

# The Lycoming Vet

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**Memorial Day Ceremony  
May 23rd @ 11 a.m.  
Wahoo Drive, Williamsport**



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### 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

# 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 8 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day  
May 13 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day  
May 16 - Armed Forces Day  
May 22 - National Poppy Day  
May 25 - 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

# 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%)**

You will be asked to 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".





# ***Hats for Heat***

Vince Reeder

570-502-1946

hats4heat@gmail.com

www.hats4heat.org

33 Reeder Drive  
Cogan Station, PA 17728

 Find us on  
**facebook**

*"It all started with a hat..."*



Hats for Heat is a nonprofit organization founded by Vince Reeder and Echo Mitchell in December 2021, fueling a mission to warm hearts and homes of those in need, by selling hats, apparel, and hosting fundraisers, they're harnessing community support and power to provide home heating and spread warmth during the winter months.

For information on how to help Hats for Heat and your local neighbors, please go to their website!

[www.hats4heat.org](http://www.hats4heat.org)

## 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”.

# **Remember to support your local American Legion**

Help support your community

All funds go to local community donations

Comradery  
and  
fellowship with other veterans

**Stop by your local post to talk about membership.**



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

**Looking for  
Veterans to honor  
Veterans with  
graveside military  
honors**

**“We Still Serve”**

**Contact:  
Honor Guard Commander  
Howard Wilt (570) 745-3775**







**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**  
**2026 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, 2026**. Purchase deadline will be **September 4, 2026 (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 3, 2026, 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 18" wide and 36" high
- ★ Will be located on street lights in Williamsport
- ★ 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.

**2026 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 2026 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**WWI 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\*\***

# You are getting an exam by the VA for a claim.

Now what?

The VA medical center or a VA contract vendor will contact you to conduct their exam.

We use several contractors to provide claim exams:

During the claims process, we may contact you through an Email notification system called govDelivery. We'll email you to tell you in advance about phone calls and text messages you'll get from our contractors about your disability exam.

Loyal Source Government Services,  
caller ID display : "Loyal Source,"  
[833-832-7077](tel:833-832-7077).

OptumServe Health Services,  
caller ID display : "VA EXAM-Optum,"  
[866-933-8387](tel:866-933-8387) ([TTY: 711](tel:711)).

Leidos QTC Health Services,  
caller ID display : "VA EXAM-QTC,"  
[800-682-9701](tel:800-682-9701).

Veterans Evaluation Services (VES),  
caller ID display : "VA EXAM-VES,"  
[877-637-8387](tel:877-637-8387).

If you're outside the continental U.S.,  
customer service number  
[+1-713-255-5656](tel:+1-713-255-5656).

**If you missed the call or  
need to reschedule (give at least 48 hours notice) :  
Or call the VA at 800-827-1000  
M-F 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



# BE VIGILANT OF SCAMS



The Federal Trade Commission estimated that in 2023 alone, Veterans, Service Members, and their families reported **\$477M in losses to fraud, as per March 31, 2024 data.** This number only represents the fraud that has been detected and has **increased from \$413M in 2022.** This is just what has

been reported. Keeping yourself safe from scams is critical when applying for benefits and services, when accessing them, or authorizing others to do so.



**Companies who advertise VA benefits** can only be obtained with their help. These companies may not be recognized by VA and may be attempting to charge illegal fees.



**Validate:** If you are interested in working with a Veteran Service Organization (VSO), agent, or attorney, use the Office of General Counsel Accreditation tool to confirm and validate their credentials. <https://www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/> is an official source to use to verify.



**Be aware of medical professionals who charge a fee** or guarantee a specific benefits-related outcome. If an exam is warranted, VA will order one for you at no cost to you.

## TIPS TO AVOID VETERAN TARGETED SCAMS

Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There's been an increase in phishing (Email), vishing (phone), and social media scams targeting Veterans, their family members, caregivers, and survivors to access their finances and benefits, or to submit claims on their behalf.

Beware of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service.



### DO'S

- **Submit applications securely** online on [va.gov](https://www.va.gov) or other federal websites or in-person through Federal agencies offering a service. Those agencies will assist in gathering evidence necessary to support it. There are no costs or hidden fees to apply.
- **Be cautious of:**
  - **Aggressive companies** who may try to pressure you to sign their contract through frequent communications or by insisting "you must act now or lose your chance for benefits."
  - **Companies who claim to be contacting you on behalf of VA or to have a special relationship with VA.** Contact VA at 1-833-38V-SAFE if you are unsure about the authenticity of any message received.
- **Use two-factor identification, like [login.gov](https://login.gov), when available.**

### DON'TS

- **Do not sign a contract agreeing to pay** an unauthorized company a percentage of your benefit payment in exchange for their assistance with your VA claim. If you need help filling a claim, there are representatives of VSOs, agents, and attorneys who have been accredited by VA to assist you.
- **Do not sign a blank form** for someone else to complete later. Always review the completed form before signing and keep a copy for yourself.
- **Do not be fooled by companies who advertise they have special relationships** with medical professionals and can guarantee you a specific claim outcome. If they are defrauding the Federal government, you could be held responsible for paying those benefits back.
- **Do not provide identifying information** like your social security number, medical records, or other personally identifiable information to anyone offering claims assistance before confirming their credentials using the Office of General Counsel Accreditation tool.

