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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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- **Bill would provide payment to replace COLA**

A group of 19 senators introduced a bill last week that would provide an emergency payment to seniors, veterans and others affected by the lack of a cost-of-living adjustment in 2016.

- **Council once again reports 35 percent pay gap**

The group that advises the White House on federal pay said that

federal employees in 2015 on average make about 35 percent less than non-federal workers doing similar work.

- **Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act becomes law**

President Obama signed into law legislation that will provide 104 hours of up-front sick leave to first-year federal employees who qualify under the Department of Veterans Affairs as 30 percent or more disabled due to a service-related disability.
