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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: Reminder: 2016 Annual New Local Presidents' Training**

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I am pleased to announce that the 5th Annual New Local Presidents' Training has been scheduled from Monday, April 25th through Friday, April 29th. As in the past, there will be **NO registration fee** for this class, and all training materials will be provided, but Locals will be responsible for travel, lodging and per diem for their attendees.

The National VA Council has reserved a block of rooms at the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center, located at 2801 Hershberger Road, NW Roanoke, VA 24017. Please call the hotel directly at 1-(800) 325-3535 or (540) 563-9300. Be sure to mention the group code: 'NVAC 2016 New Local President's Training', in order to receive the negotiated government per diem \$104.00. **DEADLINE for hotel reservations will be Friday, April 8th, 2016.** Travel dates are Sunday, April 24th and depart after 12:00 noon on Friday, April 29th.

The intended audience is new Local Presidents who have not attended this class in the past and/or were recently elected. It is designed solely for new Presidents; therefore other members of the Executive Board are not eligible to attend. The course topics will include: Representational Duties, Legislation, Bargaining, Grievance & Arbitration, Title 38, IRS DOL Requirements and other subjects needed to effectively lead your Local.

A final agenda is being developed and will be provided shortly.

The course will be limited to 30 participants. Selection for attendees will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please fill out the attached form and fax it back to the National VA Council at (540) 224-1931 or E-mail to Daniel.hines2@va.gov (be sure to provide name, title, Local #, date elected, and District). **DEADLINE for registration is Friday, April 8, 2016.**

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Daniel Hines, Director of Education & Training at (540) 345-6301.

We look forward to seeing new Local Presidents from across the Council in April 2016.