## REPORTING

For suspected fraud or scams:

- Call the VSAFE Fraud Hotline: 1-833-38V-SAFE
- Visit VSAFE online: [www.VSAFE.gov](https://www.VSAFE.gov)





- **Protect your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect, even if the caller has some of your personal information.** Legitimate organizations won't email or text to ask for your sensitive personal information, like your Social Security number, bank account or credit card number.
- **Know how a scammer tells you how to pay.** Never pay someone who insists you pay with cryptocurrency; mobile payment app like Venmo, Zelle; or wire transfer service like Western Union or MoneyGram; or a gift card. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- **Block unwanted calls and text messages and report them as a scammer.** Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages. Use call blocking or call labeling technology that is available on your cell phone or traditional landline. Many text and e-mail applications will allow you to report the number/e-mail.
- **Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer. Hang up and use a publicly available phone number to reach out to that organization directly.
- **Stop and talk to someone you trust.** Before you do anything else, tell someone – a friend, a family member, a neighbor – what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam. If you think the message you have received is a scam, do not reply to the message unless and until you are confident that you have verification that the message is legitimate. If the message refers to a specific organization, use a publicly available phone number to reach out to that organization.
- For more resources on Fraud and scams, the Consumer Protection Financial Bureau also provides additional tools <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/fraud/>
- Visit our website for additional information on how to avoid Fraud and scams: [www.va.gov/VSAFE](http://www.va.gov/VSAFE)

For healthcare-related fraud, please contact the Veterans Health Administration, Office of Integrity and Compliance Helpline at 866-842-4357 (VHA-HELP).

For suspected VA Benefits fraud call the VA Benefits hotline - 1-800-827-1000.



# Scammer Tactics – Don't Click

**Spoofing** – Disguising an email address, social media profile, sender name, phone number, or website address to convince you that you are interacting with a trusted source.

**Email Phishing** – Email sent with the intention of deceiving you to act, such as updating a password or clicking on an attachment.

**Smishing** – Phishing via text messaging. The fraudulent text may appear to come from a reputable business, but it is designed to trick you into revealing personal information. Do not click the link. Instead log onto the official account directly on a secure computer browser.

**Vishing** – Voice phishing occurs via phone. The caller typically leaves an “urgent” message, making recipients believe they will be fined or miss out on an opportunity if they do not respond immediately.

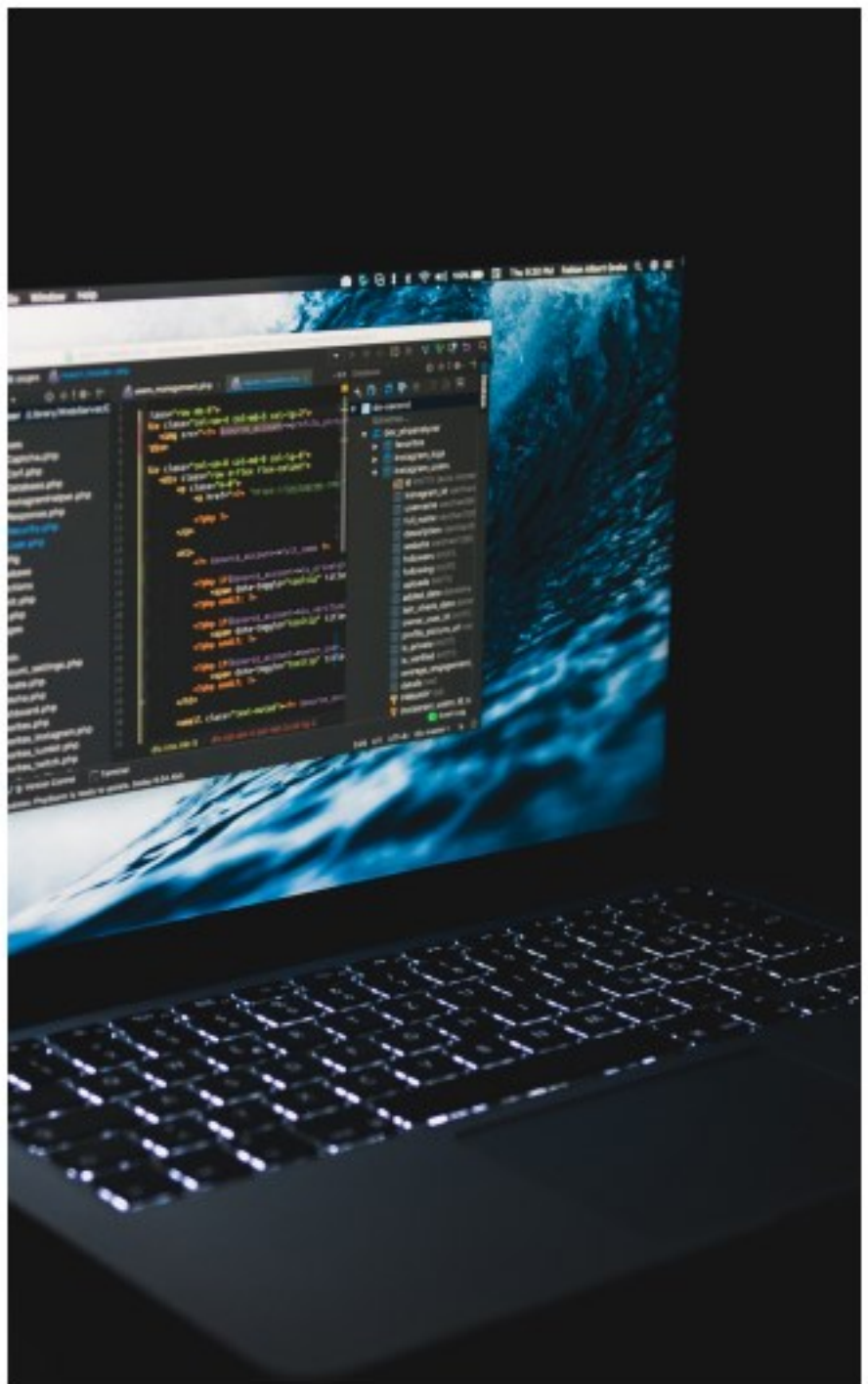
**Angler Phishing** – Targets social media users. Bad actors will direct message to disgruntled customers, pretending to be customer service agents, to obtain personal information or other account credentials.

