TO HELP LOCAL**

**VETERANS WITH FREE:**

\* LAWN CARE \* MINOR HOME REPAIR\*

\* HANDICAP ACCESS MODIFICATIONS \*

\* COMMUNITY RESOURCES\*

\* BENEFIT INFORMATION \*



**CONTACT US!**  
**VFW RIDERS GROUP**



**EMAIL: [VFWRGDISTRICT15@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VFWRGDISTRICT15@GMAIL.COM)**

IF YOU RESIDE OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTIES MENTIONED ABOVE & NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US  
SO WE CAN CONNECT YOU TO THE RESOURCES NEAR YOU





Restless Oaks Restaurant, 119 Pine Mountain Rd, McElhattan, PA

## VETERANS, COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE MONTHLY VETERAN'S BREAKFAST.

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of EVERY month 9:00 AM

**Where:** Restless Oaks Restaurant,  
119 Pine Mountain Road, McElhattan

**WHY:** To have a great breakfast, at your expense, and  
spend time with other Veterans.

**RSVP to make sure we have enough seats at the table for everyone. Text or  
call 570-660-6881 by Thursday before Saturday breakfast.**



**Coordinated by Heroes & Horses**



Drop off Location  
Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office  
33 W. Third Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-327-2365

Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc.  
**Hometown Heroes**  
**2025 Streetlight Banner Program**

The Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc. (LCHH) program serves as a tribute to recognize service men and women from the Lycoming County area who have served or are serving our country in a branch of the military.

Reserve your space starting on **January 1, 2025**. Purchase deadline will be **September 5, 2025 (Cost \$210.00)**.

Each individual banner will include the veteran's name, picture, branch of service, era of service and sponsor's name.

The program is non-political and non-partisan.

- ★ **Early Bird Special: Purchase Banner by April 4, 2025, and receive 15% off (Cost \$178.50).**
- ★ **Special Offer- With the purchase of this year's banner we are offering a garden flag for \$40.00.**  
The garden flag will have the Veteran's name, branch of service, era of service and picture. This flag will fit on a normal garden flag holder.

**The Hometown Heroes Banners:**

- ★ Will be on display for **one year**
- ★ Will be located on street lights in Williamsport
- ★ Will be 18" wide and 36" high
- ★ Will include the sponsor's name prominently displayed at the bottom of the banner

**Ways to Sponsor a Banner**

- ★ Family members and loved ones of veterans may purchase a banner themselves or obtain sponsorship by a local business.
  - LCHH is not responsible for finding sponsorship for banners purchased by individuals, family members or loved ones.
- ★ Should a family wish to purchase a banner; the family name will appear on the banner in place of the business sponsorship name.
- ★ Businesses may sponsor a banner for a particular veteran by contacting Lycoming County Home Town Heroes Inc.
- ★ Cost of sponsorship for families, individuals and civic organizations and businesses is **\$210.00**.
- ★ **Please make checks Payable to LCHH (Lycoming County Hometown Heroes).**

**Sponsorships Benefits include:**

- ★ Sponsor's name listed on each banner purchased
- ★ Participation in the Lycoming County Hometown Hero Ceremony
- ★ Listing in the Lycoming County Hometown Hero Ceremony Program Booklet

*Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc. is a not for profit, organization whose mission is to recognize the contributions of our veterans who served, promote role models for our youth, and provide assistance to veterans and their families in need.*

- ★ **Not looking to Sponsor a Banner, Donations also accepted all year round.**

Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc. will make a good faith effort to hang banners on light poles in areas desirable to your business; however, final placement is at LCHH's discretion.

The banners will be provided to the sponsor of the banner at the end of the display year.

\*If the specific veteran is being honored, the sponsor must complete the sponsorship form. This helps to ensure that LCHH has the most accurate and correct information. Sponsorship forms CANNOT be completed by LCHH, or over the telephone. **\*Forms MUST be fully completed to be accepted for sponsorship.**

\*Please include the Veteran/ Family of Veteran's personal information so we are able to send the LCHH Ceremony information directly to them.

