



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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*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*

Summary of 2016 Initiatives

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
JLC 2016-01 <i>Veterans Care Centers</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly continue state support for the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia veterans care center construction projects by appropriating additional state funding to complete the construction of both centers.
JLC 2016-02 <i>DVS Benefits Services</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly support funds to provide continued improvement to training, services, compensation, facilities, and equipment for DVS Benefits Services' staff in the FY17/18 budget.
JLC 2016-03 <i>Virginia Veteran and Family Support Services</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly support increased funding for Virginia Veterans and Family Support services in the FY17/18 budget.
JLC 2016-04 <i>Virginia War Memorial</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly authorize three additional positions for the Virginia War Memorial in the FY17/18 budget and appropriate the necessary funding for these positions and other requirements.
JLC 2016-05 <i>In-state tuition for all members of the Reserve Components</i>	That the Governor and the General Assembly change the eligibility for in-state tuition to include all members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserve components, thus recognizing their service to the Commonwealth and treating them equality to the active components and veterans
JLC 2016-06 <i>Guard Income Tax Subtraction</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.
JLC 2016-07 <i>VMSDEP</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When determining eligibility for higher education benefits under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent disability rating of at least 90%, plus satisfaction of the other requirements currently in the Code, would qualify a veteran's spouse or child for education benefits. b. Evaluate whether funding from other programs could potentially offset the increased cost to the VMSDEP.
JLC 2016-08 <i>Electronic Ballot Return</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly promote the development, approval, and budgeting of secure procedures to permit the electronic return of absentee ballot by overseas uniformed military voters.

**Adopted
July 15, 2015**