**Evil Twin Hotspot** – Fraudulent Wi-Fi access points designed to trick users into connecting to them so they can steal sensitive information or redirect links to malicious sites.

**Juice Jacking** – Bad actors use public USB ports to introduce malware and monitoring software onto devices. Always carry your own charger and use an electrical outlet instead.

**Pop-up Phishing** – Fraudulent messages that have been infected with malicious code, “pop up” on otherwise legitimate websites enticing you to click on them to corrupt your device or data.

**Tell Me About Yourself** – During a phone call, the scammer may ask you to verify who you are by asking you to confirm your personal information to access records.







**Fly Fishing**

**Bass Fishing**

**Hunting**



Retreats designed to serve those who were ill or injured in the line of duty— and those patriots whose situation is terminal, as well as the dedicated caregivers who support them.

To learn more about Donating, Volunteering or to Apply.

Phone 610-663-5993

Email : [infor@patriotscove.org](mailto:infor@patriotscove.org)

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

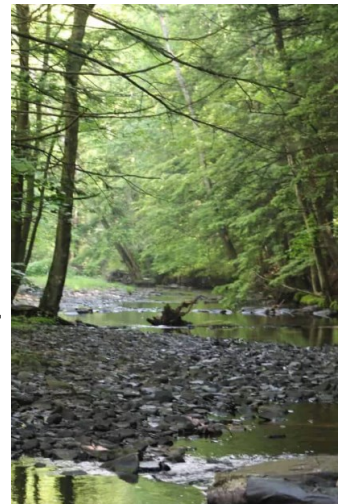
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## **The Mission at Patriots Cove in Northeastern Pennsylvania**

**Honoring and supporting America's wounded service members, combat veterans, and military families**

Patriots Cove is a Platinum-rated nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in Northeastern Pennsylvania founded by military veteran Jeff Swire. Our mission is to empower veterans, first responders, and their caregivers to heal, reconnect, and adapt to life after service through meaningful outdoor and restorative experiences.

We provide fully accessible opportunities for fishing, hunting, and time in nature, including more than a mile of accessible trout stream, wheelchair-accessible hunting blinds, track chairs, a bite-trigger hunting system, and full ADA-compliant facilities. Every experience is designed to allow guests to participate safely, confidently, and independently.





# HereNOW

## HELP FOR VETERANS

**Free Anonymous Mental Health &  
Wellness App for Pennsylvania Veterans.**

**24/7/365 Access to Self-Care,  
Peer Care, and Clinical Care.**



**State Access Code:  
578217**



Pennsylvania  
Department of Military  
and Veterans Affairs



Verify with **ID.me**



Download on the  
**App Store**



GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

# **From the Lycoming County Veterans Affairs Office**

Let's explore a question our office gets asked multiple times a week.

**How can I make my claim go faster?**

The simple answer is:

Unfortunately, no one can make your claim go faster.

(not even an attorney, not even if you pay them.)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs moves at its own speed.

They have a backlog, for many reasons, and are reviewing, researching and processing claims as fast as they are able.

Every claim they approve gives public funds (tax payer money) to a citizen and each claim is as unique as the Veteran/Spouse that is filing. Please give the rater/the department grace to work thoroughly.

**There are things you can do to help make the filing of a claim go smoother:**

Bring in all the documents needed on your first appointment.

(call us if you have questions about what to bring)

Don't go to a shark! (if you are with an attorney, we can't break your contract.)

We can help, but the process is longer.

Come with evidence for your disability claim.

Evidence can be as simple as the name/address of doctors you are seeing.

(we can request records that show a history of visits, tests and treatments.)

Evidence of exposure or an event that caused your disability.

**If you have never visited our office, one of the most important document to have is your DD214.**

If you recorded it at the County Register and Recorder's Office we can help you get a copy.

If you don't have a copy, we can get you the paperwork to request it from the National Archives.





Thank you!  
First Quality  
And  
Senior Networking Alliance of Central PA

A little about us: our office has something called the Warm-up Shop. Every item in the Warm-up shop is donated.  
We have no budget for this.

Recently we have been getting more requests for help from new families. Diapers and wipes are very expensive, they add up quickly for a new family.

Please let me introduce SNA and First Quality.  
They have filled our shelves with much needed baby items.

Now we will be able to fulfil this need and give guidance to resources that specialize in helping new families.  
But the first pack of diapers are here for them.

This is truly an example of individuals and businesses giving back to our Community in a very tangible way.

The Warm-up Shop, and Baby-Closet– don't happen without help from each of us.

Thank you and thank you to First Quality and SNA.





