



**JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF  
VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

**CHAIRMAN'S 2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

**TO**

**COMMISSIONER DANIEL GADE**

**AND**

**THE BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES**

**November 30, 2023**

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## Chairman's Message

I am honored to pen this note on behalf of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC) which is comprised of 24 Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia representing an impressive 250,000 members. The JLC advocates for military retirees, currently serving service members, veterans, and military families.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the tenure of our former Chairwoman, Ms. Denice Williams, who completed her term in June 2023. Her leadership and staunch advocacy for Veterans have left an indelible mark. While her departure leaves big shoes to fill, we are grateful that Ms. Williams will continue as a valuable member of the JLC, representing the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for another year,

Our commitment to the Commonwealth of Virginia and support for Veterans and their families remain resolute. In 2023, four of our six initiatives successfully passed the General Assembly and were signed into law by Governor Youngkin. Our foremost priority seeks to expand tax relief for surviving spouses of members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives while on active duty. This resolution passed, and we have ensured the identical resolution is adopted for the 2024 General Assembly session to effect this reform through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment. Other achievements from 2023 include increased Virginia National Guard benefits such as free access to State Parks and an improved tax deduction for service. We were also pleased to see the expansion of state cemetery burial eligibility to previously ineligible Reservists and National Guard members.

We are also thrilled to welcome our newest member, the Student Veterans of America, to the Council in 2023. We look forward to working with this organization to advocate on behalf of student veterans throughout the Commonwealth.

We deeply value our partnership with the Department of Veterans Services, Board of Veterans Services, Veterans Services Foundation, Virginia War Memorial Foundation, the Governor, and the General Assembly, as we work together to serve Virginia's Veterans and their families. The Governor and the General Assembly continue to support JLC legislative and budget initiatives.

We are planning our in-person JLC Day on the Hill for January 17, 2024. This will be a full day of engagement with the General Assembly beginning with the General Assembly Military Veterans Caucus. It looks to be a great year in a great new building!

As we reflect on our accomplishments and the journey ahead, we remain committed to our mission of promoting Virginia as the most Veteran-friendly state in the nation.

With deep respect and admiration,

Kevin Hoffman  
Chair, JLC  
Virginia National Guard Association Representative to the JLC

## The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) is comprised of representatives of 24 veterans service organizations (VSOs) in Virginia, which, combined, represent over 250,000 members. The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, the Chair of the Board of Veterans Services, and the Chair of the Veterans Services Foundation, or their designees, serve as nonvoting *ex officio* members.

The JLC was created by Virginia statute in 2003 to be the voice for Virginia's VSOs, and by extension, for Virginia's veterans. JLC members are nominated for appointment by the Governor for three-year terms. The JLC typically meets four times a year. Meetings are open to the public. Information about the JLC is posted on the JLC webpage at <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>

Membership changes – 2023:

- Student Veterans of America is approved for JLC representation;

### Member Organizations – as of November 30, 2023

1. Air Force Association
2. Air Force Sergeants Association
3. American Legion
4. AMVETS
5. Association of the United States Army
6. Disabled American Veterans
7. Fifth Baptist Church Veterans Ministry
8. Fleet Reserve Association
9. Legion of Valor of the US, Inc.
10. Marine Corps League
11. Military Officers Association of America
12. Military Order of the Purple Heart
13. Military Order of the World Wars
14. Navy Mutual Aid Association
15. Paralyzed Veterans of America
16. Reserve Organization of America (formerly the Reserve Officers Association)
17. Roanoke Valley Veterans Council
18. Student Veterans of America
19. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
20. Vietnam Veterans of America
21. Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association
22. Virginia National Guard Association
23. Women Marines Association
24. Wounded Warrior Project

JLC Members – as of November 30, 2023

Veterans Service Organization	JLC Member	Alternate
Air Force Association	Richard Shook	Marc Boswell
Air Force Sergeants Association	Richard Mansfield	John R. Cooper
American Legion	William Aramony	Bill Feasenmyer
AMVETS	Richard Van Norton, Jr.	Matthew Klym
Association of the U.S. Army	Glenn Yarborough	Faye Earley
Disabled American Veterans	Denice Williams	Lisa Gregory
Fifth Baptist Church Veterans Ministry	Thad A. Jones	
Fleet Reserve Association	Sha'ron (Marty) Martin	Christopher J. Murray
Legion of Valor of the U.S., Inc.	Jack Hilgers	Richard Rinaldo
Marine Corps League	John Clickener	David L. Jennings
Military Order of the Purple Heart	Mark Atchison	James Cuthbertson
Military Order of the World Wars	Vernon Peters	
Military Officers Association of America	Monti Zimmerman	John Down
Navy Mutual Aid Association	Michelle Domingue	Meredith Burns
Paralyzed Veterans of America	Preston Curry	
Reserve Organization of America	Terrence Moore	David Sitler
Roanoke Valley Veterans Council	Daniel Karnes	Perry Taylor
Student Veterans of America	Katherine Martinez	
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Rick Raskin	Joanne Smith
Vietnam Veterans of America	George Corbett	Charles Montgomery
Va. Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Assn	Carl Holcomb	
Virginia National Guard Association	Kevin Hoffman	
Women Marines Association	Ann Crittenden	
Wounded Warrior Project	Jose Ramos	Jeremy Villanueva
Chairman, Board of Veterans Services	Michael Dick	
Chairman, Veterans Services Foundation	Paul F. Haughton, Jr.	
Commissioner of Veterans Services	Daniel Gade	

