

**Board of Veterans Services  
Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2013**

A meeting of the Board of Veterans Services (BVS) was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 S. Belvidere, Richmond.

**Members Present**

- John Anderson
- Richard Anderson
- L. Max Beyer
- Thad Jones
- Donald Kaiserman
- Kate Kohler
- Don Lecky
- Sandra Love
- William Nicholas
- Toddy Puller
- Bryce Reeves
- Al Sample
- Christopher Stolle
- Rich Schollmann, representing the Veterans Services Foundation (VSF)
- Chip Moran, representing the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC)
- Paul Galanti, Commissioner of Veterans Services

**Members Absent**

- Mamyé BaCote
- William Haneke

**Commonwealth of Virginia Officials Present**

- Cynthia Norwood, Office of the Attorney General
- Sam Brown, Department of Veterans Services (DVS)
- Steven Combs, DVS
- Jack Hilgers, DVS
- Dan Kemano, DVS
- Danielle Weaver, DVS
- Cathy Wilson, DVS
- Jason Williams, DVS

**Others Present**

- Sherry Brown

## **Materials Distributed in the Agenda Packet**

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## **Call to Order**

Chairman Thad Jones called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Jones led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called and with 12 of 18 members present a quorum was determined. Delegate Richard Anderson, Mr. Don Lecky, Ms. Sandra Love, and Delegate Christopher Stolle arrived later, bringing the number of members present to 16 including Mr. Chip Moran as the JLC representative and Rich Schollman as the VSF representative.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Mr. Don Kaiserman made a **motion** to approve the agenda as submitted, **seconded** by Commissioner Paul Galanti. The motion carried unanimously. The agenda is included as *Attachment 1*.

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Steven Combs to introduce the DVS staff and the guests present. Their names and organizations are recorded above.

Commissioner Galanti introduced Ms. Cathy Wilson as the new Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Veterans Services (DVS). He stated that he is very pleased with the selection and that Ms. Wilson brings a lot of experience and knowledge to the position.

Commissioner Galanti recognized Mr. Sam Brown, who is retiring after 28 years of services with DVS. Commissioner Galanti thanked him for his service and congratulated him on his retirement. He then presented Mr. Brown with a certificate.

## **Approval of January 7, 2013 minutes**

Chairman Jones noted that the January 7, 2013 minutes had been distributed electronically and asked if there were any corrections. There were none, and the minutes of the January 7 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

## **Presentations**

### **Virginia State Veterans Cemeteries**

Mr. Dan Kemano gave a presentation on Virginia State Veteran Cemeteries, covering the three cemeteries and the services and facilities at each cemetery.

Senator Toddy Puller asked how many in-ground spaces are in place at the cemeteries. Mr. Kemano explained it hard to determine an exact number, but there are enough spaces to last the next 60 – 80 years.

Mr. L. Max Beyer asked about the maintenance reserve fund. Mr. Kemano explained that this fund is for all three cemeteries and the money is used to buy new equipment and make necessary repairs.

Chairman Jones asked if the cemeteries could bury the more than 800,000 veterans living in Virginia. Mr. Kemano explained that the cemeteries serve all of Virginia's veterans, but that not all would choose burial in a veterans cemetery. Mr. Steven Combs explained that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) tries to estimate future cemetery usage based on the number of veterans in a certain area that are expected to choose burial in a veterans cemetery. It was noted that the three state veterans cemeteries had approximately 1,200 burials last year.

Mr. Kemano explained the cemetery's "pre-application" process, which allows veterans to submit the necessary forms to qualify for burial in a state veterans cemetery. He noted that a DD214 was required, and a marriage certificate if the spouse will be buried. He added that DVSA can assist veterans obtaining a DD214 if required.

Mr. Thomas Moran asked if there is any long range plans to construct a cemetery in Northern Virginia. Mr. Kemano explained that DVS is studying the need for additional veterans cemeteries.

Senator Puller thanked Mr. Kemano for his presentation and stated that he did a very thorough job. Mr. Combs pointed out that Mr. Brown had supervised the state cemetery program at one point in his career.

Chairman Jones asked new board member Mr. L. Max Beyer to give a brief bio on himself. Mr. Beyer then gave a brief bio on himself and explained that he worked at the Department of Taxation for 11 years. He also stated that he is looking forward to serving on the Board and becoming involved in veterans issues.

