



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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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*

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July 16, 2014**

**Revised
December 18, 2014**

Summary of 2015 Initiatives

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
JLC 2015-01	That the Governor and General Assembly support the hiring, training, and retention of Department of Veterans Services (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 \$1,750,000 (GF) in FY2016.
JLC 2015-02	That the Governor and General Assembly support the continued delivery of critical core behavioral health, rehabilitative, and supportive services for Virginia veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists, and family members by appropriating an additional \$281,000 (GF) for the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) in FY2016.
JLC 2015-03	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.
JLC 2015-04	That the Governor and the General Assembly support the further reduction of veteran homelessness by approving additional funding in FY2016 for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$180,000 (GF) for DVS/VWWP to add three new Housing Resource Specialists in Hampton Roads, Northern Virginia, and Roanoke. b. \$1 million (GF) for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to support increases in general statewide homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing funding.
JLC 2015-05	That the General Assembly and the Governor approve the establishment of a veterans' lottery as part of the Compact with Virginia's Veterans to supplement the General Fund's support of approved veteran's requirements, with any residual lottery funding reverting back to Education.
JLC 2015-06	That the Governor and General Assembly increase the state funding commitment for the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia veterans care center construction projects, and, once the higher state commitment is approved, that DVS request increased federal grant funding for the two projects.