## **Mission Statement**

*The Council provides advice and assistance to the Governor, General Assembly and the Department of Veterans Services on matters of concern to the veterans community and provides a conduit of information to and from the veterans service organizations on policy and legislation, pending and enacted, as well as information on existing services.*

## **Vision**

*The Council will:*

- *Give the Department of Veterans Services a broader understanding of the services needed by veterans.*
- *Give veterans a broader understanding of the services available to them as citizens of Virginia.*
- *Help veterans and veterans' organizations achieve legislation or policy changes needed to improve veterans' services.*
- *Enhance communications between the public, the state government, and the state's veterans.*
- *Help the Governor and the Department of Veterans Services develop policies that improve services for Virginia's veterans.*
- *Help the General Assembly develop and pass laws that more clearly respond to veterans' needs.*

## **Issue Identification, Development, and Advocacy**

As the voice of Virginia's veterans, the JLC identifies issues of concern to veterans, their spouses, orphans, and dependents and serves in an advisory capacity to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. Each year, the JLC presents a list of key initiatives for consideration by the Governor and General Assembly. So, when you ask, "*What are Virginia's veterans' issues?*" the answer is clear – *these* are the top issues.

## **Communication**

The JLC supports DVS by communicating information to veterans about their benefits, events, and issues. JLC members promptly relay information to the members of their respective organizations, amplifying the effectiveness of DVS' communications and initiatives. Additionally, cross-sharing of information has resulted in partnerships and cooperative efforts among the various veterans service organizations.

## JLC Powers and Duties – Code of Virginia

The JLC's Powers and Duties are set out in [§2.2-2682](#) of the Code of Virginia:

A. The Council shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Advise the Department of Veterans Services and the General Assembly regarding (i) methods of providing support for ongoing veterans services and programs, and (ii) addressing veterans issues on an ongoing basis;
2. Recommend issues that may potentially impact veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents;
3. Advise the Department of Veterans Services and the Board of Veterans Services on matters of concern to Virginia-domiciled veterans and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents;
4. Promote and support existing veterans services and programs;
5. Recommend and promote implementation of new efficient and effective administrative initiatives that enhance existing veterans services and programs or provide for necessary veterans services and programs not currently provided; and
6. Maintain a nonpartisan approach to maintaining and improving veterans services and programs in the Commonwealth.

B. The chairman shall report to the Commissioner and the Board of Veterans Services the results of its meetings and submit an annual report on or before November 30 of each year.

C. The Council may apply for funds from the Veterans Services Foundation to enable it to better carry out its objectives. The Council shall not impose unreasonable burdens or costs in connection with requests of agencies.

## 2023 Meetings

The JLC typically holds four business meetings and one conference each year.

Minutes of JLC all meetings are posted on the Commonwealth Calendar and on the JLC webpage at <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>.

2023 meetings:

- May 9: Business Meeting, Virginia War Memorial
- July 13: Business Meeting, Virginia ABC Building Hearing Room
- September 20: Business Meeting, Virginia War Memorial
- December 15: Business Meeting (scheduled), Virginia War Memorial

## 2023-2024 Officers

### Elected Officers

- Chair: Kevin Hoffman
- Vice Chair: Monti Zimmerman

### Appointed Officers

- Legislative Officer: Glenn Yarborough
  - Assistant Legislative Officer: Bill Aramony
- Chaplain: Mark Atchison
- Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair: Monti Zimmerman
- Nominating Committee Co-Chairs: Richard Van Norton and Sha'ron Martin
- JLC Representatives to the Virginia Military Advisory Council (VMAC)
  - Primary: Vacant
  - Alternate: Vacant
- JLC Representatives to the Governor's Challenge Team to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
  - Primary: John Cooper
  - Alternate: Rich Mansfield
- JLC Representatives to Veterans Treatment Dockets
  - Hampton Roads: No longer active.
  - NoVa: Katherine Martinez



- Spotsylvania/Central Virginia: Lisa Gregory

### Code-designated *Ex Officio* Positions

- JLC Representative to the Board of Veteran Services (BVS)
  - Primary: JLC Chair
  - Alternate: JLC Vice Chair
- JLC Representative to the Veterans Services Foundation (VSF)
  - Primary: JLC Chair
  - Alternate: JLC Vice Chair

### For More Information

**Please visit the JLC webpage:**

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## JLC Priorities – 2023 General Assembly Session

*The JLC submitted six recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly for consideration during the 2023 Session. Four of the seven were adopted: Priorities 1, 4, 5, and 6.*

*To learn about the JLC 2024 priorities, please visit: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>*

**JLC Priority 2023-01:** That the Governor and General Assembly reform the Virginia state law, Tax Relief for Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces “Killed in Action” through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to include died on active duty in the section that addresses surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action.

*Status: Legislation (SJ231 – McPike) passed General Assembly and signed by Governor. Effective July 1, 2023.*

**JLC Priority 2023-02:** That the Governor and General Assembly Amend the Veteran Real Property Tax law to make explicit that local jurisdictions must provide a veteran or surviving spouse the exemption as far back as the veteran or surviving spouse is eligible, but not earlier than January 1, 2011, regardless of when the veteran or surviving spouse applies.