### **BVS and JLC initiatives: 2013 General Assembly**

Chairman Jones reviewed the BVS initiatives, which are included as *Attachment 2*. Chairman Jones thanked the members of the General Assembly, the other board members, and Commissioner Galanti and his staff for their efforts to support the Board's recommendations.

Mr. Moran reviewed the JLC Initiatives, which are included as *Attachment 3*. He stated that he is very proud of the initiatives and that the JLC and BVS worked as a team. He thanked the General Assembly legislators. Chairman Jones stated that they have a unique partnership with JLC.

Senator Puller noted that she has sponsored a bill in support of JLC Priority #1 and that it passed through the Senate but did not pass the House. She noted that the bill was referred to the General Assembly's Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS), which is scheduled to meet May 22. She noted that there was concern regarding absentee ballots and voter fraud.

Delegate Richard Anderson said he sponsored a similar bill in 2012 and had the same issue, but noted that the electronic voting process would be password protected. He said that twenty-seven states already have electronic voting in place and have had no examples of fraud. Delegate Anderson stated that he has learned that every bill has its day and to not give up on this initiative.

### **Budget and legislation: 2013 General Assembly**

Mr. Combs gave presentation on the budget actions taken by the Governor and 2013 General Assembly.

Ms. Kate Kohler stated that she would like to learn more about the education benefits available under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP).

Mr. Kaiserman commented on the planned care center in Northern Virginia, noting that some legal issues had been raised regarding one potential site. He added that several potential locations had been identified but were not available for one reason or another. He stated that the care center site should be 25 or more acres, and that, because DVS does not have the funding to purchase land, it was hoped that land would be donated.

Mr. Moran asked about the location for the planned veterans care center in Hampton Roads. Commissioner Galanti noted that sites were being evaluated at the former School for the Deaf and Blind and at Fort Monroe.

Delegate Christopher Stolle commented on the economic impact a care center would have on a locality, noting that the building of a Care Center would bring jobs and employees will go out into the community to spend their income.

## **Reports**

### **Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations**

Mr. Moran, the JLC Vice-Chair, reviewed the JLC report to the Board, which is included as *Attachment 4*. He invited the Board members to attend the next JLC meeting, scheduled for May

22 at the American Legion Building. He noted that the JLC is considering several initiatives and commented that it can sometimes take several years for an initiative to be adopted.

Mr. Kaiserman stated that, by working together, the JLC and BVS have been able to eliminate any duplications or confusion over initiatives, and that the two boards complement each other very well.

### **Veteran Services Foundation**

Mr. Rich Schollmann announced that he was representing VSF Chairman Dave Holt, and that he had been elected as the next VSF Chairman on May 1. Mr. Schollmann delivered the VSF report to the BVS, which is included as Attachment 5. The next VSF meeting is Wednesday, August 7.

### **Department of Veterans Services**

Commissioner Galanti expressed his pleasure that Ms. Cathy Wilson is the new Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Veterans Services and that she did a wonderful job with the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program.

The DVS report to the BVS is included as Attachment 6. Commissioner Galanti highlighted the recent audit report issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts. Chairman Jones asked that the board members take time to read the audit report.

## **New Business**

### **BVS Committee Assignments**

Chairman Jones reviewed the Committee Assignments – see Attachment 7.

Ms. Kate Kohler, Chairman for Benefits Committee announced that she enjoyed going to the different benefit offices and getting a better sense of what DVS can do for veterans.

It was noted that legislators and *ex-officio* members are not assigned to a committee but can be used as resources by the committee members.

### **Discussion of BVS Powers/Duties and initial discussion of BVS initiatives for 2013-2014**

Chairman Jones noted that Board has certain Powers and Duties set forth in the Code of Virginia and Executive Order 29 (see Attachment 8). He stated that the BVS will put forward recommendations for consideration by the Governor for the 2014 General Assembly. Chairman Jones proposed two potential ideas for consideration by the Board:

1. Benefits section training: in order to improve the education and training for the Benefits section, one day per month could be devoted to training. The benefit section staff would be able to take advantage of several training opportunities that may be unavailable due to their work schedule. Mr. Lecky stated that this would come to about 96 hours a year for training. Mr. John Anderson and Ms. Kohler agreed that this would be a good initiative to look at.

