

# The Lycoming Vet

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*Thank you so much to everyone for  
donating!!!!*

*With a special thank you to the  
Blue Knights PA 14!!!!*

*75 toys, 11 stocking stuffers and  
14 books*

*All for local children!*



**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**

## **January**

1 January: New Year's Day

19 January: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## **February**

3 February: Four Chaplains Day

14 February: Valentine's Day

16 February: President's Day

19 February Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

## **March**

3 March: Navy Reserve Birthday

7 March: Seabee Birthday

13 March: National K9 Veterans Day

17 March: St Patrick's Day

25 March: National Medal of Honor Day

29 March: Vietnam Veterans Day



**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..."**



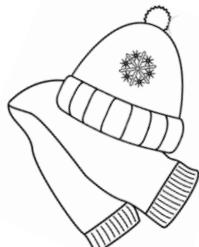
Hats for Heat is a nonprofit organization founded by Vince Reeder and Echo Mitchell in December 2021, fueling a mission to warm hearts and homes of those in need, by selling hats, apparel, and hosting fundraisers, they're harnessing community support and power to provide home heating and spread warmth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



## Warm Up Shop



In need of a warm  
jacket or other necessity?

Come in for a visit,  
no appointment needed!!



**Stay  
Warm and Safe  
this winter!**



Thank you to  
Everyone that has donated  
coats and blankets this past year.



## 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”.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY**

Douglas A Collins

**2025 Accomplishments**

Thanks to your hard work and dedication to our noble mission, 2025 was a remarkable year for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Under President Donald J. Trump's leadership, we have transformed VA from a bureaucratic organization to a service organization where Veterans come first in everything we do. For example, since January 20, 2025:

- We reduced the backlog of Veterans waiting for VA benefits by nearly 60%.
- We eliminated the backlog of Veteran families waiting for VA health care.
- We opened 25 new VA health care clinics, expanding care for Veterans around the country.
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We are spending an additional \$800 million on infrastructure improvements to ensure VA facilities provide safe, effective patient care.

We permanently housed nearly 52,000 homeless Veterans across the country in fiscal year 2025, the highest total in 7 years

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

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

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**“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 \(TTY: 711\)](tel:866-933-8387).

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

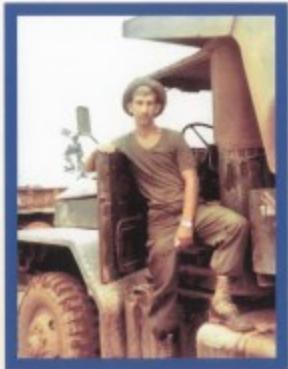
Veterans Evaluation Services (VES),  
caller ID display : "VA EXAM-VES,"  
[877-637-8387](tel:877-637-8387).

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.**

# Letters From Long Binh Vietnam

1968-1969



Harry Joseph Grafius

## Letters From Long Binh Vietnam

*Letters From Long Binh, Vietnam* is a compilation of the letters Harry Joseph Grafius wrote home to his family members during his year of duty in Vietnam, 1968-1969, courtesy of the United States Army. As a member of the 20th Engineer Brigade, of the 169th Engineer Battalion, Company C and later of the 43rd DT, Joe maneuvered dump trucks on the Prep at corner to remove.  
MSD 0000025-545  
211020061-17-500P-10 while he was based on Long Binh Post

20th Engineer Brigade



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To order an  
autographed copy  
contact  
Joe Grafius, author.  
\$20  
Call : 570-777-0957

Mr. Grafius started working on this in 2018 when he found letters his Mom saved from his time in service. He used them to make a chronological timeline. These are his memories.

The book is also for sale at Otto's Bookstore in downtown Williamsport.

\$1.00 from each purchase goes to the VetCenter.

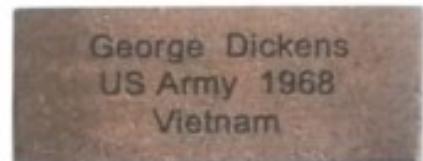
LYCOMING COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK  
WILLIAMSPORT, PA

Honor or memorialize a Veteran with a personalized brick permanently placed within the renovated walkways of the Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park, located at West Fourth Street and Wahoo Drive, Williamsport, PA.

Select a size:

— 4" x 8" Up to 3 lines of text, gray brick  
\$50 Maximum of 15 characters per line,  
including letters, numbers, spaces,  
and symbols.

— 12" x 12" Up to 6 lines of text, gray brick  
\$200 Maximum of 15 characters per line,  
including letters, numbers, spaces,  
and symbols.



