

JANUARY/FEBRUARY REPORT

From The Commander's Desk

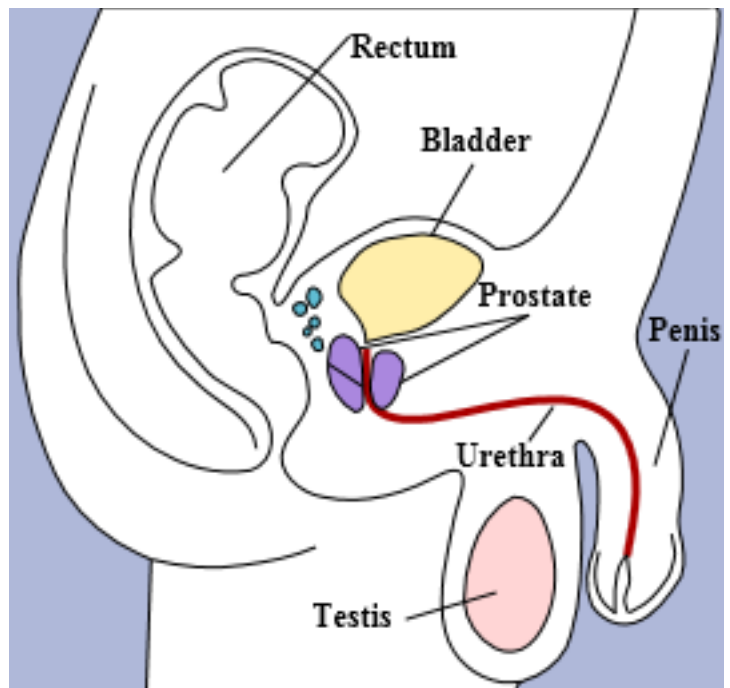
We expect the year 2012 to offer difficult challenges that may threaten the well being of the veterans among us. With the debt crisis and the politics of an election year our future looks anything but certain. Nevertheless, no matter the difficulties ahead, Naomi Chapter 15 will continue to be there 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. That is one reason we scheduled our trip to Washington DC in support of our National Commander's appearance before a congressional committee on February 28, 2012. Your support of that bus trip can give a louder voice to the commander's testimony by showing by the size of our delegation that we support our leader's message --- that the DAV speaks with one voice. The buying of a \$50.00 ticket to Washinton DC can help Naomi Chapter 15 remind congress that veterans care about veterans --- and your presence in that committee room on February 28, 2012 will help make that reminder loud and clear. Also important to me is member participation in chapter affairs. Don't just be a listing on our membership roster --- Come out and contribute — come out and be heard.



New VA Benefits

Servicemembers who suffer severe injuries to the genitourinary organs (see example to the right) will now be eligible for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection or TSGLI. TSGLI provides a one-time payment to Servicemembers sustaining certain severe traumatic injuries resulting in a range of losses, including amputations, limb salvage; paralysis; burns; loss of sight and other traumatic losses. Genitourinary injuries for male and female Servicemembers, are being added to the TSGLI schedule of covered losses. VA also provides health care for genitourinary problems, along with disability compensation for cases of service-related injuries or illnesses involving genitourinary organs. Eligibility will be retroactive to the beginning of the 'Global War On Terror' (Oct 7, 2001).. For more info or to apply for a TSGLI payment go to <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm> or contact your branch of service TSGLI office (available at link) or your Chapter, Department or National Service officer.

Genitourinary System



Support Our Troops

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 Aduant/Treasurer at the phone number/address listed on page 1.



Presidents Day
February 20, 2012

February Meeting — February 27, 2012