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New Member Welcome

A hearty welcome to 16 new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Naomi Newsletter were Mary E. Aff, Leonard Bryant, Edward S. Bucci, Robert DiSciullo, Thomas J. Donnelly, Edward P. Foster, Troy J. Hamilton, Lee R. Johnson, Casper J. Kirsch, Fred J. Martinez, Albert P. Mikutis, Romaldo Sciambi, Richard Small and Earnell Steed. Raphael R. Perez and Henry B. Spady 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, Joseph 'Taxi Joe' Boyd, Elwood Davis, Charles F Edelman, John E. Joniec, John R. Kaczor, Joseph C. Lawn, Robert D. MacDonald, William C Schmid and Abe Smith, — They will be sorely missed. Reported under the weather were Comrades Bryan Hunter, Julius Bennett, Donald O. Daniels,, Eugene Alexander, Haskell Carter, Lawrence Bolling, Gregory Cason, James Abram, Bernard Teel, Willie A. Smart, Payton Forrest, John L. Branson and Al Ziegler 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 (215) 229-6819.

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 25, 2015. Come out, join your fellow chapter members, as we remember our own.



Member Support Appreciated

Member support of Naomi's Newsletter Fund, February 24, 2015 bus trip to Washington DC and other projects as scheduled is appreciated. We acknowledge and appreciate the following who have been generous in their recent support; Jon P. McWilliams, John Berry, Robert Dudo, Frank L Risco, Sharon Forte, Johnny Aponte, Rose Aponte, Barbara Osborne, Stephen D. Lacey, Gwendolyn Sizemore ITF Gerry Sizemore, Joseph R. Panichelli, Haskell Carter, Antonio Simon, Derrick Jenkins, Lawrence Bolling, William DeBerry, John Douglas, Johnson Miles, Ralph Perez, Flint Jackson, Albert P. Mikutis, Harding Byrd, Ulysses A. Whittaker, Edgar Parker, Allen Zeigler, Jerome Bundy and William Howard.

Care — Volunteer



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Happy Father's Day



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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 2015. The Chapter will meet on June 22, 2015 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 18 instead of May 25, 2015. 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 25, 2015 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 28, 2015 — I hope you are there. Those who missed the VA Town Hall missed a golden opportunity to talk to VA about issues that concern you. Senior executives from VAMC, the Regional Office and Washington Crossing National Cemetery were available to address your concerns. Naomi proudly co-hosted the February 25, 2015 VA Town Hall that turned out to be a success. Elections will be held at the May 18, 2015 meeting. Come out and help choose the 2015/2016 Leadership team. 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 2015 - 16 agenda will be increased membership attendance at our monthly chapter meetings. Come out and contribute — come out and be heard.



National Convention In Denver

The 94th National DAV/DAVA convention is set for Sheraton Downtown Denver, Denver CO, August 8 - 11, 2015. Chapter delegates will be selected at the May 18, 2015 and June 22, 2015 chapter meetings.

Philadelphia DAV Regional Service Office
215 381-3065

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 28, 2015. Bingo, refreshments and camaraderie for all will be offered to 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, 2015

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 18, 2015, at 3:30 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 85th Annual Department of Pennsylvania DAV/DAVA Convention will be held at the Wyndham Garden Exton Valley Forge, Exton, PA, June 18 - 20, 2015. Chapter delegates will be selected at the May 19, 2014 chapter meeting.



Happy Mother's Day

May 10, 2015

New Bill For Military Survivors

Representative Joe Wilson (R-SC) recently introduced H.R. 1594, the Military Surviving Spouse Act. The bill repeals a law known as the 'widows tax,' -- an unfair penalty that forces thousands of military survivors to forfeit their earned benefits. Under current law, military survivors forfeit all, or part, of their military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity when receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Act now to lend your support to the elimination of the SBP - DIC offset --- contact Legislative Director Larry D. Holman, (215) 601-6263

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June Meeting

June 22, 2015

No Meetings July/August — Next Newsletter September 2015