



Disabled American Veterans Naomi Chapter 15 — Philadelphia, PA

NEWSLETTER

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New Member Welcome



A hearty welcome to 10 new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Naomi Newsletter were Harry R. Elton, Eugene H. Ethengain, Charles Fellmeth, Richard M. Fleming, Douglas L. Hatcher, George A. Houston, Peter B. Jackson, Eric Johnson, Robert J. O'Dowd and Daniel R. Stevenson. Welcome - come out and get acquainted. **Come out and get involved.**

Sickness and Distress

Regretfully we render our last salute to fallen Comrades, Marlon Byard, Johnny D. Purefoey, Daniel L. Sloan, George T. Speranzo, Albert Liss, Thaddeus F. Krolkowski and Robert L. Williamson — They will be sorely missed. Reported under the weather were Comrades Bernard Teel, James Waddell, Donald O. Daniels, Eugene Alexander, George W. Murphy, Odessa Thrower, Dan McIntosh, William R. Montgomery, Payton Forrest, Willie A. Smart and Julius Bennett Get well wishes to all! Special get well wishes to Mrs. Shiela Hubbard, wife of Comrade William A. Hubbard, who is battling cancer. Anyone having knowledge of the sickness, distress or death affecting any of our members is requested to notify Chaplain Cason (215) 229-6819.



Flat Screen TV Raffle

Anyone interested in a 32 Inch Flat Screen LED HDTV for the bedroom, office or den, should buy a ticket in Naomi's upcoming 'Raffle'. Tickets are \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00, and ***the best bargain***, 7 tickets for \$10.00. The drawing is scheduled for our November meeting but you do not have to be present to win the TV. Tickets can be purchased from the chapter office by mail [7900 Lindbergh Blvd, Apt 4610, Philadelphia, PA, 19153] or at the September, October or November chapter meetings. All proceeds will be used to service the needs of deserving veterans. All membership is urged to help Naomi make this fundraising effort a success. Remember, only 1 ticket buyer will win the TV, but every ticket buyer will end up a winner. Buy A Ticket ---- Help Naomi Serve Those Who Served! Our phone number is 267 292-2082.

Bus Trip To DC Scheduled

Commander Johnson has announced Naomi Chapter 15 will sponsor a one (1) day bus trip to Washington DC on February 24, 2015. Although details of the trip will appear in future newsletters, tickets will be available early in September 2014. The purpose of the trip is to provide support for our National DAV Commander's testimony before a joint Congressional Committee on veterans affairs. Ticket cost is \$50.00 roundtrip and can be purchased by contacting Commander Johnson at 267 254-9097.

'SUPPORT OUR TROOPS'

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From The Commander's Desk

Greetings Comrades, we start this membership year facing new challenges, while standing proudly beside new partners with a deeply held resolve to do more for a longer period of time. I want to start the membership year by congratulating 2 new members of my leadership team, Gregory Cason, Chaplain and Larry Holman, our Legislative Chairman. Both should roll up their sleeves and share their leadership skills with chapter membership and all we serve. I am pleased to also announce our continued support of the VAVS program at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center. That support will include recreational therapy (hospital parties) for residents of the VA Community Living Center (CLC), as well as hospitalized veterans recovering in the main building. I invite all to participate in Naomi's '32" LED HDTV Raffle'. For as little as \$2.00 you can put yourself in line to win a flat screen TV and, at the same time, being there for our comrades in need. Our Chapter Service Office is open for business, we are open to service your benefit needs upon request. Our response to calls to 267 254-9097 will be both prompt and accurate. Before I sign off I, let me remind you that the strength of our chapter depends entirely on your participation in chapter affairs ---- see you September 22 at 3:30 pm.



Naomi Service Officer Certified

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). Commander Johnson, whose picture appears above is also the DAV VAVS representative at the Philadelphia VAMC.

Temporary Meeting Notice

Due to building renovations our temporary meeting time has been changed to 3:30 pm and the room is now 7A141 Front.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHAPTER ONLINE

<http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/pa/15>

2015 COLA?

The news out of Washington is that this year's COLA for Social Security recipients and veterans will be about 1.7%. That is if gas prices don't keep falling and affect the July/August/September CPI in a negative way. In case you are interested, 1.7% ends up totalling \$17 per \$1,000.00. Don't spend it all in the same place.

PA Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs - Philadelphia Field Office

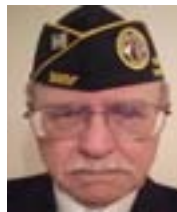
Phone: (215) 381-3040; Toll Free: 1-866-754-8637
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The deadline for submitting applications for the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program is August 31, 2015.

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 3:30 p.m., the location is the 7th 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.

New Legislative Chairman



Commander Johnson would like you to meet a new member of his leadership team. Comrade Larry D. Holman, our Legislative Chairman, is a 23 plus year veteran of the US Navy where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander before retiring in 1982. Included in an illustrious career is almost a quarter century spent in financial and materials management and, more recently, volunteer efforts in support of military veterans. We welcome him aboard and invite all to seek his guidance, when searching for the status of local, state and/or federal benefits involved in the legislative process.

New National Commander

Ronald F. Hope of North Carolina was elected National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans at the National Convention held in Las Vegas, NV August 9 - 12, 2014.

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October Meeting — October 27, 2014

