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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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National VA Council, President

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Read about our top reports and investigations in November 2015 CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY - Assistant Inspector General for Investigations' Testimony Explains How Fraud in Set-Aside Program Deprives Contracts from Legitimate Veteran-Owned Businesses Quentin G. Aucoin, Assistant Inspector General for Investigation, testified at a joint hearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, Committee on Small Business, United States House of Representatives titled, "An Examination of Continued Challenges in VA's Vets First Verification Process." Mr. Aucoin discussed the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) investigative caseload involving VA's Veteran-Owned and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business programs, suspension and debarment actions that will prevent wrongdoers from receiving future contract awards, and significant prosecutions resulting from OIG investigations. He indicated that OIG will continue to devote significant resources to investigate individuals and companies that seek to defraud VA and deprive legitimate service-connected veterans from obtaining contracts earned through their honorable military service. Mr. Aucoin was accompanied by Mr. Gregory Gladhill, Audit Manager, Los Angeles Office of Audits and Evaluations.