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

Ordered by: Name:

Please submit your order forms, along with payment to:

Address:

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: [Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park](#)

# Veterans Multi-Service Center



8 North Grove St., Ste 2  
Lock Haven, PA 17745  
Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm  
(844) 226-0368

## Who We Serve

Serving Those Who Served - eligible veterans, service members, and their families seeking support with housing, benefits, and overall stability.

## Where We Serve

Serving PA Counties: Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, & Union

## Services Provided

- Temporary Financial Assistance for Housing
  - VA Benefits Navigation
    - Case Management
    - Financial Counseling
  - Legal Services Referrals
  - Community Resource Referrals
    - & More!

Stop by, call or visit [www.VMCenter.org](http://www.VMCenter.org) to learn more about what we offer!



# 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.**



**Coordinated by Heroes & Horses**

# 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

January 28	February 25	March 25	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 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 #388 of the Marine Corps League

507 Cemetery Street, Williamsport, PA

Third Thursday of the month at 6pm.

570-323-9900

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 Military)	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</b>			
<b>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 veterans that retired from the Military and their families	1-888-777-8343- overseas 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, Williamsport,	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

# 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

### CRISIS TEXT LINE |

[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](http://FindDrugAlcoholTreatmentServices.com)  
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](#)



[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).

## Food Banks

**Name:** United Churches Food Pantry

**About:** Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-2:00pm and the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00-8:00pm

**Address:** 520 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 (second floor)

**Phone Number:** 570-322-1657

**Email Address:** [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org)

**Website:** [Food Pantry - United Churches of Lycoming County](#)

**Name:** Salvation Army

**Address:** 457 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-326-9187

**Website:** [Williamsport, PA - Home](#)

**Name:** American Rescue Workers

**Address:** 643 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-323-8401

**Website:** [American Rescue Workers - Repurposing Clothing, Shoes, and Lives.](#)

**Name:** Pantry Choice Food Distribution at The New Love Center Annex

**Address:** 263 Henry Street, Jersey Shore, PA 17740

**Phone Number:** 570-244-8838

**Website:** [Home - The New Love Center](#)

**Name:** Son Light House Food Pantry

**About:** Open every other Wednesday from 10:00am-12:00pm and Thursday from 6:00-7:30pm; registered clients can come once per month. Please note: this pantry serves only the south-east part of Lycoming County and does not serve City of Williamsport.

**Address:** 130 Carpenter Street, Muncy, PA 17756

**Phone Number:** 570-546-3585

**Name:** WIC Program

**Address:** 612 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-322-7656

**Website:** [Welcome to Pennsylvania WIC](#)

**Name:** West End Food Bank Community Cupboard (emergency food distribution program)

**About:** Call or stop their office to learn more or fill out paperwork to pick up your food box.

**Address:** 901 Diamond Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-323-6297

**Email Address:** [wecccadmin@comcast.net](mailto:wecccadmin@comcast.net)

**Website:** [Programs - West End Christian Community Center](#)

## Food Banks

**Name:** The Mary Carlucci Pantry

**About:** Every third Saturday from 10:00-11:00am.

**Address:** 1220 Northway Road, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-322-5935

**Email Address:** [office.stannrcc@gmail.com](mailto:office.stannrcc@gmail.com)

**Website:** [Saint Ann Catholic Church - Mary Carlucci Food Pantry](http://Saint Ann Catholic Church - Mary Carlucci Food Pantry)

**Name:** Family Promise Food Bank

**Address:** 320 Park Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-567-7103

**Website:** [Home - Family Promise of Lycoming County](http://Home - Family Promise of Lycoming County)

**Name:** Trinity Episcopal Church Food Distribution

**About:** Thursdays from 3-5 pm (fruits and veggies), Thursdays at 3 pm and Fridays from 9-11 am (bread and baked goods)

**Address:** 844 West 4th Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-322-0126

**Email Address:** [trinitychurchpa@comcast.net](mailto:trinitychurchpa@comcast.net)

**Website:** [Trinity Church Home | Trinity Episcopal Church](http://Trinity Church Home | Trinity Episcopal Church)

**Name:** Trinity Episcopal Church Blessing Box

**Address:** 844 West 4th Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-322-0126

**Email Address:** [trinitychurchpa@comcast.net](mailto:trinitychurchpa@comcast.net)

**Website:** [Trinity Church Home | Trinity Episcopal Church](http://Trinity Church Home | Trinity Episcopal Church)

**Name:** Firetree Place Fresh Express

**Address:** 527 Park Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701 (across from Ebenezer Baptist Church)

**Phone Number:** 570-666-1579

**Email Address:** [tfalls@firetreeplace.org](mailto:tfalls@firetreeplace.org)

**Website:** [Fresh Express - Firetree Place](http://Fresh Express - Firetree Place)

For more information on community resources go to :

[Upmc.com/campaigns/north-central-pa/about/community-partners](http://Upmc.com/campaigns/north-central-pa/about/community-partners)

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## Transportation

**Name:** STEP Office of Aging (consumers aged 60-64)

**About:** One-way mileage-based fee for trips to the grocery store (one time per week), STEP Centers for Healthy Aging dining and center activities, social service agencies, and medical appointments or medical needs within Lycoming and Clinton counties. Must be registered with Lycoming or Clinton County STEP Office of Aging Program.

