



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

900 EAST MAIN STREET  
RICHMOND, VA 23219

*Air Force Association  
American Legion  
AMVETS  
Association of the United  
States Army  
Disabled American  
Veterans  
Fleet Reserve Association  
Korean War Veterans  
Association  
Legion of Valor of the  
U.S., Inc.  
Marine Corps League  
Military Order of the  
Purple Heart  
Military Officers Association  
of America  
Military Order of the  
World Wars  
National Association for  
Uniformed Services  
Navy Seabee Veterans of  
America  
Non-Commissioned  
Officers Association  
Paralyzed Veterans of  
America  
Reserve Officers Association  
Roanoke Valley Veterans  
Council  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Virginia Army/Air National  
Guard Enlisted  
Association  
Virginia National Guard  
Association  
Women Marines Association*

Adopted  
July 16, 2014

Revised  
December 18, 2014

JLC Contact  
Chip Moran  
(757) 735-2171  
chip.moran@yahoo.com

## **Position Paper 2015-03 Virginia War Memorial**

- 1. Objective:** To ensure that the Virginia War Memorial (the Memorial) has the personnel and financial resources necessary to operate the premier state-level memorial in the nation, accomplish its Code-mandated mission, and open and operate the new 19,500 square foot addition.
- 2. Background:**
  - a. Per § 2.2-2001.3(B) of the Code of Virginia: “*The mission of the Virginia War Memorial shall be to honor patriotic Virginians who rendered faithful service and sacrifice in the cause of freedom and liberty for the Commonwealth and the nation in time of war, honor all of Virginia’s veterans, preserve their history, educate the public, and inspire patriotism in all Virginians.*”
  - b. The Memorial has developed and implemented new and/or expanded programs and services to accomplish this mission.
  - c. The number of visitors increased from 10,528 in FY2010 65,592 in FY2014, and could grow to over 100,000 per year by FY2020.
  - d. The Governor and General Assembly have approved the construction of a 19,500 square foot expansion of the Memorial, expected to be complete in FY2017, to house the expanded programs and services and to accommodate the increasing number of visitors.
  - e. At its September 20, 2013 meeting, the Virginia War Memorial Board adopted a resolution outlining the five new positions required for the Memorial’s expansion and to support the Memorial’s operations, programs, and services:  
FY2016: Assistant Director, Facilities Manager, and Assistant Curator;  
FY2017: Volunteer Program Supervisor and Administrative Assistant.
- 3. Discussion:**
  - a. The Virginia War Memorial is the premier state-level memorial in the nation.
  - b. The Memorial has developed and implemented new and/or expanded programs and services to accomplish its Code-mandated mission. As a result, the numbers of visitors to the Memorial has grown and will continue to grow.
  - c. A 19,500 square foot addition will open in FY2017.
  - d. Additional personnel and the associated funding are required to open and operate the new wing, deliver effective programs and services, and to accommodate the growth in the number of visitors. Additional funding will also be needed in FY2017 to meet increased operating and security requirements.
- 4. Recommendation:** That the Governor and General Assembly authorize \$161,000 (GF) (partial-year funding) and three new positions for the Virginia War Memorial in FY2016; two additional new positions in FY2017 (for a total of five); and full funding of \$404,000 (GF) for all positions in FY2017.