

**Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations
Conference at the General Assembly
January 15, 2015**

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 15, 2015. No business was conducted and no roll was called.

Members and Alternate Members Present

Robert Barnette, *Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association (VaA/ANGEA)*
Bart Barton, *Air Force Association*
David Coffield, *Paralyzed Veterans of America*
Dan Dennison, *National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS)*
Frank Driscoll, *Navy Seabee Veterans of America*
Robert Fairchild, *Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)*
Carmen Gentile, *Reserve Officers Association*
Thomas Gimble, *Veterans of Foreign Wars*
Curtis Jennings, *Disabled American Veterans*
Johnny Johnson, *Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans Services (BVS)*
Donald Kaiserman, *Association of the United States Army (AUSA)*
Dan Karnes, *Roanoke Valley Veterans Council*
Thomas Moran, *NAUS*
John Newby, *Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services*
Shawn Otto, *Virginia National Guard Association*
Vic Pena, *Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)*
John Prendergast, *Marine Corps League (MCL)*
Brett Reistad, *American Legion*
James Samuel, *MOPH*
Richard Schollmann, *Chairman, Veterans Services Foundation (VSF)*
Stu Williams, *MOAA*

Others Present

Brad Antle, *VSF*
Bill Aramony, *American Legion*
Bill Ashton, *Fleet Reserve Association*
Jaime Areizaga-Soto, *Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs*
Leroy Brussells, *AUSA*
John Clickener, *MCL*
Steven Combs, *Department of Veterans Services (DVS)*
Stanley Crow, *AUSA*
Leslie Frazier, *Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs*
Betty Gimble, *VFW Ladies Auxiliary*
John Harvey, Jr., *Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs*
Jack Hilgers, *DVS*
Thad Jones, *BVS*

Matthew Leary, *Department of Motor Vehicles*
Rick Oertel, *American Legion*
Al Pianalto, *Office of Delegate Kirk Cox*
Cathy Wilson, *DVS*

Members of the VFW joined the afternoon session.

Chairman Chip Moran called the morning session of the conference to order at 9:00 a.m. in the 5 East Conference Room of the General Assembly Building. Chairman Moran briefly covered a few administrative details.

Speakers that addressed the Conference during the morning session were, in order:

- Senator Bryce Reeves, General Assembly sponsor
- Delegate Rich Anderson, General Assembly sponsor
- Senate President Pro Tempore Walter Stosch
- Speaker of the House of Delegates William Howell
- Senator John Edwards
- Ms. Carrie Ann Alford, representing Senator Toddy Puller, General Assembly sponsor
- Delegate David Ramadan
- Delegate Scott Lingamfelter
- Delegate Bill DeSteph
- Senator Frank Wagner
- Delegate Chris Stolle
- Delegate Scott Taylor
- House Majority Leader, Delegate Kirk Cox
- Senator Creigh Deeds
- Senator John Cosgrove
- Delegate Mark Keam
- House Minority Leader, Delegate David Toscano
- Governor Terry McAuliffe

The JLC recessed at 11:00 in order to allow time for attendees to visit legislators in their offices, to attend the “Morning Hour” sessions of the House and Senate, and to have lunch.

Chairman Moran reconvened the conference at 1:00 p.m. in the State Capitol, House Room 3.

Afternoon speakers were, in order:

- Commissioner John Newby
- Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam
- BG Tim Williams, Adjutant General, Virginia National Guard
- Attorney General Mark Herring
- Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs John C. Harvey, Jr.

The conference ended at 3:00 p.m.