



STATE REPRESENTATIVE **JAMIE BARTON** 124TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



LOOKING TO TOUR THE PA CAPITOL? **WE CAN HELP!**

This summer, we're celebrating America's 250th birthday. Communities across the Commonwealth are planning a packed schedule of events for July 3–4 to give us an opportunity to honor the past, while looking forward to the future. I hope these events reignite patriotism and pride in our country.

It's tough to talk about the history of our nation without including the history of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia hosted the First and Second Continental congresses, where delegates from across the colonies coordinated their response to British policies. It was in Pennsylvania that leaders debated independence, formed a united colonial government and eventually approved the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The city later served as the meeting place for the Constitutional Convention in 1787, where delegates crafted the United States Constitution. Many of the nation's most important founding documents were written, debated and signed within Pennsylvania's borders.

Beyond politics, Pennsylvania contributed materially to the Revolutionary cause. Its ironworks, farms and skilled labor force supplied the Continental Army with food, weapons and equipment. Major battles, such as Brandywine and Germantown, took place here, and the harsh winter encampment at Valley Forge became a symbol of endurance and national unity. Through its leadership, resources and influential thinkers like Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania shaped both the ideals and practical foundations of the new nation.

Before the Revolution, Franklin actually served as speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. While you could travel to Philadelphia to visit the Benjamin Franklin Museum, there's another site packed full of history a bit closer to home. The Pennsylvania State Capitol was described by President Theodore Roosevelt as "the handsomest building" he ever saw.

Tours of the historic building, which highlight its artistic and architectural features, as well as provide information about state government, are offered daily for individuals and groups of up to 80 people.

Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more, but all visitors interested in touring the Capitol are encouraged to make reservations through the Capitol tour office. Call the tour office directly at 1-800-868-7672, or call my office at 570-668-1240 and we'll set it up for you. When you call, have your group name, total number of participants and contact information ready.

Tours are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Sunday and most holidays at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The Capitol is closed for tours New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Weekday tours begin at the top of the hour and every half hour. The tours last between 30 and 45 minutes depending on the size of the group.

You may also explore the Capitol using the self-guided tour mobile app available at Google Play and the App Store. Self-guided tours may only be done on regular weekdays.



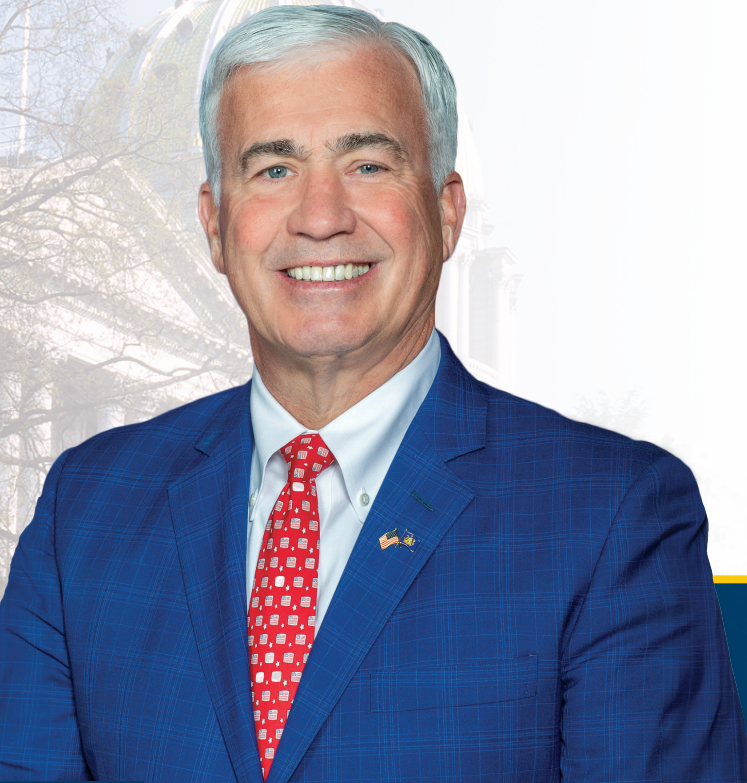
HONORING PA'S **GOLD STAR FAMILIES**

A new memorial paying tribute to fallen military heroes and their families was officially dedicated at the state Capitol this spring. The Gold Star Memorial was created after passage of Act 145 of 2024, which I was honored to support.

This permanent fixture gives Gold Star families a place to gather, reflect, pray and share in fellowship with one another while honoring the sacrifice of their beloved service members. It also serves as a powerful reminder to all of us that our heroes, like the late Captain Jason Jones, live on through the impact they made. We honor the bravery of those who served and the steadfast strength of the families who supported them. Freedom is never free, and we remain forever thankful.

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JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

HARD-TO-READ LICENSE PLATE EVENT

Friday, June 12, 3–6 p.m. | Cabela's Parking Lot, 100 Cabela Drive, Hamburg

This event will help folks get free replacements for peeling, faded or damaged license plates. All you have to do is stop by with your vehicle, the damaged plate and your registration. Officers will inspect the plate, and if you qualify for a free replacement, my team will help you fill out the paperwork.

RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Schuylkill Haven Area High School, 501 E. Main St., Schuylkill Haven

This is a great opportunity to dispose of old, broken and unwanted electronic items. Certain items like computers, smartphones and tablets can be recycled for free. Other items like televisions, monitors and air conditioning units require a fee. For a full list of the fees, please visit RepBarton.com/Events.

ICE CREAM AND ISSUES

Thursday, July 9, 5–6 p.m.

Leiby's Ice Cream House and Restaurant, 848 W. Penn Pike, Tamaqua

Sen. Dave Argall and I want to hear your thoughts and questions about our state government. No state-related issue is off limits! Please RSVP by calling 570-668-1240.

SPORTSMEN'S EXPO

Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kempton Community Center, 83 Community Center Drive, Kempton

I'm bringing together a wide range of vendors and organizations focused on hunting, fishing, conservation and outdoor recreation to create a one-stop shop for hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts!