

**Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations**  
**General Assembly Conference**  
**January 13, 2011**

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 Monday, January 13, 2011. No business was conducted and no roll was called.

**Members and Alternate Members Present**

Daniel Boyer, *Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)*  
Bruce Brown, *AMVETS*  
John Clickener, *Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)*  
David Coffield, *Paralyzed Veterans of America*  
Michael Coleman, *Virginia National Guard Association*  
George Corbett, *Vietnam Veterans of America*  
Edward Dauksz, *Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA)*  
Kim DeShano, *VFW*  
Robert Fairchild, *Military Order of the Purple Heart*  
Paul Galanti, *Commissioner of Veterans Services*  
Carmen Gentile, *Reserve Officers Association*  
Jenny Holbert, *Women Marines Association*  
Lloyd Jackson, *Roanoke Valley Veterans Council*  
James Jones, *Korean War Veterans Association*  
Thad Jones, *Chairman, Board of Veterans Services*  
Don Kaiserman, *AUSA*  
David Martinez, *Disabled American Veterans*  
Thomas Moran, *National Association for Uniformed Services*  
Brett Reistad, *American Legion*  
Richard Rinaldo, *Legion of Valor of the United States*  
Bruce Steely, *Marine Corps League*  
Bill Townsley, *Military Order of the World Wars*

**Others Present**

Jim Clem, *Roanoke Valley Veterans Council*  
Steven Combs, *Department of Veterans Services*  
Stanley Crow, *AUSA*  
Jimmy Cox, *AUSA*  
Nathan Dial, *First Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force*  
Faye Earley, *AUSA*  
Jack Hilgers, *Department of Veterans Services*  
Ken Knight, *American Legion*  
Carl Matney, *AUSA*  
Al Pianalto, *MOAA*  
Isabelle Slifer, *AUSA*  
Hugh Sproul, *AUSA*  
Sam Wilder, *MOAA*

The conference opened at 9:00 a.m. in the General Assembly Building, Conference Room 4 West. Elected officials from the legislative and executive branches of state government addressed the JLC. Discussion covered the JLC 2011 Legislative Objectives and budget constraints.

Elected officials who spoke during the morning were:

- Senator Walter Stosch
- Senator Toddy Puller
- Delegate Rich Anderson
- Senator Charles Colgan, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- Delegate Bill Howell, Speaker of the House of Delegates
- Delegate Chris Jones
- Delegate Scott Lingamfelter
- Delegate Chris Stolle
- Delegate Kirk Cox, House Majority Leader
- Delegate Ward Armstrong, House Minority Leader
- Delegate Betsy Carr
- Senator John Edwards
- Senator John Miller
- Lt Governor Bill Bolling

Commissioner Paul Galanti spoke during the morning session.

The morning session of the conference ended at 10:40 a.m. Members met with individual delegates and senators and visited the Capitol Building. Several members took advantage of the opportunity to view the House and Senate sessions from the viewing gallery. The JLC was to be recognized by Senator Toddy Puller and Delegate Rich Anderson during the “Morning Hour” of their respective sessions.

Free time was available for the JLC members to eat lunch on their own.

The JLC conference reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in House Room 3 of the State Capitol. The JLC members were joined by about 25 VFW members. Afternoon speakers were:

- JLC Vice Chairman Don Kaiserman, who recapped the morning session
- Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness Terrie Suit
- Governor Bob McDonnell

Governor McDonnell’s presentation also included a press conference during which he announced his 2011 veterans’ legislation. Legislators attending the Governor’s press conference included Senators Walter Stosch, Ralph Northam, and Jeff McWaters along with Delegates John Cosgrove and Jimmie Massie. Attorney General Cuccinelli was tied up at a previous engagement and was unable to make the conference.

The afternoon session of the conference ended at 3 p.m. Throughout the conference, Stan Crow of the AUSA provided outstanding photographic coverage.