## **2025 Hometown Heroes Banner Program**

**Hometown Hero Information (Please print) Submit an ORIGINAL PHOTO- it will be returned**

Name of Veteran in Photo *(as it should appear on banner)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Veteran? ALIVE \_\_\_\_\_ DECEASED \_\_\_\_\_ KIA \_\_\_\_\_ POW/MIA \_\_\_\_\_

Era of Service (WWI, WWII, etc.)\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Military: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a Renewal? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, are you using the same Picture? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name *(as it should appear on banner)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting photo: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran/ Family of Veteran's Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **PHOTO RELEASE**

I hereby grant Lycoming County Hometown Heroes, Inc., permission to use the attached photo (which includes a likeness of me or of my relative) in the 2025 Williamsport Hometown Heroes Program without payment or other consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Date) (Printed name)

### **SPECIAL OFFER- \$40.00 Garden Flag**

\_\_\_\_ Yes I want to include a garden flag for \$40.00 along with my Large Banner Purchase

\_\_\_\_ No I do not wish to purchase a garden flag

### **BUSINESS SPONSOR (Please fill in this section also – please print)**

Sponsor Name *(as it should appear on banner)*: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will make a contribution to the Hometown Hero Celebration

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will sponsor a Banner

### **PLEASE MARK ONE - If sponsoring a banner but do not have a veteran**

\_\_\_\_ The Business would like the banner \_\_\_\_\_ The veteran/ family of veteran may have the banner

**\*\*Era of Service - Official Department of Defense Dates \*\***

Global War on Terror (GWOT): September 11, 2001 - to present

Cold War: September 2, 1945 – December 26, 1991

Persian Gulf: August 2, 1990 - August 31, 1991

Korean Conflict Era: June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955

Vietnam Era: November 1, 1955 - May 7, 1975

WW I Era: April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918

WW II Era: December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946

**\*\*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US AT 570-327-2365\*\***



# Coffee with a Veterans Service Officer

Lycoming County Veterans Affairs  
33 West Third Street, Williamsport  
2nd floor

9:00 am– 4:00 pm

Last Wednesday of Every Month

April 30 \* May 28 \* June 25 \* July 30 \* August 27 \*  
Sept 24 \* Oct 29 \* Nov 26 \* Dec 31



# National Vietnam War Veterans Day



The Lycoming County Commissioners presented Lycoming County Veterans Affairs with a National Vietnam War Veterans Day Proclamation at Thursday's morning commissioners' meeting.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day honored on March 29, 1973 was the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam.

From left to right:

(not all listed-please reach out if you can help us complete this)

Commissioner Marc Sortman, Commissioner Scott Metzger, Richard Kelly,  
Jim Hine, Walter Steinbacher, Jerry Walls, Al Sever,  
Director of Veterans Affairs Mike McMunn, Joe Graffus, Carl Huff, Bill Yaggi,  
John Lannon, Dave Lomison, Commissioner Mark Mussina



# National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Alan played for over an hour, country, gospel, patriotic and nostalgic.



Alan Foust Acoustic  
Singer Guitar Player  
All Styles of Music  
570-666-0550  
[alf2520@verizon.net](mailto:alf2520@verizon.net)

After the Commissioner's presentation of the Proclamation everyone was welcomed to :

## **The First Annual Vietnam War Veterans Day Open House at Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office**



A light lunch of Chili, Hot Dogs, Coffee Cake, and drink, was enjoyed by everyone.

A time for veterans and their families to sit, relax, share and enjoy.





# The Lycoming Clinton Veteran Coalition (LCVC)



## Mission:

how we can best serve  
the military-affiliated community of Lycoming and Clinton counties.

Originated in March 2023,  
LCVC focuses on collaboration, to find solutions to needs of those  
who have served, or are currently serving, and their families, care-  
givers and survivors.

**The Coalition welcomes organizations to the meetings.**

**If you offer a service for those in need or for veterans,  
please reach out to attend and help create connections.**



**YELLOW  
IT OUT**

# **5K RUN & WALK**



**5  
APRIL**

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9 A.M.  
RACE STARTS AT 10 A.M.