*Status: Legislation (HB1470 – Watts ) Passed House but was left in Senate Finance and Appropriations.*

**JLC Priority 2023-03:** That the Governor and General Assembly remove the 55-year age limitation on exemption of military retirement income from state tax.

*Status: Legislation (HB1470 – Watts ) Passed House but was left in Senate Finance and Appropriations.*

**JLC Priority 2023-04:** That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate an additional \$400,000 (GF) to the Veterans Services so that the spouse and Guard/Reserve burial charges may be eliminated at Virginia State Veterans Cemeteries, and that Virginia work with Congress to secure the funding (in the VA budget) to extend the VA plot allowance to spouses at all state veterans cemeteries nationwide.

*Status: Legislation (HB1436 – McGuire ) Passed by indefinitely in Senate Finance.*

**JLC Priority 2023-05:** That the Governor and General Assembly grant free admission to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard.

*Status: Legislation (HB1388 – Fowler / SB915- Morrissey) passed General Assembly and signed by Governor. Effective July 1, 2023.*

**JLC Priority 2023-06:** That the Governor and General Assembly adjust increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and increase the pay grade eligibility to LTC (O5 pay grade).

*Status: Legislation (HB2373 – Wyatt / SB1210 - Mason) passed General Assembly and signed by Governor. Effective July 1, 2023.*

## Summary of JLC Priorities: 2005 – 2023

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) was created in 2003. The JLC put forward its first set of recommendations in Fall 2004, for consideration by the Department of Veterans Services, the Governor, and the General Assembly for the 2005 session.

From the 2005 session to the 2023 session, the JLC put forward 132 recommendations. Broadly speaking, the JLC recommendations fall into 20 categories covering issues in support of veterans, active duty service members, Guard and Reserve, and families.

### Categories

Category	Number
Active duty military	5
Alternate funding sources for DVS services	4
Benefit Services	8
Care Centers	6
Cemeteries	7
Department of Motor Vehicles	1
Department of Veterans Services	3
Disabled veterans	10
Education	3
Employment	8
Guard and Reserve	20
Homeless/housing	4
Military and veteran families	15
Military retirement	3
Real Property Tax Exemption	2
Veterans dockets	3
Veterans Identification	1
Veterans Service Organizations	5
Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	7
Virginia War Memorial	10
Voting	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Average/year</b>	<b>7</b>

## Success Rate

JLC Objective achieved in year introduced	62
JLC Objective partially achieved in year introduced	13
JLC Objective not achieved in year introduced	57
Total	132
<b>"Success" rate in year of introduction (full/partial achievement)</b>	<b>57%</b>

JLC Objective ultimately achieved (i.e. multi-year JLC effort)	94
JLC Objective ultimately partially achieved (i.e. multi-year JLC effort)	3
JLC Objective not achieved	35
Total	132
<b>"Success" rate over multi-year JLC effort</b>	<b>71%</b>

## JLC advocacy has led to positive results

JLC advocacy/support has led to positive results for Virginia's veteran and military community (veterans, active duty, Guard, Reserves, and families). This includes:

1. Creation of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) - now the Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) Program - helps our most vulnerable veterans and family members who face challenges related to PTS, TBI, behavioral health, suicide risk, etc.
2. Creation of state Homeless Veterans program, which became part of broad efforts that led to Virginia being the first state to functionally end veterans homelessness. 6,153 veterans were housed from October 2014 – September 2020.
3. Creation of the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program. Over 67,000 veterans have been hired by V3 employers since 2012.
4. Expansion of DVS benefits services offices and hiring of team members to help Virginia veterans and families access broad array of veterans benefits, including federal disability compensation and VA health care.
5. In-state tuition at public colleges and universities for Active Duty, Veterans, and Military/Veterans Family Members.
6. Real estate tax exemptions for 100% service-connected disabled veterans and for the surviving spouses of service members killed in action.
7. Construction of a new state veterans cemetery in Southwest Virginia and two expansions of the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond.
8. Funding to construct new state veterans nursing homes (veterans care centers) in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia (construction began March 2020).
9. Authorization for localities to create veterans dockets.
10. Authority for members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force to receive pay and allowance equal to their rank and years of service when they are on state active duty in response to certain emergencies.

11. Creation of a DVS Suicide Prevention and Opiate Addiction Prevention Program.
12. Expansion of real property tax exemption for surviving spouses of military service members who die in the line of duty as determined by the Department of Defense.
13. Tax subtraction on military retirement pay and the removal of the 55-year-old age requirement for qualification.
14. Tax subtraction increase for members of the Virginia National Guard and raising the eligible paygrade to the rank of 06.
15. Free state park admission for members of the Virginia National Guard.
16. Expansion of state cemetery burial eligibility to previously excluded members of the Reserves and National Guard.

