In order to further improve the lines of communication and to respond to the concerns between the National VA Council and you our members, I have established a National VA Council Briefing. This NVAC Briefing will bring you the latest news and developments within DVA and provide you with the current status of issues this Council is currently addressing. I believe that this NVAC Briefing will greatly enhance the way in which we communicate and the way in which we share new information, keeping you better informed.

Alma L. Lee
National VA Council, President

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In This Briefing: **Electronic Correspondence**

1. Demand to Bargain RE: VHA Hand Hygiene Study.
2. Demand to Bargain RE: VA Handbook 5975.1 dates November 27, 2013 Processing Requests for Reasonable Accommodation from Employees and Applicants with Disabilities.
6. Notice that National VA Council #53 will address implementation of the VA Handbook 5009 Employee Benefits, VA Child Care Subsidy Program.
7. Notice that National VA Council #53 is not approving AFGE bargaining unit employees' participation RE: VA Hand Hygiene Study.

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In an effort to “**Going Green**” the National VA Council will begin to distribute appropriate portions of the Mass Mailing electronically (see attachment). The electronic correspondence will NOT include “union only” information (via government computers). Internal information will continue to be distributed via mail. By emailing this information, in lieu of printing and mailing the documents, we will be able to reduce our distribution costs and our paper consumption.

Please be sure to share this information with all your members.
Additionally, all the Demands-to-Bargain, Memorandums of Understanding, and Surveys can also be searched and located on the National VA Council's webpage (www.afgenvac.org).

We look forward to creating new ways to reach out to our membership and continually improving our means of communication..