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NEWSLETTER

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New Member Welcome

A hearty welcome to twelve (12) new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Newsletter were Comrades Jaun R. Anderson, David J. Cleghorn, Allen C. Davis, Paul M. Galasso, Gregory S. Jefferson, Timothy N. Johnson, Gregory A. Kennedy, Francis Morton, Harry B. Murray, Jesse C. Singleton, Stephen C. Uchniat and Edward L. Williams. Welcome - **Come out and get involved.**



Sickness and Distress

Get well wishes to Comrades George Murphy, Donald Daniels, Ronald Daniels, Frank Beck, Julius Bennett, Eugene Alexander, Odessa Thrower, Dan McIntosh and James Waddell who have been reported under the weather. We extend condolences and a last salute to the family and friends of Comrades John P. Atkinson and Anthony Parozzi who passed away - they will be sorely missed. We also extend condolences to Adjutant Byrd who lost a sister and Commander Johnson who lost an uncle. If you hear of sickness or distress give Chaplain Chappelle a call at 215 357-5785

Mid-Winter Conference Trip On Tap

Naomi Chapter 15 will sponsor a one (1) day trip to Wash. DC on Feb. 25, 2014 in support of our National Commander's testimony before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees. The trip will also allow all to schedule a meeting with their local congressional representative to lobby for their support of legislation of interest to veterans of America's wars. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m from the parking area in the Olney Plaza at Front and Olney. Ticket cost will be \$50.00 ---- for further info call the chapter office and/or contact Leonard Johnson 267 254-9097

Newsletter Fund Donations

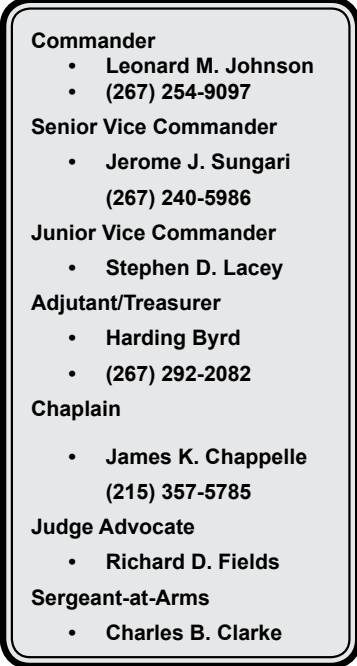
Commander Johnson and the entire membership of Naomi Chapter 15 send our thanks to those who responded to our request for donations to our Newsletter Fund. Special thanks for generous donations from Comrades Robert W. Gillard, Francis W. O'Donnell, John Berry, Joseph R. Panichelli, Earl T. Rose, Raymond J. Kent, Albert Burlikowski, Marion McDonald, Robert E. Kane, Lindsie R. Whitted, and George G. Rodgers.

Naomi Support for Hospitalized Veterans

Naomi is proud to announce the donation of \$500.00 to the Voluntary Services Program at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. Commonly referred to as VAVS, this program supports volunteer activities vital to the recovery of hospitalized veterans.

CLC Hospital Parties

Commander Johnson recently announced chapter support for DAV sponsored events (hospital parties) at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center's Community Living Center (CLC). Formerly known as the VA Nursing Home, CLC services the short term care, rehab, chemo/radiation tx, respite stays and palliative/hospice care of eligible veterans. On December 18, 2013 the 13 chapter, Delaware Valley, 3rd District DAV team hosted a bingo party at CLC that Naomi Chapter 15 fully supported.



Care — Volunteer



M. L. King, Jr. Day
 January 20, 2014



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY REPORT

From The Commander's Desk

Greetings, though the year 2014 will undoubtedly offer many difficult challenges I am confident that Naomi Chapter 15 will continue to be there for disabled veterans in need. As a new Congress convenes, 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 on by new users of the VA health system because of combat in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots around the world. VA hospital parties, women veterans, the VAVS program and the homeless veterans in our midst are among the targets of our efforts to support veterans in need. 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, or volunteering your service in any way. Any membership help will be acknowledged and appreciated. Another project on our 2014 agenda is increased membership attendance at our monthly chapter meetings. Come out and contribute — come out and be heard.



New PVAMC Director



Commander Johnson and Naomi Chapter 15 welcomes Daniel D. Hendee, FACHE, Philadelphia VA Medical Center's (PVAMC) new director.

New Meeting Location

Because of VA Medical Center renovations Naomi Chapter 15 now meets in the Social Services Room on the 7th floor (7A141). Time is the same, 3:00 pm, and the day is still the 4th Monday. See you there.

VA Toll-Free Number
1-800-827-1000

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 7th 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.

DON'T
FORGET
YOUR
VALENTINE!

VA Crisis Line

Veterans with serious problems can find help nearer than they might think. Help is as near as the nearest phone, or website. The Crisis line number is (800) 273-8255 (Press1). You can use that line to text (838255) a message or chat online at <http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net>

VA, Women Veterans and Homelessness

VA is taking steps to improve and expand services for women Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Many women Veterans face challenges when returning to civilian life that are different from those of their male counterparts, including raising children on their own or dealing with the psychological after effects of events such as military sexual trauma. These issues, without intervention, can put women Veterans at greater risk of becoming homeless. This makes VA's efforts to provide housing and health care support all the more critical. It is a challenge VA continues to embrace. For more info on this or other programs benefiting women veterans contact Commander Johnson and/or Naomi's Women Veterans Committee.



Presidents Day
February 17, 2014

February Meeting — February 24, 2014