# Thank You!



First Quality

The Williamsport Home

Oak Glen Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center

Kreisher Marshall & Associates LLC

Wolf Run Village Wolf Run

A+ Home Care

Celebration Villa of Loyalsock

Celebration Villa of Lewisburg

Edenbrook North & Edenbrook South

EverTrue Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village

Marshall, Parker & Weber

Gentiva Hospice

Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak

The Manor at Penn Village

UPMC Senior Communities

UPMC Muncy Place

Geisinger Encompass Health

Rehabilitation Hospital

Visiting Angels





# HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program provides comprehensive supportive services to low-income Veterans who are currently experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of losing their leased homes. There are no costs to access our programs and we may be able to help you obtain the documents you need to apply. Contact us to apply for services and to learn more.

## WE CAN HELP YOU:

- Develop a plan
- Obtain housing options
- Negotiate with landlords
- Obtain VA Benefits
- Obtain other public benefits
- Obtain legal assistance
- Develop budgeting skill
- Assist with employment services

## CONTACT VMC TODAY:

### VMC Lock Haven

8 N. Grove Street, Suite 2  
Lock Haven, PA 17745

☎ 844-226-0368

✉ [CentralPAInfo@VMCenter.org](mailto:CentralPAInfo@VMCenter.org)

**LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MISSION &  
LOCATIONS AT [VMCENTER.ORG](http://VMCENTER.ORG)**





# ARE YOU A VETERAN LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

Established by the Department of Labor (DOL), the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) prepares those who served in the military for meaningful careers. It provides them with employment resources and expert advice while protecting their employment rights and promoting employment opportunities. **This program is free of charge.**

## HVRP SERVICES OFFERED:

- Resume and job search assistance
- Interview coaching
- Professional work clothing assistance
- Training, education, certification, and licensing
- Uniforms, tools, and job supplies assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Budget and financial planning assistance

## CONTACT VMC TODAY:

### Harrisburg

21 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

📞 717-351-5148

✉️ [HarrisburgInfo@VMCenter.org](mailto:HarrisburgInfo@VMCenter.org)

### Lock Haven

8 N. Grove Street, Suite 2  
Lock Haven, PA 17745

📞 844-226-0368

✉️ [CentralPAInfo@VMCenter.org](mailto:CentralPAInfo@VMCenter.org)



## COUNTIES WE SERVE:

- |           |            |                  |
|-----------|------------|------------------|
| • Clinton | • Mifflin  | • Dauphin        |
| • Centre  | • Juniata  | • Lebanon        |
| • Union   | • Fulton   | • Northumberland |
| • Snyder  | • Franklin |                  |

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM,  
SCAN THIS CODE AND FILL OUT OUR FORM

**VMCENTER.ORG**



## *~ This is Story ~*

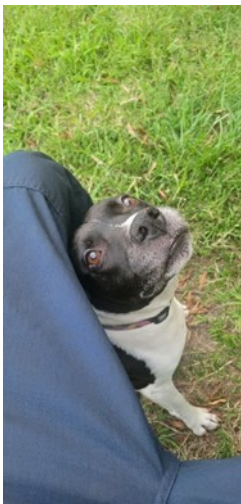


*Story is a 9 year old mixed terrier, weighing in at 35 lbs, whose family is active duty military with orders to go to Japan.*

*They are heart broken they can't take her with them and are looking for a good home to foster or adopt while they are gone.*

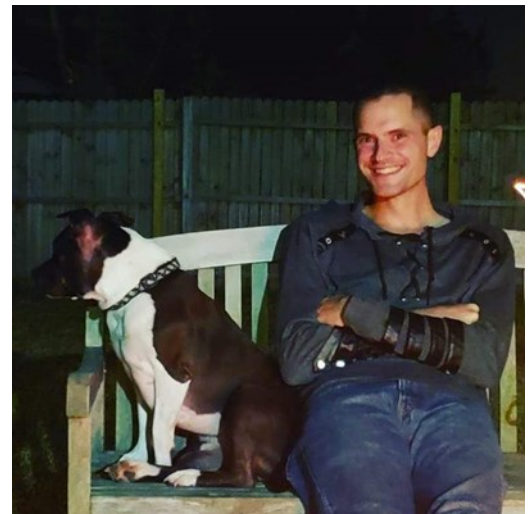
*She is great with kids and loves to cuddle.  
She does love to go on walks and be outside with her humans.*

*She is outdoor potty trained and crate trained, when necessary.  
She is good with other pets as well.*



*If interested  
please  
call Ruth  
at 570-433-0444  
or*

*Zac at 570-772-6250*





# **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

## **American Legion Post 35-**

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

## **American Legion Post 36 -**

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

## **American Legion Post 104 -**

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

## **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

## **United States Submarine Veterans Inc.-**

Williamsport Base  
Mailing: 160 North Broad St, Hughesville, PA 17737  
Meeting Location: Zafar Grotto Club  
381 E. 2nd St, S. Williamsport, PA 17702  
Phone: 570-244-1351

## **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: 570-8656216

## **VFW Post 7863-**

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

## **Susquehanna Valley Chapter 47 of The Disabled American Veterans**

P.O. Box 3372, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-244-6649

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

507 Cemetery Street, 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

## **Lycoming County Veterans Council Inc.**

C/O 2310 Newberry Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
570-220-8156

