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Roanoke Valley Veterans Council
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Vietnam Veterans of America
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES December 16, 2021

Since our last meeting in September, the Governor appointed / reappointed 16 members to the Joint Leadership Council. We look forward to working with all our members to advocate on behalf of Virginia Veterans. I am also excited to announce that the Air Force Sergeants Association is approved as a member organization of the JLC. We look forward to this organization's contribution to our advocacy on behalf of veterans across the Commonwealth.

The Governor and the General Assembly have significantly supported the legislative and budget initiatives proposed by the JLC over the years. Every January, our members enjoy speaking with State Senators and Delegates about the merits of JLC-sponsored bills. We are actively planning our JLC Day for the upcoming General Assembly Session to advocate for our 2022 initiatives. We are considering a virtual session to allow our members to connect with legislators to promote initiatives and answer questions. Several of our members have been in contact with legislators and we will continue that effort. The adopted initiatives (as of September 9, 2021) are posted on the JLC webpage here: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>.

Our December meeting is scheduled to be in-person at the Richmond Times Dispatch. Since the meeting is scheduled for December 15, one day prior to the release of the Governor's introduced budget, VDVS will host a virtual session for JLC members on December 17 to provide the details of the budget. During our meeting on December 15, we will elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as Acting Chair and I remain committed to advocating for matters of concern on behalf of Virginia's Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Denice Williams
Chair