



# Disabled American Veterans Naomi Chapter 15 — Philadelphia, PA

## NEWSLETTER

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### September/October 2015

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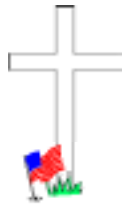


### New Member Welcome

A hearty welcome to 19 new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Naomi Newsletter were Timothy W. Holt, Troy Jenkins, Andre L. Martin, Daniel M. Radomski, Channcey R. Saunders, Victoria Williams, Anthony R. Wilson, Andreas S. Benjamin, Dwayne C. Lowery, Muriel R. Pollard, Leslie E. Thomas, Benjamin M. Berry, Ryan N. Hemphill, Samuel W. Jackson and Betty E. Christian. Hayward L Freeman Raymond Ferber, Charles J. Moffett and Maurice J. Howard tranfered in from other chapters. . . Welcome - come out and get acquainted. **Come out and get involved.**

### Sickness and Distress

Regretfully we render our last salute to fallen Comrades Thomas E. Cardwell, Charles V. Frazier, Jacob Jones, William C. Kelly, Howard W. Lewis, Stanley J. Rucki, Moir S. Scales, Phillip L. Moore, Pasquale Carlettini, Samuel Howard, Terrence J. Kirk, Rebecca E. Quick, Howard D. Randolph, Robert H. Sarkisian and Clarence A. Wood — They will be sorely missed. Reported under the weather were Comrades Bernard Teel, Eugene Alexander, Payton Forrest, Willie A. Smart, Gregory Cason, Jamaal K. Amumia Williams, John L. Branson, Haskell A. Carter, Randolph D'Adamo, Leonard Bryant, Johnny Aponte, Lawrence J. Bolling, Lawrence E. Forman, John H. Walker, David E. Graves, Herman L. Hollis, Sr, Henry Taylor and Julius Bennett Get well wishes to all! Anyone having knowledge of the sickness, distress or death affecting any of our members is requested to notify Chaplain Cason (215) 229-6819.



### Congratulations Commander Johnson

The 2015 DAV, Department of Pennsylvania, Convention was a huge success. Elected as our new Department Commander was Walter Simpson. One of our own, Naomi Commander Leonard Johnson, was elected 3rd Jr. Vice Commander. We congratulate Commander Johnson, couldn't happen to a more qualified guy.

### PDC Blow Elected Alt NEC

Past Department Commander and Past Naomi Chapter Commander Samuel Blow, Jr.



(Left Photo) was elected Alternate National Executive Committeeman (Alt NEC) at the 2015 National Convention in Denver, CO. Elected National Commander was Moses McIntosh (Right Photo). Congratulations to both.



### Hospital Party Huge Success

A Naomi sponsored hospital party for hospitalized veterans was held at the newly renamed Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center on May 28, 2015. The party was a huge success. Our next party is scheduled for the 4th Thursday in October - hope to see you there.

## 'SUPPORT OUR TROOPS'

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# September/October Report

## 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 promising to be there for every veteran who seeks our help. We will continue to sponsor parties for hospitalized veterans at the recently renamed Corporal Michael J. Crescenz Medical Center. We will also continue to offer recreational therapy for residents at the VA Community Living Center (CLC). We support the VA's call for volunteers at the local medical facility. If you have a few free hours why not join the team of volunteers that daily service the needs of veterans using our local medical facility. 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, that participation could include your financial support. a donation will help us help others. Our chapter will only be as effective as you make it. See you September 28 at 3:30 pm ---- come out, roll up your sleeves and get involved!



### Naomi Service Officer Recertified

Commander Leonard Johnson has been recertified 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.

### Computer Tech Support

If you would like to learn more about basic computer operations, email and internet research or just becoming more computer savvy call Forrest Williams, 215 631-1659 or Felicia A. Zimmer 267 761-2412 (VEctec)

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHAPTER ONLINE

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

### 2016 COLA?

The news out of Washington is that next year's COLA for Social Security recipients and veterans could be 0%. That is if prices don't rise and affect the August /September CPI in a positive way. Hard to believe based on the prices I experienced the last time I went shopping.

### PA Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs - Philadelphia Field Office

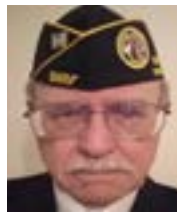
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Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission  
Scott Brown: Director  
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215 686-3256

### Chapter Meetings

Naomi Chapter 15 meets the fourth Monday of the month at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC, 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.

### Legislative Chairman



Comrade Larry D. Holman, our Legislative Chairman, would like members who would like periodic updates on the status of legislation of interest to veterans to give him your email address at [lhorman@prodigy.net](mailto:lhorman@prodigy.net). Don't have a computer - give him a call at 215 601-6263.

### Newsletter Fund

Because of the rising costs of design/production/mailing of this newsletter Naomi requests your support. Members are asked to donate what you can afford to; Naomi Chapter 15, DAV

### Veterans Choice Program

If you live more than 40 miles from a VA medical facility or are faced with more than a 30 day wait for an appointment you may be eligible for treatment by a non-VA provider. To see if you qualify for benefits under VA's new Choice Program call VA at 866 606-8198 or Naomi's Chapter Service Officer at 267 254-9097

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October Meeting — October 26, 2015