## Appendix 1: JLC Priorities 2005 – 2023, Sorted by Year

YEAR	CATEGORY	JLC OBJECTIVE	ACTION TAKEN	JLC OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED IN CURRENT YEAR?	JLC OBJECTIVE ULTIMATELY ACHIEVED?
2005	Cemeteries	Purchase land for cemetery in SW Virginia and appropriate operating funds	No funds appropriated. DVS subsequently worked with veterans in SW Virginia (led in part by JLC member Pat Green) to identify land for donation. Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery opened in 2011	No	Yes
2005	Virginia War Memorial	Appropriate \$4.3 million (GF) to construct new education wing at Virginia War Memorial. Provide 24/7 on-site security	\$50,000 matching funds (GF) appropriated to begin design of what would eventually become the Galanti Education Center, which opened in 2010	Partial	Yes
2005	Benefit Services	Increase DVS funding by \$1 million (GF) per FY, including funds to fill positions in Benefit Services section	\$1 million (GF) in new funding appropriated to fill vacant benefit services positions and hire six new claims agents.	Yes	Yes
2005	Guard and Reserve	Create state medal for Virginia service members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Create state medal for Virginia service members cited for heroism.	Governor's National Service Medal created for Virginia Guardsmen called to active federal service since 9/11.	Yes	Yes
2005	Care Centers	Construct veterans care center in Hampton Roads	\$50,000 (GF) in planning funds appropriated. This led to federal grant application being submitted in 2006 and was subsequently updated. Construction began on new veterans care center in 2020	Partial	Yes
2005	Employment	Establish a hiring preference for veterans, especially disabled veterans, in state government	Legislation passed that requires status as a veteran or disabled veteran to be considered in state hiring	Yes	Yes
2005	Active duty military	Establish a thirty-day grace period for driver's license renewal for service members returning from overseas assignments.	DMV said they were already doing this - also for vehicle registration. No further action necessary.	Yes	Yes

2006	Cemeteries	Purchase land for cemetery in SW Virginia and appropriate operating funds	No funds appropriated. DVS subsequently worked with veterans in SW Virginia (led by JLC member Pat Green) to identify land for donation. Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery opened in 2011	No	Yes
2006	Virginia War Memorial	Appropriate \$4.3 million (GF) to construct new wing at Virginia War Memorial for education programs and \$250,000 per FY for five years for education programs. Provide 24/7 on-site security	\$245,000 (GF) (one time) and \$38,000 (GF) (ongoing) for education programs appropriated. \$500,000 (GF) and \$2.5 million (NGF) appropriated for construction of what would become the Galanti Education Center, which was dedicated in 2010	Partial	Yes
2006	Care Centers	Construct veterans care center in Hampton Roads	Appropriations Act authorized the Governor to request federal grant funds and committed state support. Grant request submitted and subsequently updated. Construction began 2020	Yes	Yes
2006	Military and veteran families	In-state tuition for active duty and family members stationed in Virginia: achieve 2 of 3 "desired states" identified by U.S. Army (eligibility in state of residence, eligibility in state of assignment, continuity in state of assignment)	Legislation passed granting eligibility for dependents and continuity of eligibility for dependents.	Yes	Yes
2006	Alternate funding sources for DVS services	Income tax check off for DVS	No action taken by Governor or General Assembly.	No	No
2006	Military and veteran families	Commonwealth of Virginia to contribute \$1 million toward construction of a Fisher House at the McGuire VA Medical Center ("local" organizations have to raise 1/2 of project budget; Fisher House Foundation funds other 1/2)	\$750,000 (GF) appropriated - represented 1/2 of local funds (1/4 of total project budget). Fisher House constructed at McGuire VAMC.	Yes	Yes

2007	Cemeteries	Purchase land for cemetery in SW Virginia and appropriate operating funds	Land donated by U.S. Army (part of Radford Army Ammunition Plant). \$583,000 (GF) appropriated for site development preparatory to start of construction project (funded through federal grant). Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery opened 2011.	Yes	Yes
2007	Virginia War Memorial	Appropriate an additional \$3.5 million for education wing at Virginia War Memorial	\$3.5 million Treasury Loan authorized for project, allowing design to proceed. Galanti Education Center dedicated 2010.	Yes	Yes
2007	Department of Veterans Services	Budget resources to support DVS strategic plan.	Several funding initiatives supported.	Yes	Yes
2007	Guard and Reserve	Appropriate funding to enhance National Guard recruiting and retention, support family programs, provide tuition assistance, etc.	Over \$1.6 million in additional funding appropriated for a variety of programs	Yes	Yes
2007	Care Centers	Construct veterans care center in Hampton Roads	DVS submitted request for federal funds in 2006. State funds committed to project. Federal grant funds committed 2019. Construction began 2020	Yes	Yes
2007	Employment	Clarify the definition of "veteran preference" so that real preference is given for veterans hiring in state government	Two bills passed. Department of Human Resource Management (state HR agency) issued updated policy to state agencies	Yes	Yes
2007	Department of Motor Vehicles	No-cost vehicle registration for veterans	No action taken by Governor or General Assembly.	No	No
2007	Active duty military	In-state tuition eligibility for active duty service members	Legislation passed granting eligibility	Yes	Yes
2007	Active duty military	Provide a state tax exemption for Virginia residents (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve) serving outside the U.S.	No action taken by Governor or General Assembly.	No	No
2007	Active duty military	Enact legislation to curb the practice of pay day lending to service members	12 bills (9 House, 3 Senate) submitted to modify the Payday Loan Act. None passed in 2007. 2008 General Assembly passed law (HB12) prohibiting payday loans to military service members and families.	No	Yes



