



NAOMI DAV CHAPTER 15

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Leonard M. Johnson Commander

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Minutes for October 2024

October 28, 2024

Meeting for DAV Naomi Chapter 15 started at 1805hr is called to order by Commander Leonard M. Johnson, at the Michael J Crescenz Medical Facilities 3900 Woodland Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Recording in progress after opening ceremonies, Commander Johnson ordered everyone face and salute to the flag of United States of America by the numbers. Pledge of allegiance led by Comrade Rick Phillips, and then prayer by Adjutant / Treasurer Sam D Robinson III, Officer of the day, Timekeeper, Rick Billups.

Roll call of officers resulted in Commander Leonard M. Johnson present, Senior Vice Commander Jessie Butler present, Junior Vice Commander Henry B. Spady present, Adjutant / Treasure Sam D Robinson III present, Judge Advocate Richard D Fields present, Chaplain Anthony Schultz excused, Sergeant at Arms Joe Brown present, Three-year Trustee Larry Kirkland present, Two-year Trustee Johnny Walker excused, One year Trustee Tonyatta D Smith excused, VAVS Deputy Marion

Hargrove present, Committee Chair Ways and Means Marcia Smith present, Legislative Benefits Team Leader Larry Holman present, Membership Chair / Webmaster Joseph F Reid present, Committee Chair Woman's Veterans Susan Price present.

Commander Johnson ask that we dispense with regular order of business and let Comrade Joe Reid Web Master and Membership Chair introduce our guest speakers for today. Linda Simon from CompassUs giving information about upcoming Honor Flight Scheduled for May 17, 2025, leaving from King of Prussia. Also, information about Hospice Care and other medical concerns.

Rita Chappelle Chief External Affairs, Outreach and Media giving insight on Veterans Benefits information.

Comrade Mac McNeil Johnson DAV Van Services – Talks about Recruitment of Drivers.

Commander Johnson asked if everyone had a chance to read over the minutes, and if so, we need a motion to approve minutes as printed. Commander Johnson also stated If you need to see him you can talk about it after the meeting or any recommendations if something needs to be changed. Motion by Comrade Rick Billups, 2nd by Sgt at Arms Joe Brown for minutes to stand as printed. Commander all in favor, Signify by I, any nays? any questions I's have it, vote passed.

Commander Johnson asking all visitors and guest to stand and give their name and military affiliation: Keith Cooper Army, Carl Crump Army, Casey Tannehill Marines, Calvin Ferguson Jr Army, Evelyn and Larry Edwards – Transfers, Augustus Lover – Transfer.

Commander Johnson asked for a motion to accept Larry Edwards and Augustus Lover as members of Naomi Chapter 15, motion by Sr. Vice Commander Jessie Butler for these Comrades be accepted into Naomi Chapter 15, 2nd by Comrade Rick Billups'.

Sr Vice Commander Jessie Butler now giving sickness and distress report for October 2024 – Reported under the weather were veterans sisters and brothers: Vanessa R Porter, Susan V Price, Lani Height, Tonyatta D Smith, Marcia Smith, Leonard Bryant, Gloria J Alford, Munia Jamal Williams, Albert P Mikutis Jr, Forrest Peyton, Edward Nicholson, Ronald Wallace, William Champion, Robert L Rivers, Antonio Simon, RB "Doc" Speight, George Jamison, Tyrone Deshields, Haskell A Carter, James Harrity, Julius Bennett cards were sent from Chaplain Schultz.

We share in the grief of the family and friends of our Past State Commander Walter Simpson, who passed away on September 4, 2024. Our hearts are with you during this challenging time. We want all DAV members and their families to know that they are not alone in their struggle. We offer our heartfelt prayers and support to all DAV members and their families at home or in the hospital wishing them a speedy recovery and good health. We urge all members to play an active role in our community by promptly notifying or having knowledge of sick and distress or death of members, forward to Chaplain Schultz at 2676712280, or Commander Johnson at 2672549097.

Treasurer's report by Adjutant / Treasure Sam D Robinson III – As of October 28, 2024. All bill's / travel vouchers for September and October are being paid upon receipt of vouchers. The next travel vouchers to be paid will be for October DEC meeting in Harrisburg at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center, October 11 and 12, 2024. Donations currently for September 2024 is \$480.00, Donations currently for October 2024 is \$569.00. Business Checking ending balance is \$10,663.02.

As of September 30, 2024. Our Money Market Savings is \$33,139.34. Interest for September \$0.29. Our statements come in last week of the month. Our financial advisor, Larry Farmbry, hopefully will be here in January. Spoke with him last week, He has been out of town death of a friend.

Commander Johnson asking for a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Comrade Rick Billups made motion to accept treasurers report, 2nd by Sr Vice Commander Jessie Butler.

Commander Johnson asking all in favor signify by I, any nays, if there are any questions? I's have it. Vote passed.

Comrade Elliott Eberhart made comment about Hurricane relief. Commander Johnson says we need to raise \$1000.00 for relief fund.

Commander Johnson asking DAV body for Emergency Relief Fund and Hurricane donation. From the body we collected at this time \$275.00.

