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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: National Police Week 2016**  
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In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and week which is commonly known as Police Week. Tens of thousands of Law Enforcement officers from around the world will converge in Washington D.C. and abroad to honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Instituted by Congress, National Police Week honors those U.S. Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Inscribed on the memorial in Judiciary Square in Washington DC, "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived".

This year, the names of 252 officers killed in the line of duty are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. Of these 252 officers, 123 are officers who were killed during 2015, plus 129 officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now. The Department of Veterans Affairs has 8 brave officers listed on the memorial wall.

On behalf of the National VA Council, I ask that we all keep our law enforcement officials and their families in our prayers; they risk their lives to keep us, our communities, and our work place safe, on a daily basis. Take time to give thanks to your Police Officers and wish them a very Happy and Safe Police Week!