



Disabled American Veterans Naomi Chapter 15 — Philadelphia, PA

NEWSLETTER

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New Member Welcome

A hearty welcome to 4 new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Naomi Newsletter were Johnny Aponte, Larry D. Holman and Carl Simmons. Jonathan J. Purnell transferred in from another chapter. Welcome - come out and get acquainted. **Come out and get involved.**



Sickness and Distress

Regretfully we render our last salute to fallen Comrades, Julius Dorfman, William J. Farrell, Marion E. McDonald, Joseph M. O Bara, Dante J. Perilli, Thomas R. Sansom, Robert Sollenberger and Gerald J. Venters— They will be sorely missed. Reported under the weather were Comrades Bryan Hunter, James Waddell, Donald O. Daniels,, Eugene Alexander, Ronald B. Speight, Loveinu Simmons, Frank Beck, Edward Nicholson, George W. Murphy, Dan McIntosh, William DeBerry, Payton Forrest 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 Cason (267) 838-6538..

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 26, 2014. Come out, join your fellow chapter members, as we remember our own.

Officers Elected and Installed

Officers were elected and installed at the April 28, 2014 chapter meeting. We welcome the new leadership team headed by Leonard Johnson who was reelected Commander of Naomi Chapter 15. Tenure for all Naomi Chapter 15 officers is for the 2014/2015 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 15, 2014

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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 2014. The Chapter will meet on June 23, 2014 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 19 instead of May 26, 2014. 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 26, 2014 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 22, 2014 — 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 2014 - 15 agenda is increased membership attendance at our monthly chapter meetings. Come out and contribute — come out and be heard.



National Convention In Orlando

The 93rd National DAV/DAVA convention is set for Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nev, August 9 - 12, 2014. Chapter delegates will be selected at the May 19, 2014 and June 23, 2014 chapter meetings.

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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 22, 2014. 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. 7th floor Activities Room, PVAMC.



Flag Day

June 14, 2014

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 19, 2014, at 3:00 pm, in the 7th floor Activities Room Phila. VA Medical Center.

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

Department Convention in June

The 84th Annual Department of Pennsylvania DAV/DAVA Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Plymouth Meeting, PA. Chapter delegates will be selected at the May 19, 2014 chapter meeting.



Happy Mother's Day

May 11, 2014

New Director of Veteran's Commission

City Council President Darrell Clarke has appointed US Naval Veteran Scott Brown as the Director of Philadelphia's Veterans Advisory Commission. Director Brown served with the Helicopter Squadron 13 while aboard the USS Briscoe DD 977 Destroyer and numerous Military Bases during the Gulf War and Iraqi Efreedom. Commander Johnson and Naomi Chapter 15 welcomes this innovative voice and futuristic visionary as a partner as we labor thru 2014, 'The Year of The Veteran'.



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June Meeting

June 23, 2014

No Meetings July/August — Next Newsletter September 2014