2008	Virginia War Memorial	Release \$500,000 in state funds after \$1 million (of the \$2 million goal) in private funds have been raised, in order to keep Virginia War Memorial project on track.	State loan increased to \$5.97 million. State treasury authorized to release \$500,000 (GF) for design work after \$1 million in private funds had been raised, allowing project to continue. Galanti Education Center dedicated 2010	Yes	Yes
2008	Benefit Services	\$300,000 (GF) in FY09 for TurboVet Phase II and \$900,000 (GF) in FY10 for TurboVet Phase III	\$100,000 (GF) in FY09 appropriated. Proof of concept completed. System (called BeneVets) was later developed and deployed	Partial	Yes
2008	Military and veteran families	Enact legislation to protect the custodial rights of mobilized service members.	Bill passed to allow a court to enter a temporary order modifying custody or visitation based on a parent's deployment.	Yes	Yes
2008	Guard and Reserve	Provide a state tax exemption for Guardsmen and Reservists serving outside the U.S. for more than 90 days	Three House bills left in House Finance. Two Senate bills left in Senate Finance	No	No
2008	Active duty military	Allow Virginia-domiciled service members to place a freeze on their credit files	4 bills submitted. Incorporated into approved legislation applicable to all Virginians	Yes	Yes
2008	Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	Create Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) - later rebranded/restructured as Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) program	Legislation passed creating VWWP. \$2.4 million (GF) in FY09 and \$2.0 million (GF) in FY10.	Yes	Yes
2008	Disabled veterans	Pass a resolution to allow a vote to amend the Virginia Constitution to grant a real estate tax exemption for 100% service-connected disabled veterans	4 resolutions submitted. All continued to 2009, as first resolutions must be introduced in odd-numbered sessions	Partial	Yes
2009	Cemeteries	Appropriate funds for the purchase of outer burial containers at state veterans cemeteries. Provide to veterans at no cost.	One bill (did not pass). Legislation and budget approved in 2010	No	Yes
2009	Benefit Services	Subject to the availability of sufficient funds, DVS to develop and deploy an automated system for the electronic preparation of veterans' disability claims.	One bill passed. \$100,000 (GF) appropriated for FY10 but not spent. \$\$ returned to Treasury. DVS subsequently worked with contractor to develop and deploy what became known as the BeneVets system	Yes	Yes

2009	Military and veteran families	Enact legislation to make benefits paid by the Military Family Relief Fund tax exempt.	Two bills left in House Finance. Legislation passed in 2010	No	Yes
2009	Military and veteran families	Virginia to become part of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	Legislation passed requiring Virginia to join the Compact. Funding appropriated to Virginia Department of Education (DOE) for costs	Yes	Yes
2009	Disabled veterans	Pass a resolution (first reference) to allow a vote to amend the Virginia Constitution to grant a real estate tax exemption for 100% service-connected disabled veterans	4 resolutions submitted, 2 passed (2 were incorporated).	Yes	Yes
2009	Homeless/housing	Fund a study to examine the current level of services provided to homeless veterans in Virginia and the need for and cost of additional services	One resolution submitted. Left in House Rules. Delegate Kirk Cox requested that the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) complete the study. JLARC report helped lead to the creation of DVS homeless veterans program and funding to support it	Yes	Yes
2010	Cemeteries	Allow DVS to sell outer burial containers at cost at state veterans cemeteries. Appropriate \$36,000 (GF) (one-time) to purchase equipment (vault carts).	Legislation passed. Budget amendment passed for \$36,000 (GF) (one time). DVS purchased vault carts and began offering vaults for sale at cost - a significant \$ benefit for veterans and families	Yes	Yes
2010	Virginia War Memorial	Appropriate \$913,000 (GF) (one time) in FY11 to purchase Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E) for Virginia War Memorial.	\$913,000 (GF) appropriated in FY10 budget. FF&E purchased to outfit the new Galanti Education Center	Yes	Yes
2010	Virginia War Memorial	Increase ongoing operating funds for Virginia War Memorial by \$632,100 per FY	Appropriations Act included \$150,000 (GF) in FY11 and \$400,000 (GF) in FY12 for operations of the expanded VWM	Partial	Yes
2010	Benefit Services	Appropriate \$100,000 (GF) in FY11 for continued development of the automated claims processing system	No funding provided. Bill submitted but did not pass. Estimated fiscal impact of \$30,000 per year. DVS subsequently worked with contractor to develop and deploy what became known as the BeneVets system	No	Yes

