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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: Want your full retirement benefits sooner? Prepare early, personnel agency tells federal employees**

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The Washington Post

Federal employees can help shorten the time it takes to process their applications for retirement benefits, long a sore point in the workforce, by preparing well in advance, the official overseeing that process has said. "We strongly encourage all prospective retirees to start taking a look at their entire work history long before they want to retire," said Ken Zawodny, Office of Personnel Management associate director for retirement services. [READ MORE](#)