2. Chairman Jones discussed the issue of DVS claims agents leaving for better paying jobs. He noted that he had read an article about pay raises for the fire and police departments. He suggested a similar pay raise for the Benefits section staff. Mr. Moran agreed that this would be awesome for the Benefits section. Mr. Beyer suggested getting hard numbers from the state police, as there is a location-based stipend.

Chairman Jones noted that the terms for several of the Board members ends on June 30 and that, because of term limits, not all were eligible for reappointment. He added that there could be some new Board members at the July 24 meeting.

### **Public comment**

Mr. Beyer said that he enjoyed the informative presentations that Mr. Combs and Mr. Moran gave earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Galanti noted stated that the next V3 conference will be on June 12 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond and invited the Board members to attend and see what the program is all about. He added that TMG is doing a tremendous job teaching companies how to go out and hire veterans.

Delegate Anderson stated that as of March 2013 the over 300 companies had been trained under V3 and over 1,200 veterans had been hired by these companies.

Mr. Al Sample stated that this is the best workforce group that has come out of Virginia.

### **Public Comment**

None was presented.

### **Prepare for Next Meeting**

Chairman Jones asked that the BVS members prepare for the board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 24.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**Board of Veterans Services**

**Virginia War Memorial**  
**621 S. Belvidere**  
**Richmond**  
**May 8, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I. Opening, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call and Quorum Determination, Approval of Agenda, and Introduction of DVS Staff and Guests – *Thad Jones, BVS Chairman* (10:00 – 10:10)
- II. Approval of January 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes – *Thad Jones, BVS Chairman* (10:10 – 10:15)
- III. Presentations (10:15 – 11:05)
  - a. Veterans cemeteries – *Dan Kemano, Cemeteries Director* (20 minutes)
  - b. BVS and JLC Initiatives: 2013 General Assembly – *Thad Jones, BVS Chairman* (10 minutes)
  - c. Budget and legislation: 2013 General Assembly – *Steven Combs, Director of Policy & Planning* (20 minutes)
- IV. Reports (11:05 – 11:30)
  - a. Joint Leadership Council – *Chip Moran, JLC Vice Chair* (5 minutes)
  - b. Veterans Services Foundation – *David Holt, VSF Chairman* (5 minutes)
  - c. Department of Veterans Services – *Paul Galanti, Commissioner* (15 minutes)
- V. New Business (11:30 – 11:45)
  - a. BVS Committee Assignments and Leadership: 2013-14 – *Thad Jones, BVS Chairman* (5 minutes)
  - b. Discussion of BVS Powers/Duties and initial discussion of BVS initiatives for 2013-2014 – *Thad Jones, BVS Chairman* (10 minutes)
- VI. Public comment (11:45 – 11:55)
- VII. Prepare for Next Meeting – *Thad Jones, Chairman* (11:55 – 12:00)
- VIII. Adjourn (12:00)

Lunch to follow

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**Summary of Board of Veterans Services (BVS) Initiatives**  
**2013 General Assembly**

**BVS Priority #1:** Institutionalize Virginia Values Vets (V3) initiative through a change to the Code of Virginia or an Executive Order.

HB1906 (Anderson): authorizes the Department of Veteran Services (DVS) to develop a program to reduce veteran unemployment. **Passed House and Senate, Approved by Governor**

SB829 (Puller): authorizes DVS to develop a program to reduce veteran unemployment. **Passed Senate and House, Approved by Governor**

Budget Item 462: provides up to \$300,000 the second year from the general fund for training and equipment purchases to support the Virginia Values Veterans Program. Such funds may be used by companies hiring returning or disabled military veterans for new full-time jobs located in the Commonwealth that pay an annual salary of at least \$30,000 and for which the returning or disabled military veteran is employed continuously throughout the year. A full-time job is defined as a minimum of either 35 hours per week for at least 48 weeks or 1,680 hours per year. **Passed Senate and House, Approved by Governor**

**BVS Priority #2:** Appropriate funding for DVS Tele-Vet system and improved use of social media: (1) \$150,000 in FY14 (General Fund – one time) to develop and deploy a Tele-Vet system to reach Virginia veterans who do not own or have ready access to a computer; (2) \$25,000 (General Fund) per fiscal year in FY15 and beyond for system operation; and (3) \$20,000 (General Fund) annually for a wage employee to better engage Virginia veterans through social media, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, and podcasts. **No action by General Assembly**

**BVS Priority #3:** Increase the DVS budget by \$30,000 (General Fund) per year to allow 10 DVS claims agents to attend the American Legion training and 10 agents to attend the VFW training.