**PENN COLLEGE FIELD HOUSE**

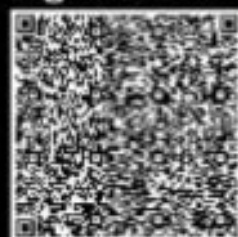
209 College Ave

Profits are donated to support mental health services for veterans and first responders.

Wear yellow for suicide prevention and awareness.

T-shirts available for purchase at the College Store and registration while supplies last.

Register here:





Representative Jamie Flick's

# Human Services Expo

AND SPEAKER SERIES

**Friday, April 25**

**Pennsylvania College of Technology**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN** State Representative Jamie Flick on Friday, April 25, as he hosts a Human Services Expo and Speaker Series at Pennsylvania College of Technology (PCT). **FREE** to the public, this event is designed to connect people with the services, programs and supports they and/or their families may need to live healthy, productive and fulfilling lives.

The Speaker Series is 1–3 p.m. at Penn's Inn on the PCT campus and features experts on the topic of mental health and substance abuse in youth.

The Human Services Expo is 3–6 p.m. at PCT's Field House. The expo includes vendors, organizations, people and programs that provide health and human services and supports to our community. Vendors will share materials, provide information and be on hand to answer questions from visitors.

 [RepFlick.com](http://RepFlick.com)

 [Facebook.com/RepFlick](https://Facebook.com/RepFlick)

## TOPICS AND AREAS OF INTEREST INCLUDE:

- ▶ Aging
- ▶ Autism
- ▶ Behavioral Health
- ▶ Children and Adolescents
- ▶ Diversabilities (Physical and Intellectual)
- ▶ Early Intervention
- ▶ Independent Living
- ▶ Medical Assistance
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Substance Abuse
- ▶ Veterans

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **1–3 P.M.**

Speaker Series with Audience Q&A

### **3–6 P.M.**

Human Services Expo at Field House





**1st Lt**  
**Ruth Cummings Hitchens**  
**RN**  
**Army**  
**1942-1945**

Share  
Local Veteran :  
Pictures and history.

Local Newberry  
residents.  
Lived on Pearl  
Street.

**Sgt.**  
**William G. Hitchens**  
**Army**  
**1945 –1948**

**Pictures believed to be taken in 1942/1943 by Ruth Cummings**





Veterans  
Crisis Line  
988 then press 1

Confidential help for Veterans  
and their loved ones

Confidential chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://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



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
**VIETNAM WAR  
COMMEMORATION**

50<sup>th</sup>

# National Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29



PATRICK J TREMPER • JAMES WITT • DAVID  
GREGORY K • JAMES BARR • I  
CHARLES • HOFF • MICHAEL D C  
DARYL • RUM • C  
LUKE • ROY L ESTRADA  
LARRY • S • EDDIE DEAN GAN  
JOI • ELVIN W • W • AM R GOUDELOCK •  
ARTHUR L HAWKINS JR • EUGENE C JOHNSON • WALTER A

**HONOR THEIR LEGACY**

*Always*

*"Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"*

[vietnamwar50th.com](http://vietnamwar50th.com)





## 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

### Meetings:

#### 40/8

2408 West Southern Ave., South Williamsport, PA  
The second Wednesday of the month at 6pm.  
Bill Ashton - 570-494-8932

#### The Disabled American Veterans Ch 47

Post 1, American Legion, 10 E. Third Street, Williamsport, PA,  
6pm on the Second Tuesday of the month, on the third floor.  
No current number