Correspondence: Read by Adjutant / Treasurer Sam D Robinson III, thank you letter dated July 17, 2024, from CMCVAMC Patients and staff for Snyder House Bowling trip from Joyce Kuwae VAVS - Chief Center for Development and Civic Engagement. Thank you, letter, dated August 09, 2024, from CMCVAMC Patients and staff for \$50.00 donation for canteen books to the Community Living Center Veterans from Joyce Kuwae VAVS - Chief Center for Development and Civic Engagement.

Commander Johnson: New life membership for DAV is now \$325.00.

Commander Johnson talks about Veterans Suicide, Gun Locks, Senate Bill 4929 Suicide prevention act – asking for funds to train more counselors, to get Legislators to co-sponsor, in our area we have had 3 suicides. Commander Johnson asking Comrade Larry Holman Legislative Benefits Team Leader if there is anything we need to be concerned about? addressed the body he will be updating his blog, there will be updated testimonies from Washington and talks about Senate Bill 194 and HR7543 Parity Act Currently in the House in Harrisburg, PA. See Addendum attached on previous minutes. Also make sure Larry Holeman has your email address. Commander Johnson also says, be sure to go to the Commanders Action Network to get more information.

Commander Johnson asking for Committee Reports

VAVS Deputy Marion Hargrove gave his report from the DAV / DEC and Auxiliary meetings in Harrisburg at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center, October 11 and 12, 2024.

Junior Vice Commander Henry Spady gave his report from the DAV / DEC and Auxiliary meetings in Harrisburg at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center, October 11 and 12, 2024.

Comrade William Champion talking about his medical condition with Agent Orange Cancer, Traumatic Brain Injury, Pharmacogenomics - Addendum attached to previous minutes. Support Group Phone number 2156390185.

Comrade Marcia Smith Ways and Means Committee speaks about Bus Company information for next year's midwinter convention in Washington, DC., needs \$2350.00 for bus, \$300.00 / \$400.00 deposit. Date February 25, 2025. Leaving VA Vets Center located at the Olney Plaza (next to Santander Bank) 101 E Olney Ave, Philadelphia, PA, 19120. Departure 0700hr. Estimated Return

from Washington DC Departure 1700hr. Taking money today for tickets. Commander Johnson and Comrade Marcia Smith coordinating.

Membership Chair / Webmaster Comrade Joe Reid put Agent Orange report out on website. There are blank copies over on the table for you to fill out and receive information from Agent Orange News Report. Comrade Ronald "Doc" Speight Last report on Melanoma was posted on-line

Hospital Committee – Due to up pitch in Covid 7th floor evening leisure program on hold

Commander Johnson - Talked about Jason Gunther Assistant to National Cemetery Director of Washington crossing regarding The Philadelphia National Cemetery located at Haines and Limekiln Pike. All the splendid work that they have done to improve the overall renovations of the cemetery with the help from JROTC at Martin Luther King Jr. High School.

Unfinished / Old Business - None.

New business - Commander Johnson points out the next food drive will be the 2nd and 4th Friday in November on the 7th floor LVA room from 0930hr to 1130hr.

Good of the Order – Patron AD list cost \$2.00 for individual name to go in souvenir journal, as of now money is being collected on September 23, 2024, and October 28, 2024, meeting.

Junior Vice Commander Henry Spady gives information about Telephone emergency care you can receive prompt care for many acute medical issues without the need for a visit to an emergency department Dial VA Medical Center and select option 3, Or dial 1(833)835-3874 Available from 0700hr to 2300hr 365 days a year. 10th Annual Philadelphia Veterans Parade and festival Sunday November 10, 2024, starts 1200 hrs. on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Be sure to register for upcoming Election. Voting Nov 5, 2024. Pact Peer Support Drop-in Group on Tuesdays 1000hr. National Cancer Awareness Day Nov 7, 2024. Page 32 in the DAV magazine Commander Leonard Johnson is the DAV National Executive Committeeman for District 5. McCormick and Schmick Half Price Entrée Nov 5, 2024. Also, discounts at Golden Corral on Veterans Day Monday, November 11, 2024, from 1600hrs till closing.

Disabled American Veterans Department of Pennsylvania / DEC Meeting- Best Western Premiere Central Hotel Convention Center 800. E Park Drive Harrisburg, PA. 17111. DEC Convention Buffet dinner will be 1800hr held Friday October 11, 2024, DEC meeting Saturday morning October 12, 2024 @ 0900hr.

Commander Johnson points out our next meeting will be Monday November 25, 2024, at 1800hr located at Michael J Crescenzo Medical Facilities 3900 Woodland Ave, Phila. PA. 19104

Commander Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by Sergeant at Arms Joe Brown to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Comrade Rick Billups. Meeting ended at 1940hr.

Commander Johnson asked everyone to stand face and salute the flag for the closing ceremony.

Closing prayer by Adjutant / Treasurer Sam D Robinson III.

Comrade Joe Reid Membership-Chair / Webmaster cash app info - \$NAOMIVET.

Before, during and after closing ceremonies the following was collected from membership.

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Legislative Benefits Team Leader Larry Holman won 50/50 and donated winnings back to Chapter.

Number of members in attendance ----48----- virtual google meet not working.

1. 50/50 ---\$70.00---\$35.00 / \$35.00--- 2. Hurricane -----\$275.00-----

3. Donations ----\$60.00----- 4. Donation -----\$0.00-----

Attest: _____/S/_____ Date: 10/28/2024.

Samuel D Robinson III / Adjutant / Treasure

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