**Address:** 2138 Lincoln Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** Lycoming - 570-323-3096, Clinton - 570-858-5800

**Email Address:** [step@stepcorp.org](mailto:step@stepcorp.org)

**Website:** [STEP Transportation : Independent Living : STEP Pathways : STEP, Inc.](http://STEP Transportation : Independent Living : STEP Pathways : STEP, Inc.)

**Name:** Lottery Shared-Ride Program (consumers aged 65+)

**About:** Trips may be taken for any purpose. Must be registered with the STEP Office of Aging Program.

**Address:** 2138 Lincoln Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-323-3096

**Email Address:** [step@stepcorp.org](mailto:step@stepcorp.org)

**Website:** [STEP Transportation : Independent Living : STEP Pathways : STEP, Inc.](http://STEP Transportation : Independent Living : STEP Pathways : STEP, Inc.)

**Name:** Urgent Care Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)

**About:** If you have an emergency for medical care, please dial 911. STEP is not authorized to provide emergency medical transportation.

**Address:** 2138 Lincoln Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** Your doctor must call 570-323-7575 or fax 570-327-5455 verifying that you have an urgent medical situation

**Email Address:** [step@stepcorp.org](mailto:step@stepcorp.org)

**Website:** [STEP Transportation : Independent Living : STEP Pathways : STEP, Inc.](http://STEP Transportation : Independent Living : STEP Pathways : STEP, Inc.)

**Name:** American Rescue Workers

**Address:** 643 Elmira Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

**Phone Number:** 570-323-8401

**Website:** [American Rescue Workers - Repurposing Clothing, Shoes, and Lives.](http://American Rescue Workers - Repurposing Clothing, Shoes, and Lives.)

**Name:** River Valley Transit Authority

**Phone Number:** 570-326-2500

**Website:** [River Valley Transit Authority](http://River Valley Transit Authority)

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**A piper and the sound of the bagpipes** helps to direct departed souls towards Heaven's Gates. The walking away symbolizes the piper leading the departed to the Hereafter, yet stopping short of the Gate through which the piper cannot pass.



US Air Force Tartan

### Air Force

This tartan was designed by Arthur Mackie former mill manager at Strathmore Woolen Mills and was subsequently adopted by the Band of the Air Force Reserve at Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia in the early 1990s. This tartan is the earliest US Air Force tartan registered with the Scottish Tartans Society. It should be noted that while this tartan has no formal Department of the Air Force recognition it has been widely accepted through universal usage as a representative military tartan design.

### Marine Corps

This tartan was designed by Bob Hall and R.H. MacLeod. The Red and Yellow colors in the sett symbolize the colors of the Corps' Battle Flag. The Green color memorializes the color of the Corps' herringbone utility uniform worn by Marines in their iconic and heroic island-hopping campaigns of World War II. The Blue color symbolizes the close partnership of the Marine Corps with the U.S. Navy and the Corps' historic legacy as Warriors from the Sea. The Marine Corps 'Leathernecks' tartan was accredited with the Scottish Tartans Society in 1985



US Marines Leatherneck Tartan

## US Coast Guard

This tartan is unique in that it is endorsed by Headquarters US Coast Guard as the official Service tartan. The design is a variation of the Hamilton clan tartan. This pays homage to the founder of the colonial era Revenue Cutter Service, Alexander Hamilton. The Revenue Cutter Service became the US Coast Guard. This tartan is registered with the Scottish Tartan Authority.