Budget Item 462: provides \$30,000 to train up to 20 claims agents per year. **Passed Senate and House, Approved by Governor**

**BVS Priority #4:** Ensure that state veterans cemeteries have the financial resources necessary for essential maintenance reserve and equipment replacement requirements by:

(1) Authorizing use of federal funds for the Non General Fund portion of the maintenance reserve and equipment replacement requirements. Increase included in Budget Item 463, which **Passed Senate and House, Approved by Governor**

(2) Maintain the current charges for burial vaults for veterans and spouses and the burial fee for spouses. **Accomplished administratively by DVS**

**BVS Priority #5:** Assign a Senior Assistant Attorney General to the Department of Veterans Services on a full-time basis to provide legal services.

Budget Item 462: provides \$65,000 for this. **Passed Senate and House, Approved by Governor**

**BVS Priority #6:** DVS to partner with veterans service organizations (VSOs) to create a resource directory of non-DVS claims agents and share this information with members of the General Assembly. **This will be accomplished administratively by DVS.**

For more details, go to: <http://lis.virginia.gov/>.

**ATTACHMENT 3**  
**Summary of Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC)**  
**Initiatives – 2013 General Assembly**

**JLC Priority #1:** Provide for the electronic return of absentee ballots voted by overseas voters.

SB830 (Puller): to provide to military overseas, secure electronic ballots. Incorporates SB874 (McWaters). **Passed Senate; House Elections Sub-Committee referred the Senate bill to Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) for further study. Left in House Privileges and Elections.**

**JLC Priority #2:** Set aside land for a Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center.

HB2175 (K. Cox): authorizes the Governor to request federal funds for a Veterans Care Center and requires the State Treasurer to issue a short-term loan for the state share (35%) if the US Department of Veterans Affairs determines federal funds will be allocated. **Passed House and Senate, Approved by Governor**

Budget Item C-34.15: authorizes the Director, Department of Planning and Budget, to approve a short term loan up to \$28.5M for the state share of a Veterans Care Center if the Veterans US Department of Veterans Affairs allocates the federal share. Supports HB2175. **Passed House and Senate, Approved by Governor**

**JLC Priority #3:** Provide sales and use tax exemption for veterans service organizations.

SB730 (Puller): adds veterans organizations to nonprofit entities that qualify for the exemption. **Left in the Senate Finance Committee**

**JLC Priority #4:** Provide business incentives (tax credit) for employing veterans to fill new jobs.

HB2290 (Head): gives a tax credit for entities who hire veterans at a salary of at least \$30,000 per year and additional incentives for retention of the veteran. **Left in House Finance Committee**

SB831 (Puller): gives a tax credit for entities who hire veterans at a salary of at least \$30,000 per year and additional incentives for retention of the veteran. **Bill was amended to establish a Gold Certified Veteran Grant Fund to support the DVS V3 Program. Passed Senate; Left in the House Appropriations Committee.**

Budget Item 462: provides up to \$300,000 the second year from the general fund for training and equipment purchases to support the Virginia Values Veterans Program. Such funds may be used by companies hiring returning or disabled military veterans for new full-time jobs located in the Commonwealth that pay an annual salary of at least \$30,000 and for which the returning or disabled military veteran is employed continuously throughout the year. A full-time job is defined as a minimum of either 35 hours per week for at least 48 weeks or 1,680 hours per year. **Passed Senate and House, Approved by Governor**

**JLC Priority #5:** Clarify Code of Virginia section regarding in-state tuition eligibility for veterans.

HB1461 (Lingamfelter): clarifies eligibility for in-state tuition for current and former military personnel and their dependents. **Passed House and Senate, Approved by Governor**

SB1242 (Stuart): clarifies eligibility for in-state tuition for current and former military personnel and their dependents. **Passed Senate and House, Approved by Governor**

**JLC Priority #6:** Increase the stipend in the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and provide necessary funding (\$600,000) to support the increase.

