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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:** [Mailing to hack victims complete, OPM says](#) | [Lawmakers prepare shutdown pay bill](#)  
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- [OPM says main mailing to cyber victims is complete](#)

Office of Personnel Management said it has finished the initial mailing of letters to about 93 percent of individuals whose Social Security numbers and other personal information were compromised in the cyber hack of background investigation records.

- [Just in case, lawmakers prepare retroactive pay measure](#)

While Congress may have held off a shutdown by passing a stop-gap bill that funds the government through Wednesday, two lawmakers readied legislation that would guarantee back pay for all furloughed workers in the event one occurs.

- [Feds get half-day off Dec. 24](#)

Although federal employees won't get a the whole day off Dec., 24, Office of Personnel Management acting Director Beth Cobert last week announced that employees will get to leave halfway through their scheduled workday.