

**Board of Veterans Services
Summary of 2015 Initiatives
As of 3/25/15**

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>BVS Recommendation – 1/12/15</i>	<i>Status – as of 3/25/15</i>
BVS 2015-01	That the Governor and General Assembly support the hiring, training, and retention of DVS Veterans Service Representatives, the addition of representatives in understaffed locations, and the building of needed service capacity at Benefits Offices, by approving an additional \$1,750,201 (GF) in FY2016.	\$1,750,201 (GF) included in introduced budget; approved by General Assembly
BVS 2015-02	That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Governor create a working group, led by Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, to facilitate the identification and recognition of Virginia’s Centenarian Veterans and the centenarian spouses of such veterans; b. Special certificates of recognition be created to recognize Centenarian Veterans and their centenarian spouses; c. Certificates be presented to the veterans and spouses upon the request of the veteran or spouse, or of a family member or friend; d. A Virginia State Flag that has flown over the State Capitol also be presented; and e. The Governor present the first certificate and flag at a special ceremony, and that a press release and photos of the ceremony be released in order to promote the new program. 	Under review (no budget or legislative action required during 2015 session)