



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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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 Mutual Aid Association
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 2018 JLC Policy Initiatives *As approved December 20, 2017*

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
JLC 2018-01 <i>Residency Requirement, Constitutional Amendment, 2nd Resolution</i>	That the 2018 General Assembly pass resolutions identical to the one passed by the 2017 General Assembly (HJ562), thereby continuing the process to amend Virginia's Constitution to provide parity for surviving spouses of 100% disabled veterans and those Killed in Action.
JLC 2018-02 <i>Electronic Return of Voted Ballots by Overseas Military</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly enact legislation and provide budget support of a pilot program for the electronic return of absentee ballots by Virginia's deployed military service members to enfranchise their voting privileges.
JLC 2018-03 <i>Veteran Entrepreneur Capital Resources Program (VECRP)</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly enact legislation and provide budget support, in the amount of \$1,000,000 in FY19 and \$1,000,000 in FY20, to establish a Veteran Entrepreneur Capital Resources Program.
JLC 2018-04 <i>Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low-Income 100% Disabled Veterans</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 250% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.
JLC 2018-05 <i>Removing Combat Requirement for VMSDEP</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent service-connected 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 VMSDEP benefits.
JLC 2018-06 <i>Increase State Tax Subtraction for National Guard to \$5,000</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.