2010	Military and veteran families	Enact legislation or identify administrative solution such that benefits paid by the Military Family Relief Fund tax exempt (from state income taxes)	Legislation passed allowing subtraction from federal adjusted gross income for tax year beginning January 1, 2010	Yes	Yes
2010	Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	Continue level funding of VVWP at \$2 million (GF) per FY	Level funding continued. \$2 million (GF) appropriated per FY	Yes	Yes
2010	Disabled veterans	Pass a resolution (second reference) to allow a vote to amend the Virginia Constitution to grant a real estate tax exemption for 100% service-connected disabled veterans	2 resolutions submitted – both passed (second reference). Virginia voters approved the amendment in the 2010 General Election - 82.4%	Yes	Yes
2010	Veterans dockets	Authorize creation of veterans dockets; establish an education program for legal/law enforcement; and study further ways to help veterans	Two bills submitted. One left in committee, one incorporated (then failed). Legislation passed in 2011 allowing for "special judicial procedures" for veterans	No	Yes
2011	Cemeteries	Funding to fill vacant positions, replace worn out equipment, install road signs, and purchase supplies at state veterans cemeteries	\$387,100 (GF) appropriated.	Yes	Yes
2011	Virginia War Memorial	Appropriate \$255,000 (GF) additional per FY for operations, maintenance, and program delivery at Virginia War Memorial	\$100,000 (GF) appropriated per FY	Partial	Yes
2011	Benefit Services	Appropriate \$402,400 (GF) in FY12 to restore staffing in Benefit Services section	\$402,400 (GF) appropriated	Yes	Yes
2011	Education	Grant in-state tuition eligibility for veterans (waive the one-year domicile requirement)	Legislation passed granting eligibility	Yes	Yes
2011	Alternate funding sources for DVS services	Alternate dedicated revenue source for veterans programs	Legislation submitted but did not pass.	No	No
2011	Veterans dockets	Allow localities to establish special judicial procedures (aka veterans dockets)	Legislation passed allowing localities to establish special judicial procedures	Yes	Yes

2012	Cemeteries	Facilitate the honorable burial of unclaimed cremains of veterans at state veterans cemeteries	Legislation approved. DVS works with funeral homes, veterans service organizations, and others to provide honorable final resting place for veterans whose remains were unclaimed	Yes	Yes
2012	Homeless/housing	Reduce and prevent veteran homelessness in Virginia by implementing as many strategies identified in the JLARC report as resources permit	\$197,000 (GF) and two positions approved. These two positions were the catalyst for the creation of DVS services for homeless veterans, that would lead, eventually and through the work of countless individuals, to Virginia being the first state to be recognized as functionally ending veterans homelessness	Yes	Yes
2012	Veterans Identification	Provide a simple, ready means of identification of veterans status for Virginia's veterans by creating a Virginia Veterans ID Card	DVS and DMV worked together to create Virginia Veterans ID Card. Over 150,000 issued before the stand-alone ID card was replaced by a veterans indicator on the driver's license	Yes	Yes
2012	Veterans Service Organizations	Establish a Sales & Use Tax Exemption for 501(c)(19) VSOs	One bill submitted but did not pass. Approved in 2016	No	Yes
2013	Voting	Provide for the electronic return of absentee ballots voted by overseas voters	Two bills submitted. One bill passed Senate but was left in House Privileges and Elections.	No	No
2013	Care Centers	Set aside land for a Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center	No specific action on site selection, but bill and budget amendments confirmed state commitment of \$28.5 million in state funding for Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center. Land was donated in Vint Hill (Fauquier County). Construction began 2020	Partial	Yes
2013	Veterans Service Organizations	Provide sales and use tax exemption for veterans service organizations	One Senate bill submitted. Left in Senate Finance. Subsequently approved in 2016	No	Yes
2013	Employment	Provide business incentives (tax credit) for employing veterans to fill new jobs; help employers learn how to recruit and hire veterans	Legislation passed creating the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) program to work with employers to hire, train, and retain veterans. \$450,000 appropriated for DVS V3 for operations.	Yes	Yes

2013	Education	Clarify Code of Virginia section regarding in-state tuition eligibility for veterans	Legislation passed clarifying that the one-year domiciliary requirement did not apply to veterans	Yes	Yes
2013	Military and veteran families	Increase the stipend in the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program	Legislation passed. Stipend cap raised from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per year. Funding pool increased by \$600,000 (GF) per FY.	Yes	Yes
2014	Benefit Services	Support the hiring and retention of DVS claims agents by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$500,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$500,000 (GF) in FY16	Funding requests submitted during regular session but were not approved.	No	Yes
2014	Employment	Support the hiring and retention of veterans by Virginia businesses by continuing base funding for the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program at \$450,000 (GF) per fiscal year	Funding included in budget	Yes	Yes
2014	Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	Support the delivery of mental health and rehabilitative services for Virginia veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists, and family members through the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$500,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$500,000 (GF) in FY16.	Funding not included. Additional funding approved in 2016	No	Yes
2014	Voting	Increase opportunities for overseas uniformed military voters to participate in elections by enacting legislation to permit the electronic return of absentee ballots	Legislation passed the 2014 General Assembly, but proviso stipulated that it would not take effect unless reenacted by the 2016 General Assembly	Yes	No
2014	Homeless/housing	Support DVS services for homeless veterans by approving a budget amendment for \$450,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$970,000 (GF) in FY16	Funding requests submitted during regular session but were not approved. Additional funding approved in 2015	No	Yes

