



*(October 28, 2015)*

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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Earlier this week, you received an all-employee message inviting you to join me at a town hall meeting on November 2 to learn more about what MyVA means to VHA. In response to the immediate feedback I received from employees, and the larger desire to discuss issues, I have decided to look at a different format to accommodate this strong interest in open dialogue. As a result, we will be scheduling a town hall meeting for a date in early December. I still plan to brief VISN and Medical Center Directors on November 2.

It is important to me that all of you have a voice in how we move forward. In the meantime, I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact me on VA Pulse. I want to build a work environment where employees are valued, supported, and encouraged to do their best for Veterans.

Thank you for all you do every day to honor and care for Veterans.

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