



Disabled American Veterans Naomi Chapter 15 — Philadelphia, PA

NEWSLETTER

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May/June 2013

New Member Welcome

A hearty welcome to 11 new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Naomi Newsletter were Lamont K. Bunn, Wayne Byman, Patrick W. Cavaleri, Walter R. Collins, Lautic P. Fordham, GTarrick O. Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, William M. McElroy, Dennis P. Smith and Clifton J. Weldon. Eddie W. Gray and Raymond A. Moody transferred in from other chapters. Welcome - come out and get acquainted. **Come out and get involved.**



Sickness and Distress

Regretfully we render our last salute to fallen comrades, Arthur N. Aicher, Joseph J. CDrowther, Mathew A. Dymek, Thomas J. Edinger, Bruno C. Terlizzi and Past Naomi Chapter 15 Commander Norman Wright. — They will be sorely missed. Reported under the weather were Comrades Bryan Hunter, James Waddell, Donald O. Daniels, Ronald Daniels, Eugene Alexzander, Ronald Daniels, Charles B. Clarke, George W. Murphy, Odessa Thrower, Dan McIntosh, Frank Beck and Julius Bennett. Get well wishes to all! Anyone having knowledge of the sickness, distress or death affecting any of our members is requested to notify Chaplain Chappelle (215) 387-5785.

Memorial Day — Remembering Our Own

Memorial day is celebrated annually in honor of our fallen comrades who have departed this life after gallant unselfish service in defense of this the greatest country in the world. Traditionally marked by parades, speeches, ceremonies and the decoration of graves, the last Monday in May is the official day dedicated to the remembrance of America's departed military heroes.



The official ceremony will be observed by the placing of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Locally your Philadelphia County Council, DAV/DAVA, will sponsor services at the Philadelphia National Cemetery, Haines Street and Limekiln Pike

at 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 2013. Come out, join your fellow chapter members, as we remember our own.

New Officers Elected and Installed

New officers were elected and installed at the April 22, 2013 chapter meeting. We welcome the new leadership team headed by Leonard Johnson as newly elected commander of Naomi Chapter 15. Tenure for all Naomi Chapter 15 officers is for the 2013/2014 membership year. A list of principal chapter officers appears in the organizational box, upper left page 1. Questions about the leadership team should be directed to the chapter address/phone # listed above.

Happy Father's Day



June 16, 2013

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May/June Report

From The Commander's Desk

Greetings Comrades, this is the last issue of our newsletter until after the July/August summer break. Your next newsletter will come to you in September 2013. The Chapter will meet on June 24, 2013 and then no meetings during July and August. The chapter will not meet but the chapter office will be open if you need to get in touch with us. Keep in mind, due to the Memorial Day holiday the chapter will meet early on May 20 instead of May 27, 2013. I urge you to come out to the DAV/DAVA Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery at Haines Street and Limekiln Pike in Northwest Philadelphia May 27, 2013 at 10:00 am. Help Naomi pay tribute to America's heroes who are no longer with us. I tip my hat to all who have supported Naomi sponsored hospital parties at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. Our next party is scheduled for May 23, 2013 — I hope you are there. A project I would like your help with is Naomi sponsored parties at the local VA Community Living Center (CLC). Formerly known as the VA Nursing Home, this facility can easily exist under the radar as the home of veterans who have no place else to go. I intend to educate the community about the new environment at VA CLC'S while brightening the lives of its residents with parties that show its residents that Naomi cares. Keep your eyes and ears open for drives and rallies in support of our efforts to convince Congress that veteran's benefits should be adequately funded. We continue to search for new members. We could use your help. Another project on our 2013 - 14 agenda is increased membership attendance at our monthly chapter meetings. Come out and contribute — come out and be heard. Thanks for helping us make the last membership year so successful — it could not have happened without you.



National Convention In Orlando

The 92nd National DAV/DAVA convention is set for the Hilton Orlando in Orlando FL, August 10 - 13, 2013. Chapter delegates will be selected at the May 20, 2013 chapter meeting.

Philadelphia DAV Regional Service Office
215 381-3065

Department Convention in June

The 83rd Annual Department of Pennsylvania DAV/DAVA Convention will be held at the Clarion Hotel, New Cumberland, PA, June 20 -- 22, 2013. Chapter delegates will be selected at the May 20, 2013 chapter meeting.

Chapter Website

The chapter website is up and running. Website address is <http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/pa/15/default.aspx>. Check us out.

Hospital Party Scheduled

Our next hospital party is scheduled for May 23, 2013. Bingo, refreshments and comradie for all will be offered to many deserving hospitalized veterans. If you have a couple free hours we would welcome your support. 7:00 p.m. 3rd floor multipurpose-room, PVAMC.



Flag Day

June 14, 2013

Chapter Meeting Date Change

Due to Memorial Day falling on the 4th Monday in May, Naomi Chapter 15 will meet on the 3rd Monday in May, May 20, 2013, at 3:00 pm, in the 3rd floor Multi-Purpose Room Phila. VA Medical Center.

Report all benefit claim questions to Chapter Service Officer Leonard Johnson, --- 267 254-9097



Happy Mother's Day

May 12, 2013

DC Bus Trip Donations Appreciated

Team Leader Leonard Johnson wants to express Naomi Chapter 15's appreciation for our members and friends' support of the February 26, 2013 Naomi sponsored bus trip to Washington DC. That support allowed us to sponsor that trip for a nominal fee without putting excessive strain on our budget. We could not have done it without you!

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June Meeting

June 24, 2013

No Meetings July/August — Next Newsletter September 2013