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Sickness and Distress

Our condolences, and last salute to the family and friends of Comrades Johnnie L. Barker, Nicholas A. Nero, Charles P. O'Donnell, Fred W. Sherman and James W. Thompson who passed away. Eugene Alexander, Payton Forrest, Willie A. Smart, Stephen D. Lacey, Randolph D'Adamo, Yahya Abdullah-Aziz, David E. Graves, Odessa E. Thrower, Flnt Jackson, Lawrence J. Bolling, William A. DeBerry, Alfred Ray, Johnny Aponte, Carlton Belfield, and Anthony A. Schultz have been reported as under the weather. Anyone having knowledge of the sickness, distress or death of any of our members is asked to text same to Chaplain Hatcher at 215 301-9232



New Member Welcome

A hearty welcome to 13 new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Naomi Newsletter were Comrades Robert B. Barley, Allen R. Dorsey, Stephen E. Driver, Bernard Hicks, Larry Nelson, Alfred Ray, Samuel D Robinson, Michael L. Shockey, Tieraney Simmons, Robert Thomas, Tryone Thurmond and Billy C. Winston..James L. Malone transferred in from another chapter. **Welcome - Come**



out and get acquainted! Come out and get involved.

Donation Request

Naomi Chapter 15's efforts in support of veterans in our midst cost money. Whether its the homeless in our midst, partnerships with Vet Centers, the parent VA Medical Center, Stand Down or our local Veteran Service Organizations, Naomi is there. Couple those costs with the price of the design, production and distribution of this newsletter and you can appreciate Naomi Chapter 15, DAV's need to raise money. In short Comrade, we ask for your support --- *Please help the cause --- Donate To Naomi Now!*

2017 COLA

In case you have not heard, the 2017 COLA is 0.3%. That is \$0.30 per \$100.00 or \$3.00 per \$1,000.00. That means if you get \$4,000.00 a month you can expect a \$12.00 monthly raise during 2017. You do have one advantage over your senior neighbor, your check will not be rounded down to the lower dollar, if the arithmetic says \$0.79 you will get \$0.79. Do not spend it all in the same place.

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November/December Report

From The Commander's Desk

Greetings Comrades, on behalf of my entire leadership team I want to extend to all glad tidings and heartfelt sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season. As we enjoy the exchange of gifts with family and friends, let's not forget the unfortunate among us. This is particularly true of the homeless veterans living on the streets of the nation. Let them know we care — give generously, you will help a comrade make it through another day. Look around the neighborhood, identify the truly needy and respond. Naomi Chapter 15 continues to seek ways to better serve our membership - if you have a suggestion, give me a call --- all input is welcome. *Those seeking info on the status of legislation affecting local, state or federal veterans benefits are invited to contact our Legislative Chairman Larry D. Holman, . Ask him about his blog - give him your email address. The Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center (VAMC) could use your help servicing the needs of hospitalized veterans. Give me a call --- volunteer your services -- help us make a difference. We ask that you keep us in your prayers..*



*Be a Santa helper, help make this a merry Christmas for a child in need. **Remember, no meeting in December** — see you at the next meeting in January — and then on to new challenges in the year ahead.*

Q. What is a SpeciallyAdapted Housing (SAH) Grant
A. The SAH Grant is designed to help provide a barrier-free living environment that supports a level of independence the claimant would not otherwise enjoy, such as a wheelchair accessible home. Check for details --- Service Officer - 267 254-9097

Q. What is a Special Home Adaptation (SHA) Grant
A. The SHA Grant helps modify an existing home to meet adaptive needs, such as assistance with mobility throughout the home. Veterans and servicemembers with specific service-connected disabilities may qualify. A temporary grant may be available to qualified applicants who/are temporarily living in a home owned by a family member. Details -- VA - 800 827-1000 --- (Naomi) -- 267 254-9097

Elder Care Benefits for Veterans

Many veterans and/or their families are not aware of the elder care benefits available through veterans health care, state veterans homes, home renovation grants (HISA Grants) or 2 disability income programs called Compensation and Pension. One program, called 'Veterans Pension' or commonly known as 'Veterans Aid and Attendance Benefit', can be used to pay for 'assisted living' for the veteran or the veteran's spouse. It can also be used for nursing home care for the veteran or his spouse. For detailed info contact Leonard Johnson, 267-254-9097.

DC Bus Trip

Put this on your calendar! February 28, 2017 is the date for Naomi Chapter 15's sponsored trip to Wash. DC. See Cmdr. Leonard Johnson (267-254-9097) for tickets which are just \$50.00 round trip. Support your National Commander's testimony before Congress.

Naomi Chapter 15 Web Site

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



VETERAN'S DAY



eBenefits - Gateway To Benefit Info

The Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have partnered to offer veterans, service members or family members a redesigned pathway to vital benefit information. Online filing of claims is only one of the valuable benefits available on-site at www.eBenefits.va.gov. In order to take full advantage of your online experience you must register. In order to register you must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). For further info on registration and/or use of the site contact Leonard Johnson 267 254-9097.

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Chapter Meetings

Naomi Chapter 15 meets the fourth Monday of the month at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center, University and Woodland Aves. The time is 3:30 p.m, the location is the 7th floor. If you have any questions please call or write, either your Commander or your Adutant/Treasurer, at the phone number/address listed on page 1.

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Be Fit — Exercise



Seasons Greetings

No Meeting in December — Happy Holidays