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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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In This Briefing: Three Compensation Policy Memoranda

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The President has signed an [Executive order](#) to implement the January 2016 pay adjustments.

OPM has issued a memorandum that reviews relevant portions of the Executive order and provides general information on the 2016 pay rates. This memorandum is available at: <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/january-2016-pay->

[adjustments-0](#). Among other things, this memo notes that the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, contains a provision that continues the freeze on the payable pay rates for the Vice President and certain senior political appointees at 2013 levels during calendar year 2016.

OPM has issued a memorandum with the results of OPM's 2015 annual review of special rates. This memorandum is available at: <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/2015-annual-review-special-rates-results>.

OPM has issued a memorandum regarding the fiscal year 2016 prevailing rate pay adjustments. This memorandum is available at: <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/fiscal-year-2016-prevailing-rate-pay-adjustments>.