HB2231 (Rush): provides a stipend of up to \$2,000, or as provided in the appropriations act. **Passed House and Senate, Approved by Governor.**

Budget Item 144: raises stipend cap from \$1,500 to \$1,800. Increases FY13 program funding by \$75,000 and FY14 program funding by \$600,000 to cover increase. **Passed House and Senate, Approved by Governor.**

## ATTACHMENT 4

### **Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations Report to Board of Veterans Services May 8, 2013**

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) met on March 20. A number of reports were received and presentations made.

The Code of Virginia sets forth six powers and duties for the JLC, including:

1. *Advise the Department of Veterans Services regarding (i) methods of providing support for ongoing veterans services and programs, and (ii) addressing veterans issues on an ongoing basis;*
2. *Recommend issues that may potentially impact veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents;*
3. *Advise the Department of Veterans Services and the Board of Veterans Services on matters of concern to Virginia-domiciled veterans and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents*

The JLC is also directed, under Executive Order 29 (EO29), to develop a set of recommendations to be considered by the Governor for consideration during the upcoming General Assembly session.

Each year, the JLC adopts, and submits through the Commissioner of Veterans Services, prioritized initiatives for consideration by the Governor. Six initiatives were submitted to Governor McDonnell for the 2013 General Assembly session. A summary of those initiatives and their status is attached.

The JLC is hard at work on initiatives for the 2014 session, which will be discussed at the May 22 meeting and adopted at the July 17 meeting.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the BVS in support of Virginia's veterans in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Moran  
Vice Chairman

*Note: the attachment to the JLC report is the same as Attachment 3 above, and is therefore not included in this section of the minute*

**ATTACHMENT 5**  
**VETERANS SERVICES FOUNDATION**  
**REPORT TO**  
**Board of Veterans Services**  
**May 8, 2013**

The Veterans Services Foundation (VSF) Board of Trustees has held two meetings since last BVS meeting. An Executive Committee meeting was held on March 6, 2013 because a Board quorum was not available due to weather. No Committee meetings were held that day. The Board met on May 1, 2013 with 17 members present and the Development and Finance Committees met before the Board meeting. The following events occurred and actions taken at the meetings, in addition to the usual reports and updates on VWWP and V3.

- (1) Reviewed Foundation fundraising and fundraising events conducted during FY13, Foundation expenses, and the results of the FY11-12 audit;
- (2) Approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY13 VSF Financial Reports;
- (3) Approved FY13 Budget adjustments for VWWP, Virginia Veterans Care Center, and V3;
- (4) Approved VSF-DVS FY14 Budget;
- (5) Approved the review and updating of VSF-DVS Joint Policies #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 6A;
- (6) Approved appointing Frank Finelli to the Development Committee;
- (7) Approved the purchase of a VSF logo lapel pin;
- (8) Adopted a FY14 VSF Milestone Plan (first attachment); and
- (9) Appointed a Nominating Committee and elected officers for FY14.

As of 1 May, the Foundation has received donations during FY13 of about \$400,000, of which over \$331,000 is for VWWP. (See the second attachment.) The total amount includes two donations for the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program and much more is expected. Additionally, there still are a host of future events scheduled for FY13 and FY14 is starting to fill. (See the third attachment.) As always, the Foundation extends its sincere congratulations to the outstanding outreach of all DVS activities to realize this significant fundraising level. It could not have been accomplished without the dedication of all DVS personnel.

The Board of Trustees elected the following officers for FY14:

Chair, Richard Schollmann  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Peter Trainer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Juanita Farrell

In keeping with the VSF Board Bylaws, their terms will be effective July 1, 2013.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2013 at the American Legion Headquarters on Commonwealth Street. Items for the next meeting may include: (1) approval of the Final Quarter FY13 Financial Statement; (2) approval of the review and updates of VSF-DVS Joint Policies #7, 8, and 9; (3) consider a new policy on charitable bequests/planned giving; (4) review VSF FY13 fundraising program and projections for FY14; (5) appointment of committee chairs for FY14.

