

September/October Report

From The Commander's Desk

Greetings Comrades, we start this membership year facing new challenges standing proudly beside new partners with a deeply held resolve to do more for a longer period of time. I regret having to announce the unfortunate injuries suffered by our Department Commander Frieda Shenk during an automobile accident as she was returning from our 2012 Department convention. Speaking for Naomi Chapter 15 and the entire PA Department community I extend to Commander Shenk and her husband Carl, our best wishes for a speedy recovery. I also want to announce the appointment of Comrade Willie A. Smart to serve as Assistant Chaplain. Comrade Smart will assist Chaplain Chappelle in serving the needs of a growing Naomi Chapter 15. I am pleased to also announce our support of VAVS Representative Leonard Johnson's newly introduced initiative that will provide recreational therapy to the residents of the VA Community Living Center (CLC). Please read the article below on his first project and act accordingly. In the future Naomi Chapter 15 will continue to sponsor hospital parties at the PVAMC. We will refer you to the DAV Regional National Service Office when you need help your chapter can not give but, when we do have the answers our response will be as prompt as it is accurate.



Naomi Service Officer Certified

Sr Vice Commander Leonard Johnson has been certified by National as the official chapter service officer. Questions regarding claims or benefits should be directed to him at 215 765-4921 (H) or 267 254-9097 (cell). Comrade Johnson, whose picture appears to the right under the Chapter Service Officer Report is also the DAV VAVS representative at the Philadelphia VAMC.

Camp Lejeune Vets Get Help

President Obama has signed into law legislation to extend medical care for Veterans and their families who were stationed at Camp Lejeune. Eligible veterans will receive extended care now for 15 illnesses caused by exposure to toxins in the base water. For more info contact Leonard Johnson 267 254-9097..

COLA Will Not Be 0%

The news out of Wahington is that this year's COLA for Social Security recipients and veterans will be between 1.5 and 2%. That's right it is almost certain that you will get an increase in cash benefits (COLA) for the 2013 benefit year. Don't spend it all in the same place

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The deadline for submitting applications for the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program is August 31, 2015.

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 3:00 p.m., the location is the 3rd floor. If you have any questions please call or write either your commander or adjutant/treasurer at the phone number/address listed on page one.

Service Officer Report

Greetings Comrades I want to begin by introducing a new project I am proposing for residents at VA Community Living Center (CLC). CLC, formerly known as the VA Nursing Home, is located at 3461 Civic Center Blvd.



A 2 story building at the corner of Civic Center Blvd and University Ave, CLC is a 135 bed facility offering veterans long term care, short term care, rehab, chemo/radiation tx, respite stays and palliative/hospice care. Believing that recreational therapy can be a positive component in the treatment CLC residents receive, the DAV VAVS team will sponsor a series of parties there during the next few months. The first party will be October 18, 2012 at 2 pm. Ronald Wallace, Delano Stone, Charles Clarke and Albert El have agreed to serve on a steering committee that will provide the support that will make this project a reality. If you want to join the team give me a call -- 267 254-9097.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ANY VA BENEFITS OR SERVICES, CONTACT VA BY CALLING 1 800 827-1000 OR THE PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL DAV NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE AT 215 381-3065



October Meeting — October 22, 2012

