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## Disabled American Veterans Naomi Chapter 15 — Philadelphia, PA

# NEWSLETTER

March/April 2014

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*Easter Greetings*  
TO ONE AND ALL

March Meeting

March 24, 2014

### Hospital Party Scheduled

Naomi Chapter 15 will sponsor a party for hospitalized veterans at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center on March 27. The party will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the 7th floor Social Activities room (7A141). Refreshments will be served while patients take their chances playing bingo using the system donated by all (including Naomi) Philadelphia County DAV chapters. Come out and join us — show you care!

### Sickness and Distress

Regretfully we render our last salute to fallen comrades, Samuel A. Andersen, John D. Bricker, Junius R. Clayton, Ralph C. Gade Krock, Thomas W. Jadach, Michael G. Ludvik, Thomas M. Lund, Joseph J. McShane, Peter Paskowsky, Herman Slade and Henry K. Valentine. All were resourceful dedicated warriors who served family, friends, and country well. We send get well wishes to those under the weather including George Murphy, Dan McIntosh, James Waddell, Donald Daniels, Julius Bennett, Ronald Speight, Payton Forrest, William A. DeBerry and Eugene Alexander. Anyone having knowledge of the sickness, distress or death of any of our members is requested to notify Chaplain Chappelle at (215) 387-5785.

### New Member Welcome



A hearty welcome to six (6) new members of DAV and Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Newsletter were Comrades Craig Custer, Albert Falba, Harold Jones, Kevin M. Kelly, Michael G. Minor and Carl Simmons -- Welcome - **Come out and get involved.**

### D.C. Bus Trip Huge Success

On February 25, 2014 Naomi Chapter 15 sponsored a bus trip to our nation's capitol. The trip was scheduled to allow our membership, and a number of our friends, to support our National Commander during his testimony before a joint congressional committee on veterans affairs. We are happy to announce that the trip was a success, our mission was accomplished and we look forward to 2015 confident that veterans benefits are safer when all of us insist that our message be heard.

### Your Chapter Appreciates Your Support

Member support of Naomi's Newsletter Fund, and other projects as scheduled are appreciated. We acknowledge recent generous contributions from Louis H. Camagna and Harry T. Crafton. We also acknowledge and appreciate contributions given anonymously at chapter meetings as well as the following who donated in support of our February 25, 2014 bus trip to Washington DC: Samuel Blow, Jr., Antonio Simon, Darrick Jenkins, Harry T. Crafton, Willie A. Smart, Harding Byrd, Ray Lewis, Odessa Thrower, Payton Forrest and Roland King.



## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

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# March/April Report

## From The Commander's Desk

Greetings Comrades, In case you missed the bus, on February 25, 2014 Naomi sponsored a trip to Washington DC in support of our National Commander as he advocated for continued budgetary support of the needs of veterans of America's wars during testimony before a joint committee of Congress. We thank those who supported us, and encourage those who didn't to get on board. The next benefit cut may be your own. The VA is seeking volunteers to help with the upcoming 'Wheel Chair Games'. I ask interested parties to give me a call. Naomi supports the April 'Testimonial' celebrating the tremendous job done by one of our own, Department Commander Samuel Blow, Jr., during the 2013 - 2014 membership year. I urge you to join us at the Doubletree Hotel in Plymouth Meeting April 11, 2014. Tickets are an affordable \$40.00, so give me a call --- 267 254-9097. Our next VA 'hospital party is scheduled for March 27 -- see you there. Let me remind you, there are deserving hospitalized veterans who could benefit from those spare minutes that are a part of what you may consider to be a busy day. The VA Volunteer Services Program is seeking volunteers who can spare time and skills to help veterans get through a difficult day. Show you care -- Volunteer! I also want to thank those of you who have sent in donations to help Naomi help veterans We could not do it without you. Thanks -- See you in May



### Service Officer Report

VA has announced the issuance of a new Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC). The new card will include increased security and the emblem of your latest branch of service. The VHIC will be automatically issued to veterans presently enrolled in the VA health care system who have the old Veteran identification card (VIC). For info on this or any other benefit related matter please contact our Chapter Service Officer, Leonard Johnson, 267 254-9097.

### Veterans Advisory Commission

The Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission is located on the first floor of City Hall, Room 127. The phone # is 215 686-3256, the contact person is Joyce McKeown. Drop by for info on city, county and state benefits.

### National Wheelchair Games

The 34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Philadelphia August 12 - 17, 2014. A multi-event sports and rehabilitation program for military service Veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or other neurological disorders, the Games attract more than 500 athletes each year. For further info contact Leonard Johnson 267 254-9097.

### My HealtheVet

A nifty online access is available for veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care System. After you have completed the registration process you can renew prescriptions online, print available lab results and interact with your primary. For more info contact Len Johnson at 267 254-9097.

### Chapter Meetings

Your Chapter meets the fourth Monday at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, University and Woodland Aves. The time is 3p.m, the location is the 7th floor (7A141). 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.

### Department Commander Testimonial

Commander Johnson and Naomi Chapter 15 extends to all an invitation to join us at the Doubletree Hotel, 640 Fountain Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA, April 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate the tremendous job done by one of our own, Department Commander Samuel Blow, Jr. The Testimonial Dinner will be a deserved tribute to salute our Past Chapter Commander who has led the Department of PA, DAV for the 2013 - 2014 membership year. Tickets are an affordable \$40.00, the menu gives a choice of Chicken Oscar or Roast Prime Rib of Beef, DJ entertainment, and a Cash Bar (Free Beer or Soda) will be available. For tickets and further info contact Commander Leonard Johnson, 267 254-9097 or the chapter office, 267 292-2082

### Chapter Website

<http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/Pa/15/default.aspx>

### Just A Reminder

Just a reminder ---- your chapter needs your help. We are in need of your support in the form of any donation you can afford to give. Help us help others ---- help us make difference. Give what you can afford.

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

### Nominations and Elections Set

Nominations for election of chapter officers for the 2014/2015 organizational year will be in order at the March 24, 2014 chapter meeting. Nomination and election of officers for the same term will be in order at the April 28, 2014 chapter meeting

Phila. Regional DAV NSO Phone Number  
**215 381-3065**



April Meeting — April 28, 2014