Respectfully submitted,

David Holt  
VSF Chairman

Attachments: (1) VSF Milestone Plan; (2) FY13 VSF Donations; (3) FY13 Events

**VSF Report to BVS – Attachment 1 – VSF Milestones FY14\***

July 1, 2013

Board Officers assume duties

August 7 meeting\*\*

Review FY13 Goals and Objectives/Matrices

Consider Goals and Objectives for FY14

Approve 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY13 Financial Statement

Approve review of three VSF-DVS Policies, if any

Board Chair appoints Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs

Approval of Committee Chair/Vice Chair appointments

Approve tentative dates and locations (if available for FY14)

November 6 meeting\*\*

Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY14 Financial Statement

Approve budget adjustments, if any

Approve Bylaws and MOU changes, if any

March 12, 2014

Request Budget input for FY14 due April 14

March 26 meeting

Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY13 Financial Statement

Approve budget adjustments, if any

Confirm dates and locations of 2014 Board meetings

Elect a nominating committee

April 4

Nominating Committee put out call for candidates for officers' positions

May 7 meeting\*\*\*

Approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY13 Financial Statement

Approve budget adjustments, if any

Approve FY15 budget

Elect officers for FY14

\*At all meetings, as appropriate, receive VWWP, V3, and other DVS activity updates.

\*\*In odd numbered years review all VSF-DVS Policies, Bylaws, and MOU

\*\*\*In Odd numbered years, receive report on APA audit if available

**VSF Report to BVS – Attachment 2 - VSF FUNDRAISING RESULTS FOR FY13**

**Unaudited  
May 1, 2013**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>VWWP</b>	
	Cedar Point Country Club	55,000.00
	Anonymous	28,000.00
	Bosh Global Services	14,573.79
	G C Marshall Ch. MOAA	14,038.00
	Lakeview Development Corp	13,668.20
	VA Bankers Assn Class of 2012	13,589.55
	Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Bedall	10,000.00
	Columbia Natural Gas (NiSource Fndtn)	10,000.00
	Rooster Walk Inc (Turn 5)	9,000.00
	American Legion Post 146	6,700.00
	Combat Veterans Motorcycle Club	6,300.00
	Riverside Hospital Services	5,000.00
	American Legion Post 89	4,000.00
	Care Advantage Inc	3,860.00
	Bowditch Ford	3,850.00
	Rockbridge Patriots MCL Det 1351	3,500.00
	Witts Harley Davidson	3,231.00
	Caruso, Inc	3,000.00
	American Borate Company	3,000.00
	Member One Bank	2,915.31
	Aero Vironment	2,500.00
	Avery Ballet	2,500.00
	Grease Monkey of Hampton Rds	2,223.34
	Kaitly McQuade (UVA – DC Marathon)	2,195.99
	Am. Legion Charlottesville Post	2,182.00
	Honorable Order of the Blue Goose	2,114.25
	Chancellor Middle School	2,059.00
	An Achievable Dream	2,000.00
	New River Energetics	2,000.00
	Sons of the Revolution	2,000.00
	Hampton-Sydney College	2,000.00
	Thomas F. Farrell II	2,000.00
	Exchange Club of Lynchburg	2,000.00
	Miles for Miles	1,767.00
	John Lynch Ch. DAR	1,750.00
	MillerCoors	1,700.00
	Longshots/All Foods	1,624.00
	Longwood University	1,531.66
	ODU Sports Mgmt Assn	1,518.00
	COL John W. Brown USA (Ret)	1,500.00
	Other VSOs**	1,450.00
	Marine Corps League Det 1379	1,365.00
	FLUOR Enterprises	1,348.00
	Carroll County Sheriff's Office	1,130.00
	King George HS Drama Club	1,124.54
	Un-Refiners Golf League	1,100.00
	Blue Knights Motorcycle Club	1,055.19
	The Pretty Real Estate Group	1,038.00
	Warrenton Lace Guild	1,020.00
	Challenged Sports Exchange	1,000.00
	Appalachian Power Co	1,000.00

Dominion Resources	1,000.00
Old Dominion Electric Coop	1,000.00
Disabled American Veterans Ch 39	1,000.00
Powhatan Masonic Lodge 295	1,000.00
Marine Corps League Det 980	1,000.00
Parkview Community Center Board	1,000.00
Ada Lieb Goldstein Foundation	1,000.00
Hampton Roads Chapter MOAA	1,000.00
O. N. Pollard	1,000.00
Richard & Christine Bardley	1,000.00
Individual Donors	<u>55,512.38</u>
VWWP Revenue Balance***	<u>331,042.70</u>

Care Centers	
VVCC	44,245.15
S&BVCC	10,051.19
Cemeteries	100.00
Amelia	550.00
Dublin	575.00
Suffolk	150.00
Foundation Endowment	45.00
Amelia Golf Cart	3,600.00
V3 Fund	
SAIC	5,000.00
Dominion Resources	5,000.00
Non-VWWP Total	<u>69,316.34</u>
Total FY13 Income to Date*	400,359.04

\*Does not include Grants or Interest

\*\*American Legion Posts, MOAA Chapters, VFW Posts, Marine Corps League Dets

\*\*\*Does not include in-kind donations including \$9,222.00 in greeting cards from Bell America Greeting Cards and \$1,160.00 in other miscellaneous in-kind donations.

