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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: Best Places to Work' 2015 rankings released | Bill would make it easier to fire IRS execs**

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- [2015 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government rankings debut](#)

The Partnership for Public Service on Tuesday released its 2015 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government rankings- which this year showed a small government-wide uptick in federal employee satisfaction.

- [Bill would clone VA SES firing authority for IRS](#)

Six Republican senators last week introduced legislation that would give the IRS commissioner new authority to fire senior executives at the agency for poor performance or misconduct.

- [Update to federal gift acceptance rules in the works](#)

The Office of Government Ethics is proposing the first major revision of gift acceptance policies for federal employees in more than 20 years.