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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: Thanksgiving Video Message - November 25, 2015

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A recent report by three leading research groups found that on critical measures, VHA consistently performs as well as and often better than the private sector, despite the fact that our patients are often older, sicker, and poorer than their counterparts seen in the private sector. In this pre-Thanksgiving video message, Under Secretary for Health Dr. David J. Shulkin highlights this achievement and thanks VHA employees for their dedication to caring for Veterans. He also shares results from the recent Access Stand Down, talks about a pilot project to improve the work environment for employees, and encourages all employees to participate in the Promising Practice Consortium on VA Pulse.

To view the video, please go to <http://vaww.ush.va.gov/>