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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia
Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Kathleen T. Jabs
Acting Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Eileen D. Filler-Corn
Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
President Pro Tempore, Senate of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Delivered via electronic mail

Re: Annual report on the Virginia Military Spouse Liaison

Dear Governor Northam, Acting Secretary Jabs, Delegate Filler-Corn, and Senator Lucas:

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS) Virginia Military Spouse Liaison (MSL) serves as the Commonwealth's military spouse advocate in accordance with §2.2-2002.2 of the Code of Virginia. In this role, the MSL collaborates with key stakeholders within federal, state, local government, military installations, and the private sector to develop and implement a resource system to provide access to employment, childcare, licensure, and community resources. The MSL is also responsible for outreach and provides advocacy for military families. The Military Spouse Liaison gives a voice to military spouses within the Commonwealth to make Virginia the most veteran and military spouse state.

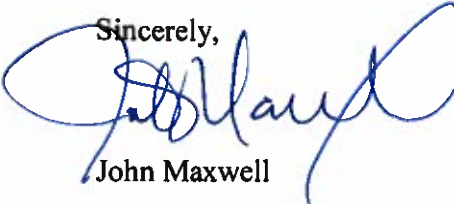
In accordance with §2.2-2002.2(B), the MSL developed a common referral form with the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) for military spouses, highlighting specific skills, education, and training to help the spouse find meaningful employment quickly in relevant economic sectors. The MSL created and maintains the VDVS *Military Spouse Support* webpage to provide updated legislation, employment, licensure/credentialing, and childcare information. The childcare resources include military installations, Department of Education, Department of Defense fee assistance program, federal child tax credit, and other childcare options. Finally, the MSL invested in establishing key relationships that will benefit military spouses.

The table below details the initiative's metrics from September 10, 2021 (onboard date for the MSL) through November 30, 2021.

Fiscal Year	2022
Number of outreach activities to military spouses	48
Number of outreach activities to partners	74
Number of referrals from partners	3
Number of referrals to partners	15
Number of outreach events	5

**Outreach activities are efforts to inform or bring resources to constituents and partners who might not otherwise have access to the information or resources. Outreach may include, but is not limited to, social media, emails, speaking with spouses at events, and newsletters.*

We are grateful for the opportunity to enhance our services to military spouses through the Military Spouse Liaison, and we look forward to advancing our efforts in the upcoming year. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me at john.maxwell@dvs.virginia.gov or (804) 225-3526.

Sincerely,

John Maxwell

Cc: Mr. Michael Dick, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services
Ms. Denice Williams, Acting Chairman, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations