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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: 2015 Veteran's Day Tribute**  
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On Wednesday, November 11th, we will be celebrating Veterans Day. Many praises have been bestowed upon our veterans, deservedly. As former

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy once said "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." This holds true in today's world. We have many brave men and women serving across the world in order to maintain freedom and preserve the lives of many.

This Veterans Day, let us all take a moment to pay homage to the many men and women who sacrifice every day and to those who have paid the ultimate price to keep our nation free. Let us pay reverence for the privileges we have today and to those who have made it possible. What other country has the freedom we have today such as independence, liberty, and self-resolve that makes us a great nation. Without their sacrifice and courage we would not be the America we are today.

Let's extend our thanks and admiration to our Nation's Veterans on their special day of recognition and those who care for our country's veterans at our medical centers, benefits offices and cemeteries. America is grateful to the men and women serving our nation so proudly!

On behalf of the entire AFGE/National Veterans Affairs Council, I wish everyone a safe Veterans Day!

**The Best on Earth:
A Veteran's Day Tribute**

By Joanna Fuchs

If someone has done military service,
They earn the title "veteran," and more;
They earn our deep respect and admiration;
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;
The list is long of all the things they gave.
Our veterans are extraordinary people;
They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,
They showed us they could handle any storm.
We owe our freedoms and our very lives
To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;

They're exceptional; no other group compares.
We're grateful for the many things they've done;
They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;
Let no one ever question what they're worth.
These men and women served us and our country,
Our veterans--the very best on earth.