

# 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 23, 2016 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>



CELEBRATE  
VETERAN'S DAY  
November 11, 2015



### 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.

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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**