



(January 7, 2016)

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: REMINDER Registration will open to all UNION's and AFGE on Monday January 11, 2016.**  
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As previously stated in our most recent President's Briefing dated December 22, 2015, the NVAC will be conducting a Safety Conference, to be held at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas from February 23rd through February 25, 2016, (with travel dates of February 22nd and 26th).

Registration for this conference is officially open to all AFGE National VA Council locals to begin the registration process. To register for this event please click on the web link below to begin your registration process;

<http://www.cvent.com/d/yfq94y/4W>

Mail checks to:
National VA Council
Att: Dorothy Jefferson
1970 Roanoke BLVD (106-76)

Salem, VA 24153

We are recommending that you register for the conference as soon as possible. A copy of the agenda is provided. If you cannot complete the registration online, please contact Daniel Hines, Director of Education and Training at NVACDIROFED@GMAIL.COM, he can assist you in completing your registration.

Just a reminder, Management has notified Human Resources to disallow use of official time for attendance at this event. The NVAC has filed a grievance to address this violation and are continuing to try to resolve this issue. We are recommending that you use annual leave to attend the conference with the expectation that the time will be restored, once the grievance is settled.

While we have sufficient slots within the conference for both the safety officers and the Local Presidents to attend, we have agreed to open up the conference to non NVAC local officers and other unions, ***after January 11, 2016***. **We therefore recommend that you register prior to this date**, in order to ensure a spot in the conference.

Lastly, in conjunction with the Safety Conference, the National VA Council has scheduled a Strategic Planning Meeting for Friday, February 26th. ALL Local Presidents are invited to participate. Please make travel plans accordingly.