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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: AFGC urges funding to hire 6, 000 TSA screeners**  
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- **Union says TSA needs 6,000 more screeners**

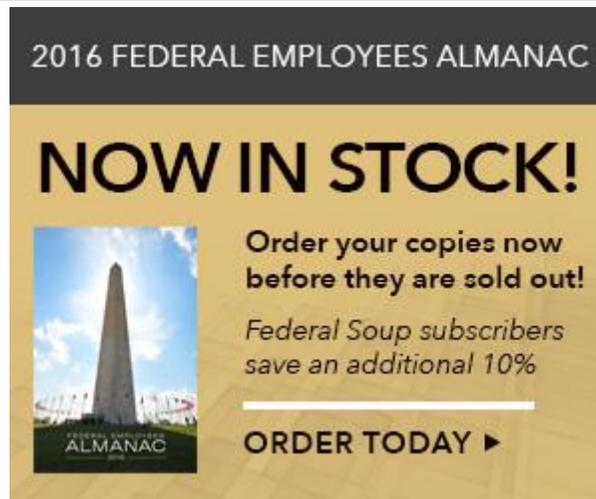
The union that represents Transportation Security Administration airport screeners urged Congress to pass emergency funding to hire 6,000 additional full-time transportation security officers to clear up long lines at airport security checkpoints.

- **Former postal worker admits to mail theft**

A former postal clerk in Norfolk, Va., pleaded guilty May 11 to stealing mail, the Justice Department announced.

- **Senate panel advances veterans legislation**

An omnibus package of veterans legislation cleared the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee May 12.



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