#### The Williamsport Detachment of the Marine Corps League

507 Cemetery Street, Williamsport, PA  
Third Thursday of the month at 5pm.  
570-323-9900

## Events:

### 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

Agency	Address	What they do	Phone Number
<b>Career Link</b>	329 Pine St, Williamsport		570 601-5465
<b>CHAMP VA helpline</b>			800-733-8387
<b>DD 214s</b>		National Archives online	314-801-0800
<b>DFAS</b>	This is for re- tired veterans or active duty (they retired from the Mili- tary)	Retirement pay probs Change of address Active duty pay problems W2s	1-800-321-1080
<b>DEERS/ Rapid ID Center</b>			910-598-6021- open, must call  570-615-7000
<b>Tobyhanna Direct Deposit</b>		To fix banking info	1-877-838-2778 1-800-827-1000
<b>Housing</b>		homeless	211 844-226-0368 717-818-0219
<b>Nursing Home Help Patient Advocate</b>			570-824-3521 Ext 27604
<b>TriCare</b>		Insurance for veter- ans that retired from the Military and their families	1-888-777-8343- over- seas service line  1-800-444-5445 – Tricare East
<b>VA # - main number for appt.</b>		VA issues Direct deposit too	1-800-827-1000
<b>Veteran's Center</b>	49 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Suite 104 Williamsport	Counseling Services	570-327-5281
<b>Veteran's Clinic</b>	1705 Warren Ave # 304, Wil- liamsport,	Primary Care Doctors	570-322-4791 570-322-5321
<b>Veterans Affairs Office</b>	33 W. Third Street Williamsport	VA questions and help	570-327-2365
<b>Wilks Barre VA phone number</b>			570-824-3521

## Phone Numbers

Veterans Crisis Line .....	Dial 988, then Press 1
VA Hotline .....	800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411, option 9)
MyVA411 .....	800-698-2411
Bereavement Counseling (through Vet Centers) .....	877-927-8387
Camp Lejeune Family Member Program .....	866-372-1144
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) .....	800-733-8387
Community Care Billing Questions .....	877-881-7618
Debt Management Center .....	800-827-0648
Education .....	888-442-4551
Foreign Medical Program .....	877-345-8179 or 303-331-7590
Headstones and Markers .....	800-697-6947
Health Care .....	877-222-8387
Homeless Veterans .....	877-424-3838
Home Loans .....	877-827-3702
Life Insurance, All Programs Other than SGLI, FSGLI, TSGLI, VGLI .....	800-669-8477
Life Insurance, Veterans' Group Life Insurance Program (VGLI), Claims for Service members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Family SGLI .....	800-419-1473
National Cemetery Scheduling Office .....	800-535-1117
Native American Direct Home Loans .....	888-349-7541
Presidential Memorial Certificate Program .....	202-565-4964
Spina Bifida Program .....	888-820-1756
TTY, Federal Relay .....	711
VA Benefits .....	800-827-1000
Vet Center Call Center .....	877-927-8387
Women Veterans .....	877-222-8387
72-Hour Emergency Care Notification Line .....	844-724-7842



New Patch Board :

Please feel welcome to bring in patches to place on our “share your patch” board.

Our office is always open to visitors :

come view our many displays and reading material.



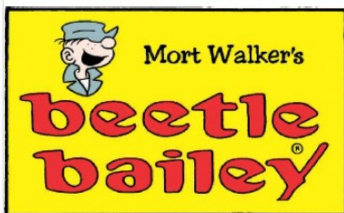
Local history Pages:

We are interested in finding anyone who would like to share items to be published in our newsletter :

Pictures of local Veterans

Family Stories

Local History





**AMERICAN  
RESCUE  
WORKERS**

*Beginning September 1, STEP Transportation in partnership with the American Rescue Workers is operating the*

# Lycoming County Veterans Transportation Program

*Offering round trips to the following destinations:*

- Grocery Stores
- Medical Facilities\*
- Pharmacies
- Education & Libraries
- CareerLink & Job Interviews
- Court Dates, including Veterans Court
- Food Banks
- Banks
- Veterans Offices
- Social Service Offices
- Social Security Office
- Recreation
- DMV



*\*Medical Facilities include Geisinger and UPMC facilities throughout STEP's Service Area which includes: Lycoming, Clinton, Montour, Union, Northumberland, and Center Counties, as well as the Veteran's Facility in Wilkes-Barre on select days of the week.*

