



***(December 14, 2011)***

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: Possible Government Shutdown**

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If the budget is not passed by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at midnight, there will be a government shutdown. OPM has advised VA to announce this possible shutdown. If the shutdown occurs, every employee will receive a letter from their supervisor, stating whether or not they have been furloughed.

If the shutdown occurs, it will be **effective Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at midnight**. Employees must report to work on Monday, in order to receive their letter from their supervisor.

For further information, you can go to [www.OPM.gov/furlough2011](http://www.OPM.gov/furlough2011) or VA's intranet.

We will keep you updated as we receive more information.