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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.

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National VA Council, President

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OPM's \$20 Million Contract for Post-Hack ID Protection Violated Federal Contracting Rules // Jack Moore

Investigators found "significant deficiencies" in the process of awarding of the contract to Winvale Group and its subcontractor CSID, according to OPM IG Patrick McFarland.

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The Government Found Another 2,000 Data Centers // Frank Konkel

The government struggles to keep track of its technology investments.

<u>DOD Official on 'Internet of Things' Security: 'We Have to Drive Out Passwords'</u> // Mohana Ravindranath

A military version of the Internet of Things needs to be far more robust against cyberattacks than its commercial counterpart.