## **Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. -**

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





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.**



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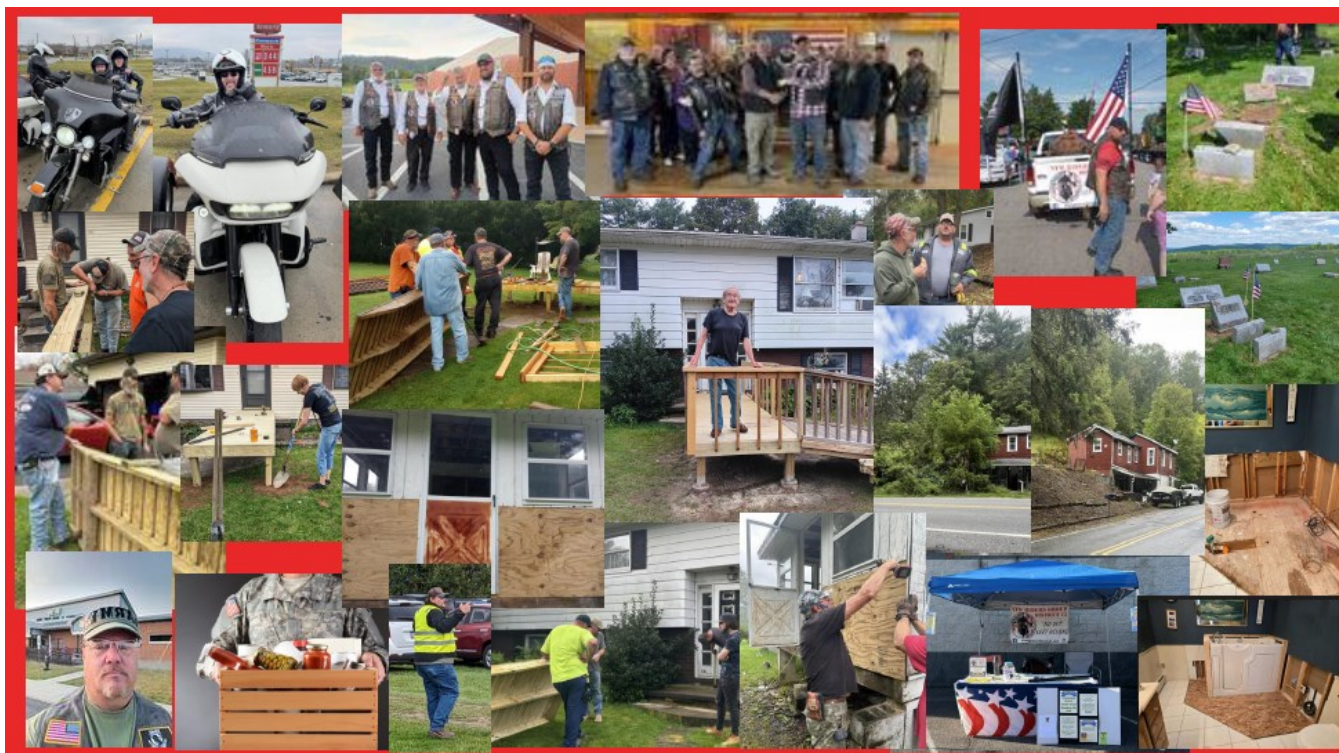


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# PRIMARY COUNTIES

- LYCOMING
- CLINTON
- TIOGA
- POTTER
- CAMERON

## NEED A HELPING HAND?



IF YOU ARE A VETERAN,  
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OR FAMILY MEMBER  
RESIDING IN  
LYCOMING, CLINTON,  
TIOGA,  
CAMERON OR POTTER  
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WE ARE HERE TO LEND A  
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**HAS A MISSION TO HELP LOCAL**

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IF YOU RESIDE OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTIES MENTIONED ABOVE & NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US  
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# Coffee with a Veterans Service Officer

come in for coffee, a bite and conversation

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

9:00 am– 4:00 pm

Last Wednesday of Every Month

April 29

May 27

June 24

July 29

August 26

September 30

October 28

November 25

December 30



## **Events:**

### **Veterans Breakfasts**

**Grim's Diner**

**5849 Warrensville Rd**

**8:00 a.m.**

**2nd Monday every month**

**\$12.00**

**Hillside Asst. 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 Wmspt. Detachment #388 of the Marine Corps League**

507 Cemetery Street, Williamsport, PA

Third Thursday of the month at 6pm.

570-323-9900



| <b>Agency</b>                                 | <b>Address</b>                                                                                  | <b>What they do</b>                                                                 | <b>Phone Number</b>                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Career Link</b>                            | 329 Pine St,<br>Williamsport                                                                    |                                                                                     | 570 601-5465                                                                       |
| <b>CHAMP VA helpline</b>                      |                                                                                                 |                                                                                     | 800-733-8387                                                                       |
| <b>DD 214s</b>                                |                                                                                                 | National Archives<br>online                                                         | 314-801-0800                                                                       |
| <b>DFAS</b>                                   | This is for re-<br>tired veterans or<br>active duty<br>(they retired<br>from the Mili-<br>tary) | Retirement pay probs<br>Change of address<br>Active duty pay<br>problems<br>W2s     | 1-800-321-1080                                                                     |
| <b>DEERS/ Rapid ID<br/>Center</b>             |                                                                                                 |                                                                                     | 910-598-6021- open,<br>must call<br><br>570-615-7000                               |
| <b>Tobyhanna<br/>Direct Deposit</b>           |                                                                                                 | To fix banking info                                                                 | 1-877-838-2778<br>1-800-827-1000                                                   |
| <b>Housing</b>                                |                                                                                                 | homeless                                                                            | 211<br>844-226-0368<br>717-818-0219                                                |
| <b>Nursing Home Help<br/>Patient Advocate</b> |                                                                                                 |                                                                                     | 570-824-3521<br>Ext 27604                                                          |
| <b>TriCare</b>                                |                                                                                                 | Insurance for veter-<br>ans that retired from<br>the Military and their<br>families | 1-888-777-8343- over-<br>seas service line<br><br>1-800-444-5445 – Tricare<br>East |
| <b>VA # - main number<br/>for appt.</b>       |                                                                                                 | VA issues<br>Direct deposit too                                                     | 1-800-827-1000                                                                     |
| <b>Veteran's Center</b>                       | 49 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Suite 104<br>Williamsport                                       | Counseling Services                                                                 | 570-327-5281                                                                       |
| <b>Veteran's Clinic</b>                       | 1705 Warren<br>Ave # 304, Wil-<br>liamsport,                                                    | Primary Care<br>Doctors                                                             | 570-322-4791<br>570-322-5321                                                       |
| <b>Veterans Affairs Office</b>                | 33 W. Third<br>Street<br>Williamsport                                                           | VA Benefits<br>questions and help                                                   | 570-327-2365                                                                       |
| <b>Wilks Barre VA phone<br/>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,<br>TSGLI, VGLI .....                                                                          | 800-669-8477                         |
| Life Insurance, Veterans' Group Life Insurance Program (VGLI),<br>Claims for Service members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)<br>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                         |