US Coast Guard Tartan

## US Army



US Army Tartan

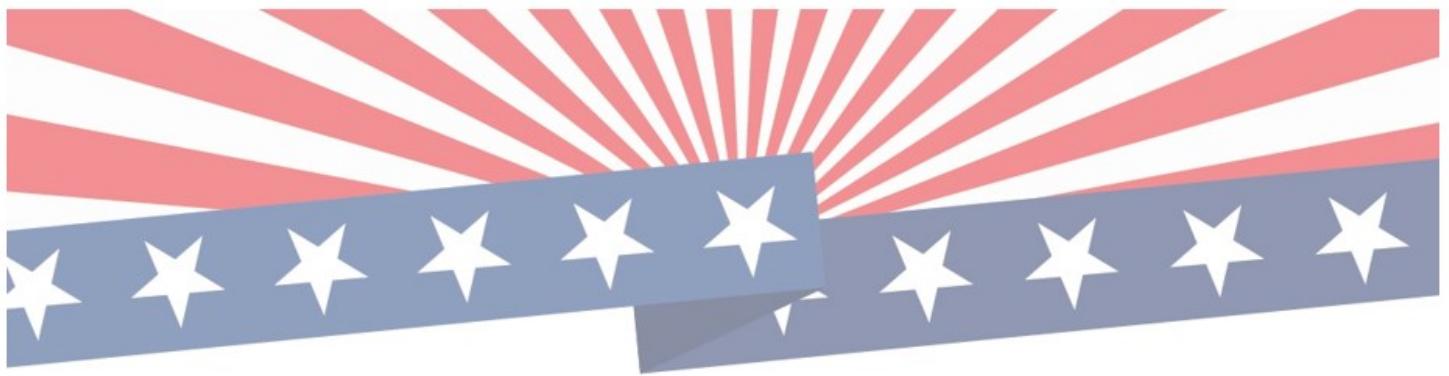
This tartan was designed in conjunction by Raymond Jones and Alexis Malcolm in 2004, as the US Army was the only sector of the US Forces not to have their own tartan. The colors in the design were chosen to represent the uniform of the Army, at that time: Black for the beret; Khaki for the summer uniform; light green for the original special forces uniform; Dark Blue for the original dress uniform; Olive for the BDU combat uniform and Gold to represent the cavalry. This tartan is registered in the Scottish Tartan Society archives. It should be noted that this tartan, nor any other tartan claimed to be associated with any Army Branch, unit or MOS, does not have any official endorsement or recognition by the Department of the Army.

## Navy

First produced in 1985 to recognize the close cooperation between the US military at the Royal Air Force base in Edzell, Angus and the local civilian community. The idea for commemorating this relationship was suggested by a former manager of Strathmore Woollen Mills to the spouse of the CO of the US base at that time. The colors in this tartan recognize the inter Service cooperation by their use in the design: Dark Blue for the US Navy; Light Blue for the US Air Force; Red for the US Marine Corps and US Army and White for the waves of the oceans. This tartan is registered in the Scottish Tartan archives and has become through extensive usage widely accepted as a representative military tartan. It should be noted that this tartan, nor any other tartan claiming to be associated with the US Navy, has no official endorsement or recognition by the Department of the Navy.



US Navy Edzell Tartan



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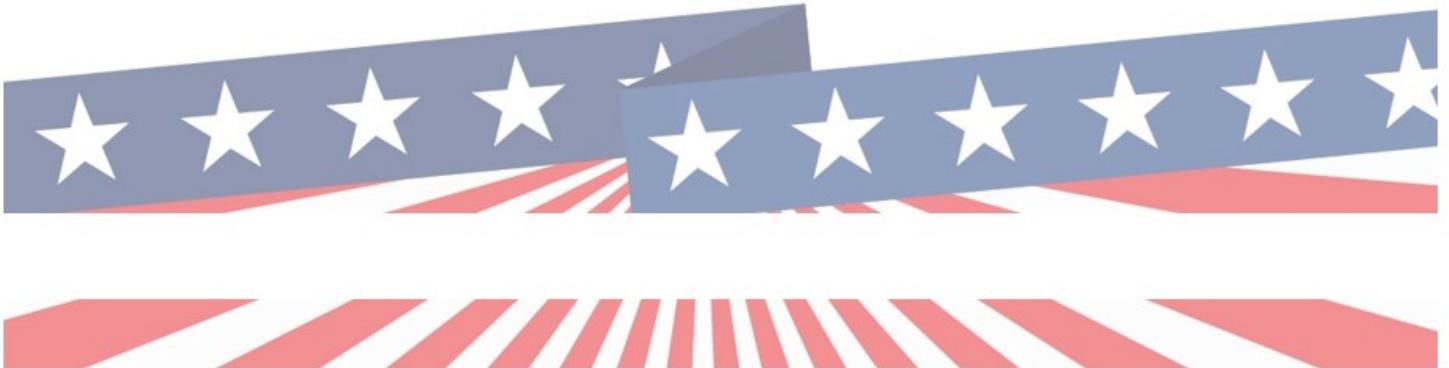
Please feel welcome to bring in patches to place on our “share your patch” board.



### 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



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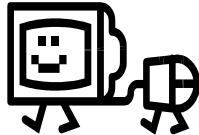
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