*Services provided based on funding availability.*

**For more information please call:**  
STEP Transportation 570.323.7575  
**or email:** [trcenter@stepcorp.org](mailto:trcenter@stepcorp.org)

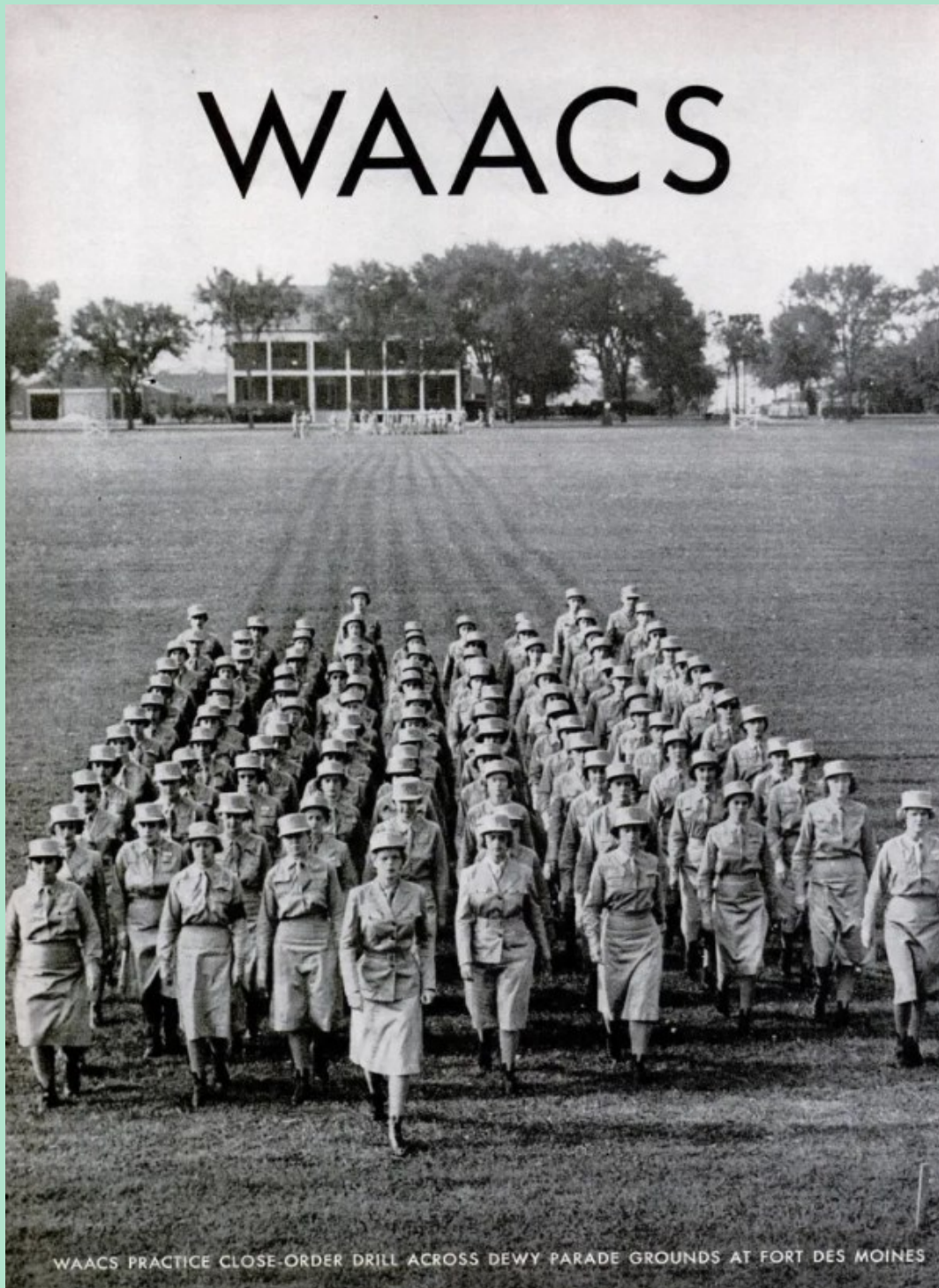
**Eligibility Requirements:**

Must be able to document Veterans Status (ie DD-214)