2014	Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	Ensure the needs of Virginia veterans are being met by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$190,000 (GF) in FY15 to update the 2010 Virginia Tech report "Assessing the Experiences, Supportive Service Needs and Service Gaps of Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia"	Funding requests submitted during regular session but were not approved. Additional funding approved in 2016	No	Yes
2014	Military and veteran families	Provide a real property tax exemption for spouses of military service members killed in action by passing a resolution identical to the resolution (HJ551) passed by the 2013 General Assembly and by enacting legislation to place a referendum on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 general election	Legislation enacted by the 2014 General Assembly. Approved during the November 2014 General Election (87.3%)	Yes	Yes
2015	Benefit Services	Support the hiring, training, and retention of Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Veterans Service Representatives, the addition of representatives in understaffed locations, and the building of needed service capacity at Benefits Offices, by approving an additional \$1,750,000 (GF) in FY2016.	\$1,750,201 included in FY16 budget	Yes	Yes
2015	Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	Support the continued delivery of critical core behavioral health, rehabilitative, and supportive services for Virginia veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists, and family members by appropriating an additional \$281,000 (GF) for the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) in FY2016.	Not included in budget. Additional funding approved in 2016	No	Yes
2015	Virginia War Memorial	Authorize \$161,000 (GF) (partial-year funding) and three new positions for the Virginia War Memorial in FY2016; two additional new positions in FY2017 (for a total of five); and full funding of \$404,000 (GF) for all positions in FY2017.	\$107,333 included in FY16 budget	Partial	Yes

2015	Homeless/housing	Support the further reduction of veteran homelessness by approving additional funding in FY2016 for: a. \$180,000 (GF) for DVS/VWWP to add 3 new Housing Resource Specialists in Hampton Roads, Northern Virginia, and Roanoke. b. \$1M (GF) for the Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to support increases in general statewide homeless prevention, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing funding.	\$180,000 included in FY16 budget	Yes	Yes
2015	Alternate funding sources for DVS services	Approve the establishment of a veterans' lottery as part of the Compact with Virginia's Veterans to supplement the General Fund's support of approved veteran's requirements, with any residual lottery funding reverting back to Education.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
2015	Care Centers	Increase the state funding commitment for the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia veterans care center construction projects, and, once the higher state commitment is approved, that DVS request increased federal grant funding for the two projects.	Legislation passed increasing the state commitment. DVS requested additional federal funds	Yes	Yes
2016	Care Centers	Continue state support for the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia veterans care center construction projects by appropriating an additional \$29.3 million in state funding to complete the construction of both centers.	Legislation passed allocating the funds. Federal grant funding awarded 2019. Construction began 2020.	Yes	Yes
2016	Benefit Services	1) Increase the Benefits Services division's budget by \$903,000 (GF) in FY17 and \$1,324,000 (GF) in FY18, and 2) increase staffing levels by seven positions in FY17 and nine positions in FY18, to complete the three-year plan to strengthen and expand the DVS Benefits Services division.	Funding and positions included in budget	Yes	Yes

2016	Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	Appropriate an additional \$2,147,591 (GF) and authorize 39 new positions for VVFS in FY17 to convert VVFS to an all-state employee workforce. FY18 funding should be \$98,831 (GF) above FY17 levels.	Bulk of funding and positions included in budget	Partial	Yes
2016	Virginia War Memorial	Appropriate an additional \$509,985 (GF) in FY17 and \$800,235 (GF) in FY18, and authorize three additional positions, to ensure that the Virginia War Memorial has the resources necessary to accomplish its dual mission of honor and education.	\$142,333 and two positions authorized in FY17; with an additional \$309,554 and three positions (over/above FY17) added for FY18	Partial	Yes
2016	Veterans Service Organizations	Extend to 501(c)(19) Veterans Service Organizations the exemptions provided for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.	Legislation approved	Yes	Yes
2016	Employment	Authorize three positions and appropriate \$400,000 (GF) in FY17, continue at these levels in FY18, and pass the legislation necessary to assist former military medics and corpsmen in continuing to use their skills learned in the service and to place them on a path to careers in Virginia health care industry.	Legislation approved and funding committed to create the DVS Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) program	Yes	Yes
2016	Guard and Reserve	Increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
2016	Education	Appropriate the funding necessary to establish dedicated Veteran Advisors and Resource Centers on Virginia Community College System campuses to coordinate and centralize campus efforts to aid veterans in transitioning from military service and achieving success on campus.	Legislation passed and funding authorized for Veterans Centers on seven VCCS campuses	Yes	Yes



2016	Veterans dockets	Take legislative and/or budget actions necessary to allow local courts to establish a Veterans Docket under the supervision of the Virginia Supreme Court.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	Yes
2016	Guard and Reserve	Change the eligibility for in-state tuition to include all members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserve components, thus recognizing their service to the Commonwealth and treating them equally to the active components and veterans	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
2016	Military and veteran families	For education benefits under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent 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 education benefits.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass. Approved in 2019	No	Yes
2016	Voting	Promote the development, approval, and budgeting of secure procedures to permit the electronic return of absentee ballot by overseas uniformed military voters.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass (i.e. the 2014 legislation was not re-enacted)	No	No
2017	Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	Revise the charter of the VVFS; release \$393,494 to DVS in FY17; authorize 21 new positions in FY17 and FY18; and appropriate an additional \$700,000 (GF) in FY18 to convert VVFS to an all-state employee service delivery structure.	Legislation and budget approved	Yes	Yes
2017	Virginia War Memorial	Appropriate an additional \$100,000 (GF) FY18 to ensure the Virginia War Memorial has the resources necessary to accomplish its dual mission of honor and education.	Not included in budget	No	No