# Veteran Benefits and Services



The following free resources are available to help Pennsylvania Veterans understand their rights, protections, benefits and services.

For more information, contact either your County Office of Veterans Affairs, scan the QR code, call the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at 1-800-698-2411 or visit [www.pa.gov/agencies/dmva/pennsylvania-veterans](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/dmva/pennsylvania-veterans).

## MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESOURCES



[www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)  
Text 838255



[crisistextline.org](http://crisistextline.org)  
Text "PA" to 741741  
Free, 24/7, Confidential



Pennsylvania  
Department of Drug and  
Alcohol Programs

[Find Drug & Alcohol  
Treatment Services](#)  
1-800-662-HELP (4357)

## PENNSYLVANIA TAX AND FEE RESOURCES



[State Tax Information  
for Military Personnel  
and Veterans](#)



[Disabled Veterans' Real  
Estate Tax Exemption  
Information](#)



pennsylvania  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Disabled Veterans'  
Registration and  
Title Fee Waiver Information](#)

## VOCATIONAL REHAB AND TRAINING RESOURCES



[Apply for VA Vocational  
Rehab Services](#)



Pennsylvania  
Department of Labor & Industry  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

[Apply for PA  
Vocational  
Rehab Services](#)



[Get help finding jobs,  
acquiring skills,  
planning your career,  
and finding resources  
to support veterans.](#)

SkillUp™ PA

[Sign up for free job  
training with SkillUp™ PA](#)

## JUSTICE AND LEGAL RESOURCES



[The Unified Judicial System  
of Pennsylvania Veterans  
Treatment Court Information](#)



[Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Lawyers Saluting Veterans  
Program Information](#)



[Legal Aid Provider Near You](#)



[Free Representation at the  
U.S. Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims Information](#)

To apply for VA health care, you can call the VA health benefits hotline at 877-222-8387 (TTY 711), apply online at [VA.gov](http://VA.gov), or visit the nearest VA medical center or clinic.

For information on Veterans Hiring Preference with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, call 717-783-6655, e-mail [ra-cs-vetpreference@pa.gov](mailto:ra-cs-vetpreference@pa.gov) or visit the website at [www.pa.gov/agencies/employment/veterans/veterans-preference](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/employment/veterans/veterans-preference).



Pennsylvania  
Department of Military  
and Veterans Affairs

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# Scam Letter Notice

Please be aware

If you have questions about communication,  
please call our office at 570-327-2365  
or the VA hotline at 1-800-827-1000

## Continue Heightened Awareness Of Veteran Scams

Scammers continue to reach out to the veteran community, this time with a letter like the one seen here. This is not a valid request and veterans should not respond.

U.S. Treasury  
Electronic Payment Solution Center  
P.O. Box 58227  
Dallas, TX 75258-0527

Date

Veteran Name

Veteran Address

We recently received your letter stating your desire to continue receiving your federal benefit payments by mail. At this time, we cannot process your request because there was not enough information present in your letter for us to verify your benefit payment. We need the following information from you in order for us to continue with this process.

- Full name
- Social Security Number
- Social Security Number benefits are drawn on. (if different than above)
- Type of Federal Payment (s)
- Claim Number (s)
- Amount of Payment (s)
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Phone Number

You can send us this information by mail or call us at (888) 950-950.



**NO. 246. MACARONI AU GRATIN**Yield: 100 servings, 12 ounces  
(1½ cups) each.

| Ingredients            | 100 servings                        | .... servings |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Macaroni.....          | 11¼ pounds.....                     | .....         |
| Salt.....              | 5 ounces (10 mess kit spoons).....  | .....         |
| Water, boiling.....    | 10 gallons (40 No. 56 dippers)..... | .....         |
| Cheese, shredded.....  | 10 pounds (10 No. 56 dippers).....  | .....         |
| Fat, melted.....       | 1 pound (½ No. 56 dipper).....      | .....         |
| Flour, sifted.....     | 8 ounces (½ No. 56 dipper).....     | .....         |
| Salt.....              | 4 ounces (8 mess kit spoons).....   | .....         |
| Pepper.....            | .....                               | .....         |
| Milk, evaporated.....  | 15—14½-ounce cans.....              | .....         |
| Water (for milk).....  | 7½ quarts (7½ No. 56 dippers).....  | .....         |
| Butter, melted.....    | 2 pounds (1 No. 56 dipper).....     | .....         |
| Bread crumbs, dry..... | 3 pounds (3 No. 56 dippers).....    | .....         |

1. Break macaroni into 2- to 3-inch pieces.
2. Add macaroni slowly to boiling salted water; boil 10 to 15 minutes or until tender. Drain well.
3. Place macaroni in well-greased baking pans; cover with shredded cheese.
4. Mix melted fat, flour, salt, and pepper together; stir until smooth.
5. Mix milk and water; add to flour mixture. Heat to boiling point; boil until thick, stirring constantly. Pour sauce over macaroni and cheese.
6. Pour melted butter over crumbs; sprinkle crumbs over macaroni.
7. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 minutes or until crumbs are brown.

