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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: Thanksgiving Greeting's 2015**  
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As we celebrate Thanksgiving, keep in mind the true meaning of Thanksgiving; sharing and giving thanks. With this in mind, it is impossible to overlook the many sacrifices of the men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserves and others who have secured our freedom and preserved those traditions.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." We live by those words every day, as we care for our nations' finest, our veterans, in medical centers, regional offices, and cemeteries nationwide.

Remember, Thanksgiving has been around for many years and many traditions have risen from it. Again, it reminds us of the early celebrations of bringing in the harvest, our thankfulness for peace, and the accomplishments of those who walked before us. It is important that we give thanks and acknowledgment to the things and people that we are thankful for. This may be one of the most significant parts of our Thanksgiving gathering.

On behalf of the National Veterans Affairs Council Officers, Executive Board and Staff, please accept our sincere and warmest wishes to you and yours for a Happy Thanksgiving!