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**Disabled American Veterans
 Naomi Chapter 15 — Philadelphia, PA**

NEWSLETTER

September/October 2016

New Member Welcome

A hearty welcome to 29 new members of Naomi Chapter 15. Joining our ranks since the last issue of the Naomi Newsletter were Ronald O. Brooks, Rashida K. Carney-Davis, Thomas F. Carr, Nora Cleveland Huff, Henry J. DeWilliams, Eugene G. Elenback, Jela Foote, Barry C. Gillins, Michael J. Green, Gregory N. Hall, Shaleef C. Johnson, Antoine N. Madison, William Meyer, Arthur Milano, Gerald A. Ney, Robert L. Overton, James S. Pappas, Sophie Pride, Samuel D. Robinson, Anthony A. Schultz, William Showell, Edward J. Thompson, Ronald B. Walker, Henry E. Watson, Rubye Whippie, Robby D. Young and David J. Young. McRay Bostic and Brian K. McNew transferred 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 Harvey W. Coxhead, James Dugan, Silas Littlejohn, Calvin McConico, Caesar M. Midora, James J. Morris, Joseph Roselli and Bruce E. Wirt— They will be sorely missed. We also offer condolences to Charles B. Clarke who lost a sister and James Abrams who lost his brother. Reported under the weather were Comrades Stephen D. Lacey, Leonard Bryant, James K. Chappelle, Alfred L. Gibson, Payton Forrest, Willie A. Smart, Eugene Alexander, William DeBerry, Gregory Cason, Henry E. Taylor, Maurice J. Howard, Yahya A. Abdullah, Gilbert H. Hatcher, Donald W. Anderson 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 Hatcher (215) 301-9132 or Commander Johnson at 267 254-9097



2017 COLA

Its almost time for our annual COLA to be announced, October 15 2016, and we have our fingers crossed waiting to see if speculated projections are in line with reality. Experts we talked to expect the 2017 COLA to be between 2% and 5% with the price of energy again having a big influence on the final figure. You might want to discuss with your congressional rep the issue of rounding down, where the final increase is rounded down to the lower dollar. We are exempt from that now, lets keep it that way.

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 28, 2017. Although details of the trip will appear in future newsletters, tickets will be available early in September 2016. 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 round trip and can be purchased by contacting Commander Johnson at 267 254-9097.



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