# 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 2016. The Chapter will meet on June 27, 2016 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. 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 30, 2016 at 10:00 am. Featured speakers will be Gregory J. Whitney, Director, Washington National Cemetery and Erik J. Glover, Associate Director, Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center (CMCVAMC). I tip my hat to all who have supported Naomi sponsored hospital parties at the CMCVAMC. Our next party is scheduled for May 26, 2016 — I hope you are there. Elections was held at the April 25, 2016 meeting — the new leadership team is listed on the upper side of page one (1). To better organize our fund raising efforts we are introducing three (3) new fund raising levels —— 1. Bronze — (\$0.00 — \$49.99) 2. Gold — (\$50 — \$499.00) 3. Platinum —— (\$500.00 —

\$500.00+). 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 2016 - 17 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 95th National DAV/DAVA convention is set for Hyatt Regency Atlanta on Peachtree Street, Atlanta GA, July 31 --- August 3, 2016. Chapter delegates will be selected at the May 23, 2016 and June 27, 2016 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 26, 2016. Refreshments and camaraderie for all will be offered to deserving hospitalized veterans. If you have a couple free hours we would welcome your support. We assemble in the 1st floor Pharmacy area around 6:30 p.m. ---- see you there



Flag Day
June 14, 2016

#### **Chapter Meetings**

Naomi Chapter 15 meets the 4th Monday of each month at the CMCVAMC, 3900 Woodland Ave. The time is 3:30 p.m. and the room is 7A141 (rear) on the 7th floor.. For further info call the chapter office.

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

### **Department Convention In June**

The 86th Annual Department of Pennsylvania DAV/DAVA Convention will be held at the Ambassador Center, Erie PA, June 9 - 11, 2016. Chapter delegates were selected at the April 25, 2016 chapter meeting.



Happy Mother's Day May 8, 2016

## **New Chaplain On Board**

Meet the newest member of Naomi's leadership team. Rev. Gilbert Hatcher, our newly elected Chaplain, is a



Vietnam War veteran who rose to the rank of captain during his tour of duty. A certified chaplain with coursework at two storied Theological Seminaries, Chaplain Hatcher has on his resume 30 years as a corporate executive and over 17 years in full time

ministry. You can contact Chaplain Hatcher by voice or text at (215) 301-9232

#### **Free Legal Services**

Veterans 60 and older who are in need of legal services related to Housing Issues, Elder Abuse, Family Law, Consumer Issues or Public Benefits (VA/etc.) should contact the Senior Law Center, (215) 988-1244/www.seniorlawcenter.org.

## **June Meeting**

June 27, 2016

No Meetings July/August — Next Newsletter September 2016