

**Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations
Conference at the General Assembly
January 14, 2016**

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) held a conference at the General Assembly Building (morning) and the State Capitol (afternoon) on Thursday, January 14, 2016. No business was conducted and no roll was called.

Chairman Bart Barton opened the conference at 9:00 a.m. in the 5 East Conference Room of the General Assembly Building. The conference recessed at 10:45 a.m. to allow attendees time to visit legislators in their offices, attend the “Morning Hour” sessions of the House and Senate at the Capitol, and to have lunch.

Chairman Barton reconvened the conference at 1:00 p.m. in the State Capitol, House Room 3. Members of the VFW joined the afternoon session.

Chairman Barton closed the conference at 3:30 p.m.

The list of speakers who addressed the conference in the morning and afternoon sessions is included as Appendix A.

Members and Alternate Members Present

Bart Barton, Chairman, *Air Force Association*
Rick Oertel, *American Legion*
Richard Mansfield, *AMVETS*
John Cooper, *AMVETS*
Robert Sempek, *Association of the United States Army (AUSA)*
Curtis Jennings, *Disabled American Veterans*
Bill Ashton, *Fleet Reserve Association*
L. T. Whitmore, *Korean War Veterans Association*
Robert Herbert, *Legion of Valor*
John Clickener, *Marine Corps League*
Vic Pena, *Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)*
Stu Williams, *MOAA*
Jim Cuthbertson, *Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)*
James Samuel, *MOPH*
Mark Atchison, *Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)*
Bill Barrett, Jr., *Military Order of the World Wars*
Dan Dennison, *National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS)*
Chip Moran, *NAUS*
Glenn Rodriguez, *Navy Seabee Veterans of America*
Frank Driscoll, *Navy Seabee Veterans of America*
David K. Sitler, *Reserve Officers Association*
Perry Taylor, *Roanoke Valley Veterans Council*
Dan Karnes, *Roanoke Valley Veterans Council*
Daniel Boyer, *Veterans of Foreign Wars*

Charles Montgomery, *Vietnam Veterans of America*
Robert Barnette, *Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association (VaA/ANGEA)*
Adam Provost, *Virginia National Guard Association*
Marie Juliano, *Women Marines Association*

Others Present

John Harvey, Jr., *Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs*
Leslie Frazier, *Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs*
John Newby, *Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services (DVS)*
Jack Hilgers, *DVS*
Karla Boughey, *DVS*
Carrie Ann Alford, *DVS*
Brandi Jancaitis, *DVS*
Tom Herthel, *DVS*
Mel Sanchez, *DVS*
Steven Combs, *DVS*
Johnny Johnson, *Board of Veterans Services (BVS)*
Thad Jones, *BVS*
Richard Schollmann, *Chairman, Veterans Services Foundation (VSF)*
Pat Webb, *VSF*
Stanley Crow, *AUSA*
Isabelle Slifer, *AUSA*
Faye Earley, *AUSA*
Bill Aramony, *American Legion*
Susan Oertel, *American Legion*
Randy Reid, *US Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Assn.*
Mark Ford, *VNGA*
Al Pinalto, *Office of Delegate Kirk Cox*
Kenneth Shelter

Appendix A

Speakers who addressed the Conference during the Morning Session were:

- Commissioner John Newby (DVS)
- Senator John Edwards (D-21st)
- Senator Bryce Reeves, General Assembly sponsor (R-17th)
- Delegate Rich Anderson, General Assembly sponsor (R-51st)
- Delegate Marcus Simon (D-53rd)
- Senate Majority Leader, Senator Tommy Norment (R-3rd)
- Speaker of the House of Delegates, William Howell (R-28th)
- Senate Minority Leader, Senator Dick Saslaw (D-35th)
- House Majority Leader, Delegate Kirk Cox (R-66th)
- Senator Bill DeSteph (R-8th)
- Senator Frank Ruff (R-15th)
- Delegate Chris Stolle (R-83rd)
- Delegate Scott Lingamfelter (R-50th)
- Delegate Tag Greason (R-32nd)
- Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam

Speakers who addressed the Conference during the Afternoon Session were:

- MG Tim Williams, Adjutant General, Virginia National Guard
- Delegate Mark Keam (D-35th)
- Delegate Scott Taylor (R-85th)
- Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs John C. Harvey, Jr.
- Governor Terry McAuliffe