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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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**In This Briefing:** Obama to propose 1.6 percent pay raise for 2017 | Bill would make it harder for feds to unionize  
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- **President's budget proposal to include 1.6 percent pay raise**

President Obama's fiscal 2017 budget will propose an average 1.6 percent pay raise for military and federal employees.

- **Bill would forbid automatic deduction of federal union dues**

The chairman of the House Budget Committee will introduce a bill to eliminate the ability of federal employee unions to automatically deduct dues from the paychecks of workers who elect the service.

- **Air Force triples selective re-enlistment bonus list**

The Air Force has nearly tripled the number of specialties eligible to receive bonuses under its fiscal 2016 Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program.