



*(January 14, 2016)*

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.

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National VA Council, President

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**In This Briefing: PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED FAX (540) 224-1931**  
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As previously stated in our most recent President's Briefing, dated January 7, 2016, the NVAC will be conducting a Safety Conference, to be held at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas from February 23<sup>rd</sup> through February 25, 2016, (with travel dates of February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>).

Registration is open to all AFGE/NVAC Locals; as well as NAGE, NNU, NFFE, SEIU and other local agencies within AFGE. If you are NOT part of AFGE, then you will need to register via paper registration ONLY (included). If you fall under AFGE, then you can register for this event, by clicking on the web link below to begin your registration process;

<http://www.cvent.com/d/yfq94y/4W>

Mail checks to:  
National VA Council  
Attn: Dorothy Jefferson  
1970 Roanoke BLVD (106-76)

Salem, VA 24153

We are recommending that you register for the conference as soon as possible. If you cannot complete the registration online, please contact Daniel Hines, Director of Education and Training at [NVACDIROFED@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NVACDIROFED@GMAIL.COM), he can assist you in completing your registration.

Just a reminder, Management has notified Human Resources to disallow use of official time for attendance at this event. The NVAC has filed a grievance to address this violation and are continuing to try to resolve this issue. We are recommending that you use annual leave to attend the conference with the expectation that the time will be restored, once the grievance is settled.

While we have sufficient slots within the conference for both the safety officers and the Local Presidents to attend, we have agreed to open up the conference to non NVAC local officers and other unions, **TODAY! We therefore recommend that you register now**, in order to ensure a spot in the conference.

Lastly, in conjunction with the Safety Conference, the National VA Council has scheduled a Strategic Planning Meeting for Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. ALL Local Presidents are invited to participate. Please make travel plans accordingly.