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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: National Work and Family Month**

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In recognition of [National Work and Family Month](#), we are reminding agencies of the two guides OPM released earlier this year that provide useful tools and information to assist Federal employees balance their family and work responsibilities.

- [Handbook on Leave and Workplace Flexibilities for Childbirth, Adoption, and Foster Care](#)
- [Handbook on Workplace Flexibilities and Work-Life Programs for Elder Care](#)

These handbooks will help employees and agencies navigate through the various leave and work place flexibilities available to employees. We would appreciate your assistance in sharing them broadly with employees, managers, and HR specialists.