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**Leonard M. Johnson Commander**

**Samuel D Robinson III Adjutant/Treasurer**

**Minutes for May 2025**

**May 19, 2025.**

Meeting for DAV Naomi Chapter 15 started at 1805 hr. 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 to face and salute to the flag of the United States of America

by the numbers. Pledge of allegiance led by Comrade Rick Billups and then prayer by Assistant Chaplin Tonyatta D Smith. Officer of the day, timekeeper Comrade Rick Billups.

Roll call of officers resulted in Commander Leonard M. Johnson present, Senior Vice Commander Jesse Butler present, Junior Vice Commander Henry B Spady present, Adjutant / Treasurer Sam D Robinson III present, Judge Advocate Richard D Fields present, Chaplain Anthony Schultz excused, Sergeant at Arms Joe Brown excused, 3 year Trustee Larry Kirkland present, 2 year Trustee Johnny Walker present, 1 year Trustee Tonyatta D Smith present, VAVS Deputy Marion Hargrove present, Committee Chair Ways and Means Marcia Smith present, Legislative Benefits Team Leader Larry Holman excused, Membership Chair / Webmaster Joseph F Reid present, Women's Veterans Chairperson Susan Price excused, Hospital Service Coordinator Mac Johnson present. Virtual google meet Sandra Taylor Boyd, Edward Nicholson

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 made by Comrade Elliott Eberhardt for minutes to stand as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2-year Trustee Johnny Walker. Commander all in favor, Signify by I, any nays? any questions I's have it, vote passed.

Sickness and Distress report for May 2025 given by Assistant Chaplin Tonyatta D Smith - Reported under the weather were veterans' sisters and brothers: Vanessa R Porter, Edward Nicholson, Johnny Walker, James Douglas, Timothy Morgan, Stefan Eberhardt, Leonard Bryant, Steve Unchniat.

Commander Leonard M Johnson extends his heartfelt gratitude to each of you who have shared your love, support, and kindness with him and his family during this time of loss. Your presence, prayers, and comforting words have meant more than words can express. Thank you.

“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 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, Assistant Chaplain Tonyatta D Smith 3026880028, or Commander Johnson at 2672549097.

Commander Johnson asking for Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's report by Adjutant / Treasurer Sam D Robinson III for May 19, 2025. All bills are paid against the Chapter, which includes all travel vouchers as of May 19, 2025. Our monthly service fee of \$10.00 is waived each month. Total deposits from the last meeting are \$525.00. Members still sent in donations. We thank them very much, but this month's statement will not be on this month's statement at the end of the month. A total of \$1,240.00 collected for the Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund. We thank all who contributed. We received a thank you letter from National DAV Headquarters. Our DC bus trip was a success. Our chapter did not have to go in the red. Final numbers will be given out at our June meeting. We thank all who supported our mission. Looking forward to 2026. From May 2025, the Statement Business Checking Ending Balance is \$5,985.45, Business Savings Ending Balance is \$39,125.91.

Mandate / Delegate Fee paid to State Headquarters \$230.00. Wreaths for Memorial Day donation collected from present body \$150.00. (Special donation by Timekeeper / Officer of the day, Rick Billups \$25.00). Timekeeper / Officer of the day, Rick Billups will lay the wreaths at the Vietnam Veterans Wall at Penn's landing on Memorial Day.

Commander Johnson is asking for a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Timekeeper / Officer of the day, Rick Phillips made a motion to accept treasurer's report, 2nd by Committee Chair Ways and Means Marcia Smith.

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

Commander Johnson is asking for a motion to Transfer money to from savings account to checking account for State and National Conventions. Motion made by Comrade Elliott Eberhardt for money to be transferred from savings account to checking account for State and National Convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Membership Chair / Webmaster Joseph F Reid.

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

Correspondence: Read by Adjutant / Treasurer Sam D Robinson III, thank you letters.

Dear Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Delaware Valley Veterans Home Patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation for the recent donation of \$50.00 in Bingo tickets on January 31, 2025, to Delaware Valley Veterans Home. 2701 Southampton Road Philadelphia, PA. 19154.

Dear Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the Delaware Valley Veterans Home Patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation for the recent donation of \$100.00 in Bingo tickets on March 28, 2025, to the Delaware Valley Veterans Home. 2701 Southampton Road Philadelphia, PA. 19154.

DAV & Auxiliary 2025 State Convention Central Hotel and Convention Center 800 E Park Dr. Harrisburg, PA.17111. June 18, 2025, CSO and NSO training beginning at 0900hrs. Convention June 18, 2025. Through June 20, 2025.

DAV & Auxiliary 2025 National Convention Las Vegas Saturday August 9, 2025, until Tuesday August 12, 2025. Paris Las Vegas 3655 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas, NV. 89109. Room rate is \$159.00 Single / Double.

Commander Johnson points out money will be transferred from savings account to checking account to help cover expenses for State and National DAV Conventions.

Commander Johnson: New life membership for DAV is now \$325.00. Initial minimum membership is \$40.00.

Commander Johnson talks about Soldiers 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 three suicides.

Commander Johnson asking for Committee Reports: Be sure to check out Commanders Action Network.

Commander Johnson asked all visitors and guests to stand and give their name and military affiliation: Samuel Dowling Army.

Commander Johnson – Operation: Keep the Promise, DAV 's 2025 Policy Goals handed out.

Unfinished / Old Business - None.

New business – Slated Officer Election.

Motion made by Comrade Carson to keep the present Officers in position, 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer of the day, timekeeper Comrade Rick Billips.

Commander Johnson asking that all in favor of motion made by Comrade Carlson to keep the present Officers in position, 2nd by Officer of the day, timekeeper Comrade Rick Billups, Signify by I, any nays? any questions I's have it, vote passed to maintain present Officers in position.



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

Commander Johnson points out Legislative Benefits Team Leader Larry Holman submitted resolutions and would like at least 5 more for veterans to receive dental benefits.

Good of the Order –

Over the summer, there will be a need for five volunteers to help formulate resolutions for toxic waste at Fort McCullen. Assistant Chaplain Tonyatta D Smith, Comrade Elliott Eberhardt, Timekeeper Officer of the day Rick Billups and Committee Chair Ways Means Committee Marcia Smith Chairperson.

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. May is mental health for veterans, and PTSD. Also Honor Flight is scheduled for May 17, 2025. Do not forget to vote tomorrow on Tuesday June 20, 2025. All branches Vet Fest is coming soon, June 14, 2025. is Army birthday, June 27, 2025. will be next Bingo event at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home.

Information from Hospital Service Coordinator Comrade Sheran McNeil Johnson DAV Van Services – expressed the need for volunteer Drivers Recruitment.

Commander Johnson points out due to Memorial Day we will not have a meeting on May 26, 2025. Our next meeting will be Monday June 23,

2025, at 1800hr located at Michael J Crescenz Medical Facilities 3900 Woodland Ave, Phila. PA. 19104.

Commander Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by Comrade Rick Billups to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Assistant Chaplin Tonyatta D Smith. The meeting ended at 1905hr.

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

Closing prayer by Assistant Chaplin Tonyatta D Smith.

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

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

Comrade Larry Edward won 50/50 - \$41.00

Number of members in attendance ----33----- virtual google meet ---2-----  
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1. 50/50 ---\$92.00---\$41.00 / \$41.00---      2. Donations ----\$110.00-----

3. Wreaths-----\$150.00 -----      4. -----

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_/S/ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 05/19/2025.

Samuel D Robinson III / Adjutant / Treasure