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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: A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION**

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I want to personally congratulate the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outstanding accomplishment in donating 389,562 pounds of non-perishable items for the 2015 Feds Feed Families Food Drive. VA's total last year was 369,145 pounds, and we beat this amount by 20,417 pounds, achieving 105.53 percent of our goal for 2015. Congratulations to the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana for collecting the highest amount of food donations with a total donation weight of 44,143.4 pounds.

I want to especially thank the employees who made a single donation of 250 pounds or more of goods to become Feds Feed Families Hall of Famers. These employees will be recognized by both VA and the United States Department of Agriculture. Please visit <http://vaww.va.gov/OHRM/FedsFeedFamilies/> to see our entire list of Feds Feed Families Hall of Famers. Every employee who donated to this drive should feel a sense of pride knowing that his or her generosity helped others in their local community. Thank all of you for your outpouring of generosity.

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