**June 6th**

**D-Day WWII**



## **The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps**

Created May 15, 1942

Converted to an active duty status July 1, 1943 in the Army

Disbanded on October 20, 1978 as all units were integrated



# June 6th

# D-Day WWII

**Imperial War Museums**  
**iwm.org.uk**

*D-Day's Parachuting Dummies  
and Inflatable Tanks  
Operation Bodyguard*

(Resource for many  
articles/pictures and videos)



**Operation Bodyguard**

**Operation Fortitude North**

**Operation Fortitude South**

**Inflatable decoy tanks**

**dummy landing craft**

**double agents**

**radar jamming foil**

**dummy parachutists**

**Enigma**

**Code talkers**

**Agent Garbo**



A factory worker producing foil code-named WINDOW which was dropped by allied aircraft to jam enemy radar.

# June 6th

# D-Day WWII



## **Eldred World War II Museum**

201 Main Street

P.O. Box 273

Eldred, PA 16731

Ph: 814-225-2220

[www.eldredpawwiimuseum.com](http://www.eldredpawwiimuseum.com)

Visit Websites for articles,  
photos and videos

Also:

[Nationalww2museum.org](http://Nationalww2museum.org)

## **World War II American Experience**

845 Crooked Creek Road

Gettysburg, Pa 17325

Ph: 717.253.3414

[www.visitww2.org](http://www.visitww2.org)

The National WWII museum  
in New Orleans



Invitation to All Pennsylvania  
First Responders and  
Military Veterans to Obtain  
**FREE ESTATE PACKAGES**



In partnership with the Pennsylvania Bar Association and 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 first responders and military veterans and their spouses/partners.

On **April 12, 2025**, volunteer lawyers will be conducting a *Wills for Heroes* Program for all active and retired Pennsylvania First Responders of Lycoming County and surrounding counties, all sworn personnel and their spouses/significant others as well as Pennsylvania military veterans (please note that proof of affiliation will be requested at the event – DD214 for military). The event will be held at the **Muncy Fire Co., 932 E. Penn Street, Muncy, 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. **Must be a PA resident to participate in this program.**

Appointments must be scheduled online at: [www.pabar.org/wfh/](http://www.pabar.org/wfh/)

The password is: Muncy

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Gabriele Miller-Wagner at [gmw@pabar.org](mailto:gmw@pabar.org) . For more information on the program visit our website at <https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Public/Wills-for-Heroes>

**\*\* If your estate exceeds approximately \$1,000,000, 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 \$1,000,000, include your cash, personal property, stock and bonds, real estate equity, savings, and 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 EVENT DAY FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT. INDIVIDUALS ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME FOR THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE NOTIFY THE COORDINATOR IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL.**

**NO-SHOWS ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED!**





## Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs

33 West Third Street, 2nd Floor  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
570-327-2365

Mailing Address:  
48 West Third Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701

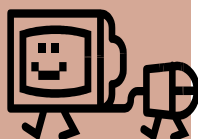
## County Commissioners

*Scott Metzger  
Mark Mussina  
Marc Sortman*

**Visit Our Web Site:**

**[www.lyco.org/VA](http://www.lyco.org/VA)**

For up-to-date  
News and  
Information  
For Veterans



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**We are here to help you,  
please call 570-327-2365 to schedule an appointment.**

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## Office Hours

Scheduled Appointments on:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 AM – 4:00 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:

Good Friday, Friday, April 18, 2025

Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2025

Independence Day - Friday, July 4, 2025



# Narcotics Anonymous

If you want to use drugs,  
that's your business!

If you want to stop,  
that's ours!

Narcotics Anonymous  
can help!!

Call the Williamsport  
NA Helpline 24/7  
**570-273-0003**

**[williamsportna.org](http://williamsportna.org)**