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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: MESSAGE FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH**  
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In 2015, VHA made significant progress on the Under Secretary for Health's top priority, improving access to care for Veterans. In this New Year's video message, Dr. David J. Shulkin kicks off 2016 with a review of the good work employees did last year to improve access, make the Veterans Choice Program easier to use, build a world-class customer service enterprise through the MyVA initiative, create more partnerships, and end homelessness among Veterans. He also invites employees to share their New Year's resolutions about their work at VHA with him on his VA Pulse page.

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

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