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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: Veterans Day ~ Honoring Those Who Served

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Over the past 10 years, our troops have been in harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now, we prepare for Veterans Day 2011 and our soldiers returning home by year end. They have and will continue to receive the support of a grateful nation! But after the parades and the receptions, they will need care and assistance, many for the rest of their lives.

So while we celebrate the return of these heroes, we know that we, who care for our veterans every day, have much work before us. We must provide the medical care needed to repair bodies and minds broken by years of conflict, and help these veterans readjust to families, jobs and

communities they left behind. We need to make sure that they get all the benefits they deserve. And finally, when their course on earth is run, we need to provide them with a dignified final service.

For us, then, every day is Veterans Day. We serve veterans of all our wars, from World War II, 70 years ago, to the conflicts of today. Let us join our grateful nation in saluting our veterans, but let us never forget the service we graciously render to veterans every day. "Serving those, who served us all!"

On behalf of the AFGE/National Veterans Affairs Council, I would like to wish all of you, particularly the many veterans of our Council, a safe and enjoyable Veterans Day!