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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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- **OIG audit reveals officer fatigue at Secret Service**

The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General issued a management alert warning that staffing and scheduling

problems within the Secret Service are resulting in officer fatigue that threatens the safety of both officers and those they protect.

- **House committee subpoenas VA employees**

A House committee on Wednesday for the first time in its history voted to subpoena individuals - in this case five Department of Veterans Affairs employees - to appear and provide testimony.

- **Bill would provide seniors with COLA**

A Florida lawmaker is sponsoring legislation that would provide seniors with a cost-of-living adjustment.

## FEND Highlights

- **Personal devices continue to pose serious cyber risk**

As the federal government scrambles to shore up the security of its IT systems amid a tide of hacking incidents at federal agencies, risky cyber behaviors at the individual level continue to persist and pose significant dangers.

- **Former NGA employee admits lying to investigators**

A former National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency official pleaded guilty to lying to federal investigators to hide his ownership of a private company that he was using his official position to promote, the Justice Department said.

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