**NO. 176. DEVEILED CRABS**Yield: 100 servings,  
approximately 5 ounces each.

| Ingredients               | 100 servings                                    | .... servings |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Crab meat.....            | 18 pounds.....                                  |               |
| Butter.....               | 1 pound ( $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 56 dipper).....     |               |
| Flour.....                | 1 pound (1 No. 56 dipper).....                  |               |
| Milk.....                 | 1 gallon (4 No. 56 dippers).....                |               |
| Eggs, beaten.....         | 12 eggs ( $\frac{3}{4}$ No. 56 dipper).....     |               |
| Salt.....                 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces (3 mess kit spoons)..... |               |
| Pepper, cayenne.....      | .....                                           |               |
| Mustard.....              | $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce (3 mess kit spoons).....    |               |
| Worcestershire sauce..... | 1 ounce (2 mess kit spoons).....                |               |
| Bread crumbs.....         | 2 pounds (2 No. 56 dippers).....                |               |

1. Examine crab meat for any cartilage or shell.
2. Make a white sauce of butter, flour, and milk.
3. Add beaten eggs, seasonings, and mix well.
4. Mix in the crab meat, and fill thoroughly cleaned and scrubbed crab shells with mixture, or place in a greased baking pan.
5. Sprinkle with bread crumbs.
6. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) for about 10 minutes, or until brown.

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**NO. 84 OLD FASHIONED RAISIN CAKE** Yield: 19 pounds mixture,  
100 3-ounce servings.

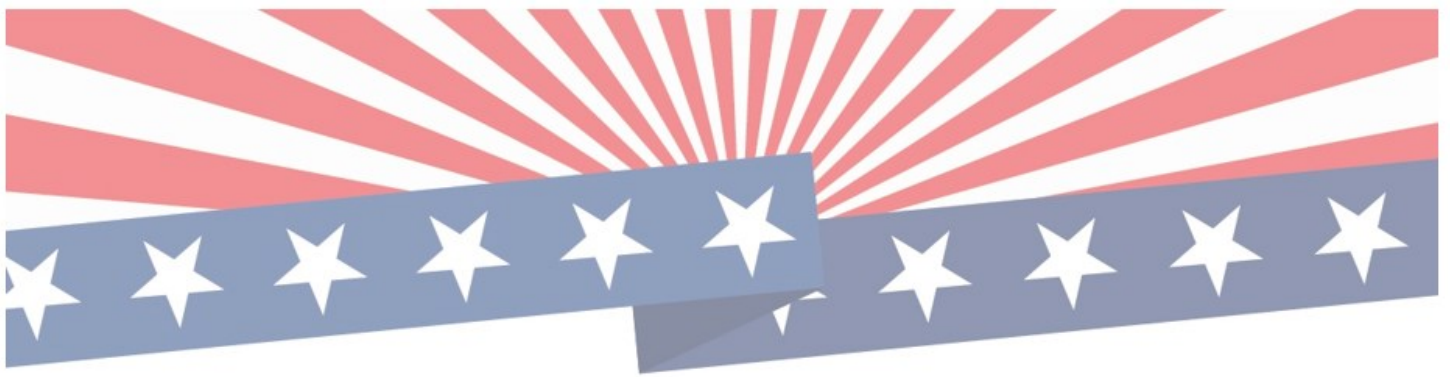
| Ingredients            | 100 servings                                                  | .... servings |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Raisins, seedless..... | 4 pounds (4 mess kit cups).....                               |               |
| Salt.....              | 1 ounce (2 mess kit spoons).....                              |               |
| Allspice.....          | $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce (1 mess kit spoon).....                   |               |
| Cinnamon.....          | $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce (2 mess kit spoons).....                  |               |
| Cloves, ground.....    | $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce (1 mess kit spoon).....                   |               |
| Nutmeg.....            | $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce (1 mess kit spoon).....                   |               |
| Water, boiling.....    | 2 quarts (2 No. 56 dippers).....                              |               |
| Sugar, brown.....      | 4 pounds (4 mess kit cups).....                               |               |
| Shortening.....        | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ pounds ( $\frac{3}{8}$ mess kit cup).....     |               |
| Flour, sifted.....     | 4 pounds (4 No. 56 dippers).....                              |               |
| Baking soda.....       | 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ounces (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mess kit spoons)..... |               |

1. Wash raisins. Combine raisins, salt, allspice, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and water. Heat to boiling point. Remove from heat.
2. Add sugar and shortening; stir until sugar is dissolved. Cool.
3. Sift flour and soda together; add slowly to liquid mixture. Mix well.
4. Pour batter into well-greased and floured pans. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 45 minutes.

*Note.* Frost with sea foam frosting (recipe No. 118) or serve hot or cold with hard sauce (recipe No. 539) or lemon sauce. (See recipe No. 540.)

