

# JANUARY/FEBRUARY REPORT

## From The Commander's Desk

Greetings, though the year 2011 will undoubtedly offer many difficult challenges I am optimistic that Naomi Chapter 15 will continue to be there for disabled veterans in need. As a new Congress convenes this January we must be ever vigilant, making sure the benefits we earned because of damage to body, limb and/or mind are not decimated. We must constantly remind our representatives in Washington that the well earned benefits enjoyed by disabled veterans should not be bundled with partisan targets labeled as candidates for the budget ax. We must remind Congress that any increase in funding of the VA budget must meet the increased needs brought by new users of the VA health system because of combat in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots around the world. The growing number of homeless veterans appearing on our streets is one of the reasons Naomi Chapter 15 continues to support Philadelphia Stand Down with an annual donation and volunteer labor at its annual event.. Any program we embrace will cost money, that means we will be asking for membership support. That support can be in the form of the buying of a ticket, the giving of a donation to our Hospital Service Fund, or volunteering your service in any way. Any membership help will be acknowledged and appreciated. Another project on our 2011 agenda is increased membership attendance at our monthly chapter meetings. Come out and contribute — come out and be heard.



### • Expiring Enrollment Window

Combat veterans discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003 who have not enrolled in VA's health care system may be in danger of losing eligibility to take advantage an enhanced enrollment window that expires January 27, 2011. Enrollment provides veteran cost-free hospital care, medical services and nursing home care for any illness related to combat service. Vets can enroll online at [www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez](http://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez), or by contacting VA at 1 877 222-VETS (8387), mailing an application to, or applying in person to their local VA health care facility/medical center

### Suicide Prevention

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has a service for veterans in crisis. Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to be connected immediately to VA suicide prevention and mental health service professionals

DAV Regional National Service Office  
215 381-3065

### Chapter Meetings

Naomi Chapter 15 meets the fourth Monday of the month at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, University and Woodland Aves. The time is 3:00p.m. on the 3rd floor. If you have any questions please call or write either your Commander or your Adutant/Treasurer at the phone number/address listed on page 1.

DON'T  
FORGET  
YOUR  
VALENTINE!

### Health Info On The Internet

VA has an updated enhanced health portal specifically designed for veterans who are enrolled in a VA facility, registered on My HealthVet and have completed a one-time In-Person Authentication (IPA) process. Available 24/7, wherever there is internet access, are: 1. VA prescription refills (by name not just Rx numbers). 2. VA Wellness Reminders. 3. Secure Messaging with health care team (where available) Those registered can now download their personal info that is stored in My HealthVet from a new Blue Button, thereby making it possible for veterans to view, print or save info stored on the site. Further info is available at [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov). For answers to local questions contact your VA facility and ask for the My HealthVet Coordinator. The IPA process must be completed in-person at your local VA facility.

### Support Our Troops



Presidents Day  
February 21, 2011

February Meeting — February 28, 2011