

# 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 sponsor hospital parties on the third floor of the Philadelphia VAMC. Check for our schedule and come out and help brighten the life of a hospitalized comrade. *We are asking our members and friends to help us to bear the cost of producing and distributing this newsletter. A donation from you will ensure that we can continue to keep you informed. Also, remember November 8 is election day. Please vote! Support those who support us. 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 — and then on to new challenges in the year ahead.*



### Free Online Personal Health Record

My HealtheVet is a free online personal health record. It is available 24/7, where ever there is Internet access. If you are a VA patient, registered on My HealtheVet and have completed the one-time In-Person Authentication process you can; 1. get your VA Wellness Reminders, 2. view your VA Appointments, 3. where available, participate in Secure Messaging with your health care team. 4. participate in future My HealtheVet features. Use of the VA Blue Button will allow access to recorded Lab + Tests information including newly available VA Chemistry/Hematology test results. (<http://www.myhealth.va.gov>) Run into a problem -- call 1-877- 222-VETS (8387).

### The DD Form 214 and You

The DD 214 provides a concise record of a period of service with the Armed Forces at the time of separation, discharge or change in military status. The form is an authoritative source of information accepted by governmental agencies, the Armed Forces and employers for purposes of employment, benefit and reenlistment data. It is highly recommended that obtain your DD Form 214, that you keep it in a safe place known to others that you trust and that you record it with your County Courthouse so free certified copies will be available for the remainder of your life and will be there for your survivors upon your death.

Meeting Place ---- 3rd Floor, VA Medical Center  
Meeting Time; ---- 3 p.m., November 28, 2011

### Naomi Chapter 15 Web Site

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



CELEBRATE  
VETERAN'S DAY



### Naomi Q & A

**Q.** What is the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

**A.** The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. More detailed information is available from VA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 or at the VA website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

**Q.** What is the Yellow Ribbon Program?

**A.** The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution.

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**Be Fit — Exercise**



**Seasons Greetings**

**No Meeting in December — Happy Holidays**