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**TM 10-412**





### New Patch Board :

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



### 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





## Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs

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

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48 West Third Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701

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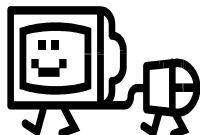
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Marc Sortman*

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### Office Hours

**Scheduled Appointments on:**

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

**Walk-Ins Welcomed every 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:**

Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2026

Independence Day - Friday, July 3, 2026

Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 2026

Veterans Day - Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 26, 2026

Friday, November 27, 2027

Christmas - Friday, December 25, 2026



SUN-GAZETTE ARCHIVES

The Ulman Opera House, seen here in Market Square in Williamsport in 1875, is now home of American Legion Post No. 1.

## American Legion Post named for Princeton football star

(this article continues on the last page)

The Williamsport Sun-Gazette began in 1801 and continues today.  
Keep an eye out for local news, interest and history.

**NO. 428. COLE SLAW WITH BACON** Yield: Approximately 20 pounds,  
100 servings, five mess kit  
spoons (4 ounces) each.

| Ingredients            | 100 servings                       | .... servings |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Bacon, diced.....      | 3 pounds.....                      | .....         |
| Onions, chopped.....   | 3 pounds (3 No. 56 dippers).....   | .....         |
| Vinegar*.....          | 1½ pints (¾ No. 56 dipper).....    | .....         |
| Sugar, granulated..... | ¾ pound (½ mess kit cup).....      | .....         |
| Salt.....              | 1 ounce (2 mess kit spoons).....   | .....         |
| Cabbage, shredded..... | 15 pounds (15 No. 56 dippers)..... | .....         |

\*If vinegar is too sour, dilute with water.

1. Fry bacon until crisp. Remove from pan; drain on paper.
2. Fry onions in bacon fat. Add vinegar, sugar, and salt. Heat to boiling; reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Cool.
3. Pour onion mixture over cabbage just before serving. Add diced bacon; mix well.

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## From staff reports

In 1919, Congress chartered the American Legion as a patriotic veterans organization. That same year, Garrett Cochran American Legion Post 1 was established here in Williamsport, even though the state's larger cities were expected to become home to the first post in Pennsylvania.

So how was it decided that Williamsport would become home to Post 1?

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son of President Teddy Roosevelt and one of the founders of the American Legion, was on a train returning from the St. Louis, Missouri, American Legion caucus of May 1919, speaking with two Pennsylvanians about the location for the state's first legion post.

The three men realized they had a problem in locating the first post in the state, debating between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, according to a November 6, 1977 Sunday Grit article.

Lyell S. Spangle, who had been appointed by the mayor of Williamsport to attend the caucus, overheard the conversation and offered a solution. He suggested that a city in between the two, in central Pennsylvania, be chosen.

Ultimately, it was decided that Post One would be established in Williamsport, while Philadelphia and Pittsburgh would get the second and third post homes.

Nobody at the post today could say definitively why it was named after Cochran.

"It was always Garrett Cochran Post One," said Robert Turner, board member of Post one and member of the post for more than 30 years. "Since the creation of the post in 1919, they used his name."

Cochran died July 8, 1918, while serving in Battery D, and his name was fresh in the minds of people at the time. But he wasn't known just for his military service. He also had a national football reputation prior to his military service.

The Cochran name was one of prestige in Williamsport, and Garrett Cochran's death was heavily reported in newspapers across the East Coast. He was heavily invested in the city and was the general manager and president of the Williamsport Wire Rope Company as well as a director of multiple organizations, according to a July 23, 1918 Gazette and Bulletin article.

He also had long desired to enlist in the armed forces. In 1898, while he was head football coach at the University of California at Berkeley, he told the San Francisco Chronicle that he was anxious to enlist and serve his nation in the Span-

ish-American War. It wasn't until 1913 that he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard, Battery D, as a first lieutenant, according to the Gazette and Bulletin, a forerunner to the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

Cochran's first call to service sent him to the Mexican border to fight the bandits of Pancho Villa. Cochran was called into service again a year after the United States entered World War I.

According to an article in the Harrisburg Telegraph on July 23, 1918, Cochran contacted pneumonia after arriving in France with his battery. After three weeks of suffering from the illness in a French hospital, he was returned home on furlough. On his way back to the states, Cochran died on the ship.

In Williamsport, Cochran was remembered for his desire to protect his country and the many positions of leadership he held in his lifetime, including a stint as captain of the football team at Princeton in 1896-97.

Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1971, Cochran was lauded as a born leader who helped propel the Princeton Tigers to become known as "The best Princeton team of football's Pioneer Era," according to his inductee detail on the National Football Foundation website.

"Gary Cochran stepped right into a Princeton uniform and took over the leadership of the team, building it into an unstoppable gridiron machine which Tiger followers quickly christened 'Cochran's Steamrollers,'" the induction page states.

"No name is better known in American football than that of Gary Cochran," The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Kentucky, wrote after his death.

It was his fame as a captain and a player that brought the University of California at Berkeley to ask him to sign on as both baseball and football coach.

Cochran was there in 1898-99, when California had two huge wins against rival Stanford and a near spotless two seasons.

Cochran's name, along with the names of the students he coached on the 1898-99 team, were carved in stone on the statue "The Football Players" after winning that second game against Stanford. "The Football Players" still stands in downtown Berkeley.

According to the school's archives, the second game against Stanford had brought in so much money for the school that it "singlehandedly created the institution of Cal football."

From Berkeley, Cochran went on to become head football coach at the Naval Academy in 1900 and returned to Princeton in that capacity in 1902.