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**JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES  
April 27, 2023**

The Joint Leadership Council (JLC) last met on December 15, 2022 at the Virginia War Memorial. During the meeting the JLC prioritized the six legislative initiatives and made final preparations for the 2023 General Assembly Session. We held our annual JLC Day on the Hill in January. The Day on the Hill included both an in-person and a virtual session. JLC members had an opportunity to speak with many legislators to advocate for the 2023 JLC priorities. We also welcomed remarks from Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears during the virtual session. Additionally, JLC members participated in the General Assembly Military Veterans Caucus (GAMVC) each week during session.

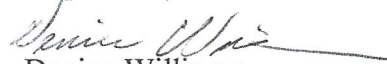
The JLC is proud to report that four of six priorities passed the General Assembly this session:

- JLC 2023-01: Expansion of tax relief for surviving spouses of military service members to include “Died in the line-of duty (SJ231). *An identical resolution must pass in the 2024 General Assembly to be on the ballot in the November 2024 General Election*
- JLC 2023-04: Elimination of Spouse / Dependent and Guard / Reserve Burial Fees (HB2362 / SB924)
- JLC 2023-05: Virginia National Guard State Park Admission (HB1388/SB915)
- JLC 2023-06: Virginia national Guard Adjustment in Income Tax Exemption (HB2373)

The 2023 JLC priorities and status sheet are posted to the JLC webpage: [Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations - Virginia Department of Veterans Services](#)

Our first meeting of 2023 is planned for May 11, at the American Legion Building in Richmond.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Denice Williams  
Chair