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# Newsletter

**November/December 2014**

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**2015 COLA 1.7%**

Next year's cost of living allowance (COLA) has been announced as 1.7%. That's 1.7 cents on the dollar, 17 cents on every \$10, 1 dollar seventy cents on every \$100 and \$17 on every \$1,000. Remember you are the only ones that do not get the total rounded down to the next lower dollar. Not what some were looking for but it is better than what we got a few years ago. Don't spend it all in the same place.

**Sickness and Distress**

Our condolences, and last salute to the family and friends of Comrades Ronald W. Cliett, Anthony L. Corrado, George R. Fleck, William J. Gallagher, Chester J. Nalywinski, William M. Parker, William L. Scott, Daniel W. Smith, James Waddell and Charles I. Wheatley who passed away. Eugene Alexander, Julius Bennett, Odessa Thrower, Payton Forrest, Dan Macintosh, Willie A. Smart and George Murphy have been reported as under the weather. Chaplain Cason, speaking for the membership of Naomi Chapter 15, would like to extend condolences to the Hubbard, Hunter and McClendon families who lost a wife, mother, aunt or close relative. We share your grief. Help us keep our Sickness and Distress report up-to-date — report all sickness, distress or death to Chaplain Cason at 215 229-6819



Care — Volunteer



**New Member Welcome**

A hearty welcome to 5 new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Naomi Newsletter were Comrades Richard O. Doughty, Richard M. Fleming, Denyse H. Morales, Timothy S. O'Toole and Gary R. Sherman. Welcome - come out and get acquainted. **Come out and get involved.**

**TV Raffle**

Remember Naomi will be holding a drawing for a 32" LED flat screen HDTV during our next meeting, November 24, 2014. That's right, you could be the winner of a quality TV ideal for your bedroom, office, kitchen or den. Tickets are only \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00 or 7 tickets for \$10.00. You do not have to be present to win, just buy your tickets by mail, 7900 Lindbergh Blvd, Apt 4610. Phila., PA 19153. Make out checks or money orders to Naomi Chapter 15, DAV. Good luck and thanks!!!!



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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. *Remember we have a TV Raffle drawing coming up at our November 24 meeting. A \$2.00 ticket could win you a 32" flat screen HDTV. \$5.00 will get you 3 tickets, \$10.00 will get 7 tickets. Put that check in the mail. Help us help others. The Philadelphia VA Medical Center (PVAMC) 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.*

### Putting Veterans Funding First Act

Military Times and Stars and Stripes are reporting that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has scheduled a floor vote on the bipartisan budget-neutral 'Putting Veterans Funding First Act' during the Lame Duck Session which starts in November after the election. The legislation is designed to provide all Veterans Affairs Department funding a full year in advance, shielding veterans benefits from the negative affects of government shutdowns and/or budget gridlock. Since the companion House bill (H.R. 813) has passed committee and also awaits a floor vote the outlook for Congressional passage is favorable.

### 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 provide up to \$2,788 a month to those who qualify. This program 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 24, 2015 is the date for Naomi Chapter 15's sponsored trip to Wash. DC. See 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>



CELEBRATE  
VETERAN'S DAY  
November 11, 2014



### 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](http://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.

For Info On Legislation Contact

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### Chapter Meetings

Naomi Chapter 15 meets the fourth Monday of the month at the Philadelphia 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**