**VSF Report to BVS – Attachment 3 - VSF and VWWP Fundraising\* Events FY13-FY14**

Date	What	Where	POC
7/2/12	ODU 5K Run*	Norfolk	John Leigh
7/13-15/12	Cycling Event*	Covington	Sarah Persinger
7/18/12	Member One Fundrsr*	Roanoke	Mark Hudzik
7/28/12	CVMA Ride*	Garrisonville	Ross Woodley
7/31/12	Drama Clb Production*	King George	Katrina Wines
8/6/12	Golf Tournament*	Lexington	Gordy Calkins/MOAA
8/6/12	VBA Fundraiser*	Charlottesville	John Ramirez
8/7/12	Luncheon*	Midlothian	Melissa Clay
8/14/12	Oldies Dance*	Charlottesville	American Legion
8/25/12	Bowl-a-Thon*	Midlothian	Melissa Clay
8/27/12	Antique Bike Show*	Fairfax	Patriot Harley Davidson
9/1-3/12	Lakeview Golf T*	Harrisonburg	Dave Holt
9/12/12	Achievable Dream	Williamsburg	Cathy Wilson
9/14/12	Bosh BBQ*	Newport News	Susan Houchin/Eric Endries
9/15/12	New River Triathlon*	Pulaski Cnty	Jim Beamer/Dominion Resces
9/18/12	Bowditch Ford*	Newport News	Dan Rosinski
9/20/12	DAR High Tea*	Lynchburg	Phyllis Bruce
9/22/12	Clay Shoot*	Lexington	Marine Corps League
9/27-8/12	Neptune Festival*	Virginia Beach	Scott Miller/Grease Monkey
9/29/12	FOP VWWP Rec*	Newport News	Danny Machesny
9/29/12	BBQ & Bike Rally*	King George	Steve Heitmeyer
9/30/12	Cadillac Polo Match*	Charlottesville	Tracey Leverty
10/2/12	Veterans Call Day*	Chester	Kirk Cox
10/13/12	Dart Tournament*	Chesapeake	Bart Consford
10/4/12	Cedar Point Golf T*	Suffolk	Ed Keil/Jack Hilgers
10/13/12	Motorcycle Run *	Prince George	Susan Keim
10/26-7/12	Turn 5 Concerts*	Martinsville	Cliff Roop/Matt Wade
11/3/12	Motorcycle Poker Run*	Manassas	Chris Taylor
12/15/12	Deer Hunt	Dickenson Cnty	Cheryl Mefford
1/5/13	Pro-wrestling*	Lexington	Chris Graham
3/16/13	Rock n Roll Marathon*	Washington DC	Kaitlyn McQuade
3/24/13	Wnded Warrior Tribte*	Newport News	Clay Bradshaw/Eric Endries
3/26/13	ACME Golf Tourny*	VA Beach	Michael Midura
3/29/13	AgustaExpo Musical*	Staunton Area	John Reynolds
3/30/13	Motorcycle Run*	Region 4	David Farmer/Delano Medley
4/16/13	RLCDC Golf Tourn*	Woodbridge	Kylisa Harris
5/4/13	MOAAClay Shoot*	Lexington	Ross Schmoll
5/11/13	POWMIA Bike Rally*	Lynchburg	Thomas Bushley
5/11/13	Unity Church Event*	Fredericksburg	Judi Ventrurina
5/18/13	10 IS BC Fun Run*	Langley AFB	Joe Sheve
5/24-5/13	Musical Theater*	Hampton	Eileen Engel
5/27/13	Victory Golf Event*	New Kent Cnty	Joshua McKim
6/1/13	Poor Boy Car Show*	Front Royal	David Jenson
6/28/13	Victry for Vets Golf T*	Harrisonburg	Dave Holt
7/20/13	VIADA Fundraiser*	Portsmouth	Stella Salyer
8/10/13	So Knights Car Show*	Petersburg	Ricky Williams
8/17/13	Wnded Warrior Fest*	Fredericksburg	Kenneth Harvey
9/1-2/13	Labor Day Fest*	Virginia Beach	Mike Quesenberry
10/6/13	Polo Match*	Charlottesville	Martha M/Camille S.

