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REPORT TO THE JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL December 16, 2020

The Board of Veterans Services (BVS) held an on-line meeting on November 13, which focused on the priority recommendations submitted by the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS), Governor, and General Assembly for consideration during the 2021 General Assembly Session.

The Board reviewed each of the JLC's recommendations, and, after careful deliberation, voted to endorse four of the seven recommendations as presented. The Board provided feedback on the other three recommendations, which led to revisions being reviewed and adopted at the JLC's November 20 meeting. Based partly on feedback from the Board members, the JLC also adopted an eighth (new) recommendation on November 20. The Board looks forward to learning more about the revised and new recommendations at the December 17 meeting.

To facilitate engagement with VDVS leaders, each Board member is assigned to be the Board's Point of Contact (POC) for a VDVS service area and/or program. Some board members are assigned to be a POC for multiple service/program areas, just as some service/program areas have more than one POC. Five POC reports were delivered at the September 16 BVS meeting and five POC reports will be presented at the Board's December 17 meeting. The Spring 2021 meeting will wrap up this cycle of POC reports. POC reports are posted on the BVS webpage for reference.

The BVS greatly values its links to and coordination with the other boards that are represented *ex officio* on the BVS, including the Joint Leadership Council. We look forward to learning more about JLC plans and goals for 2021 at our next meeting.

Our next meeting (on-line) will be December 17, 2020 at 10 a.m. In addition to the POC and *ex officio member* reports, the Board will adopt its 2021 meeting schedule and 2021 work plan, which will include reviewing and advising Commissioner Maxwell on the VDVS Strategic Plan and work on the Compact with Virginia's Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dick
Chairman