## **ATTACHMENT 6**

Memorandum for: Chairman Thad A. Jones  
Members, Board of Veterans Services

From: Paul E. Galanti, Commissioner

Date: May 8, 2013

Subject: Department of Veterans Services report

The Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) recently released the audit report of the Department of Veterans Services (DVS), the Veterans Services Foundation (VSF), and the Virginia War Memorial (VWM) for the 24-month period July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012.

The APA audit found:

- Proper recording and reporting of all transactions, in all material respects, in the Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System and the department's Financial Management System;
- No matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention; and
- No instances of noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations or other matters that are required to be reported.

DVS Finance Director Tammy Davidson, the finance team at DVS headquarters, and the finance teams at the care centers; VSF Executive Director Jack Hilgers; VWM Executive Director Jon Hatfield; and all DVS directors and staff, are to be commended for their outstanding efforts to ensure proper use and accounting of financial resources.

The outstanding audit report also reflects great credit on the members of the Board of Veterans Services (BVS) and the critical oversight role they play. The Board has earned my sincere trust and admiration. Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 was a banner year for DVS and the BVS; I look forward to our continued partnership and success in FY14.

## **ATTACHMENT 7**

### *Looking & Moving Forward Committees Assignments*

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#### **Benefits Committee**

- Kate Kohler, Chairman
  - Bill Haneke
  - William Nicholas
  - Al Sample
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#### **Care Centers Committee**

- Don Lecky, Chairman
  - John Anderson
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#### **Cemeteries Committee**

- Sandra Love, Chairman
  - L. Max Beyer
  - Don Kaiserman
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#### **Board Members at Large**

- Thad Jones, BVS Chairman
- Rich Anderson, House of Delegates
- Mamy BaCote, House of Delegates
- Chris Stolle, House of Delegates
- Toddy Puller, Senate of Virginia
- Bryce Reeves, Senate of Virginia
- Chip Moran, JLC Vice Chairman
- Dave Holt, VSF Chairman
- Paul Galanti, DVS Commissioner

*Revised May 2013*

## ATTACHMENT 8

### BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES, POWERS AND DUTIES CODE OF VIRGINIA AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 29

#### Code of Virginia, § 2.2-2454. Powers and duties of (the) Board (of Veterans Services)

The Board shall have the power and duty to:

1. Advise and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Veterans Services upon such matters as may arise in the performance of his duties;
  2. Investigate issues related to the provision of care and services to veterans, upon request of the Commissioner of Veterans Services or the Governor;
  3. Study all matters affecting the welfare of Virginia citizens who are veterans or dependents or survivors of such veterans, and make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services;
  4. Develop recommendations for policies and procedures related to the efficient and effective delivery of the services provided by the Department of Veterans Services;
  5. Establish policies related to the coordinated delivery of veterans services, in consultation with those agencies, entities, and organizations, including counties, cities, towns or other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth capable of providing such services;
  6. Monitor the administration of all laws concerning veterans and their dependents;
  7. Review and advise the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services on the Department's strategic plan;
  8. Based on rigorous cost-benefit-value analysis, provide recommendations to the Department of Veterans Services regarding future projects and the acquisition of facilities that may benefit the State's veterans, including but not limited to veterans cemeteries and veterans care centers; and
  9. Provide recommendations to the Department of Veterans Services and the Veterans Services Foundation created in § [2.2-2715](#) regarding gifts, grants, and other resources from public and private entities and organizations to support veterans services.
- (2003, cc. [657](#), [670](#).)

#### Executive Order 29 (Governor McDonnell)

I hereby direct the Board of Veterans Services and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations to develop legislation to be considered by the Governor for introduction in the 2012 and subsequent General Assemblies. Such proposals shall be submitted, via the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services, to the Governor's Office no later than August 15, 2011, and by August 15 of each subsequent year this Executive Order is effective.