2017	Guard and Reserve	Increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
2017	Guard and Reserve	Change the eligibility for in-state tuition to include all members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserve components, thus recognizing their service to the Commonwealth and treating them equally to the active components and veterans	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
2017	Employment	Create the <i>Virginia Veteran Entrepreneurship Grant Pilot Program</i> under the Department of Veterans Services and appropriate \$900,000 (GF) per year in FY18 and FY19 to award grants to companies that provide entrepreneurship training to veterans. Also, that the Board of Veterans Services (BVS) continue its work on veteran entrepreneurship and develop additional recommendations for consideration.	Legislation introduced but did not pass. Funding proposed but was not authorized	No	No
2017	Military and veteran families	For education benefits under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent 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 education benefits.	Legislation introduced but did not pass. Approved in 2019	No	Yes
2017	Voting	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.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No

2018	Military and veteran families	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.	Legislation passed. Ballot measure approved by 84.37% of voters in November 2018 General Election	Yes	Yes
2018	Voting	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.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
2018	Employment	Establish the Veteran Entrepreneur Capital Resources Program within the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority, including 1 FTE and up to \$100,000 each year from the general fund for administration. The authority would be directed to develop guidelines to provide veteran entrepreneurs of any era access to below market, low-interest loans up to \$50,000 to start a business. Loans would be repaid in 48 months.	Budget amendment introduced but was not included	No	No
2018	Disabled veterans	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.	Bills introduced but did not pass	No	No

2018	Military and veteran families	For education benefits under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent 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 education benefits.	Legislation introduced but did not pass. Approved in 2019	No	Yes
2018	Guard and Reserve	Increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.	No action taken by Governor or General Assembly.	No	No
2019	Guard and Reserve	Appropriate \$50,000 to ensure that all Virginia National Guardsmen are paid at least at the E6 rate when serving on State Active Duty.	Four bills introduced, but did not pass	No	No
2019	Disabled veterans	Approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
2019	Voting	Enact legislation and provide budget support of a pilot program at the Virginia State Board of Elections for \$100,000 and funding for one FTE, for a limited pilot program for the electronic return of absentee ballots by Virginia's deployed military service members.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
2019	Disabled veterans	Approve legislation creating a standardized, statewide personal property tax exemption for one vehicle for 100% service-connected, total and permanent disabled veterans.	First resolution approved	Yes	Yes

2019	Guard and Reserve	Provide budget support of approximately a \$1 million increase in the annual State Tuition Assistance program for a pilot program to cover the estimated 3.5% of Guardsmen seeking a degree who are not currently completely covered by federal and state tuition assistance.	No funding appropriated in 2019. In 2020, \$250,000 in FY21 and same in FY22 was approved, but this was later "unallotted" due to COVID-related resource constraints.	No	Partial
2019	Military and veteran families	For the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), 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.	Legislation approved	Yes	Yes
2019	Military retirement	That the Governor and General Assembly support changes to the current Virginia tax laws for a phased in system to reduce state tax on military retirement income up to \$40,000	Resolution approved (HJ674) directing a joint DVS/TAX study	Partial	No
2020	Disabled veterans	Approve legislation, and send to the voters via ballot initiative, creating a standardized, statewide personal property tax exemption for one vehicle for 100% service-connected, total and permanent disabled veterans	Legislation approved to put the issue on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election. The amendment to Virginia's Constitution was approved by 86% of Virginia's voters	Yes	Yes
2020	Voting	Enact legislation that directs Virginia registrars receive and count military overseas absentee ballots postmarked on or before election day and which arrive by 5:00 p.m. on the second business day before the State Board of Elections meets to certify the results of the election	Legislation approved to count absentee ballots, including those submitted by overseas military voters, if they are postmarked on or before election day and received by noon on the third day after the election	Yes	Yes

2020	Disabled veterans	Approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption	Legislation did not pass - continued to 2021	No	No
2020	Guard and Reserve	Ensure Virginia's continued commitment to the men and women of the Virginia National Guard, through raising the minimum National Guard Emergency Response Pay (ERP) to equal the currently used DOD pay table plus a 2-10% increased adjustment, depending on rank	Legislation approved that "Provides that whenever called to state active duty in response to certain emergencies, members of the National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force receive pay and allowance equal to their rank and years of service, as determined by the Department of Military Affairs."	Yes	Yes
2020	Guard and Reserve	Approve Tax credits for employers of National Guard members and self-employed National Guard members	Legislation did not pass - continued to 2021	No	No
2020	Employment	Provide an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 in FY20 and \$1,000,000 in FY21 for the Microloan for Veterans Program fund	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
2021	Disabled Veterans	Approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federal adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
2021	Guard and Reserve	Approve \$50,000 to create a grant program to incentivize small to medium-sized Virginia employers to hire members of the Virginia National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass  Budget amendment requests submitted but were not included in budget	No	No
2021	Military and Veteran Families	Amend the Code of Virginia to provide a real estate property tax exemption to both the surviving spouses of service members who were " <i>Killed in Action</i> " and those who " <i>died while serving or from a service connected injury or illness.</i> "	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No

2021	Disabled Veterans	Expand the Virginia Disabled Veteran's Passport to any Virginia veteran who has a service-connected compensable or non-compensable disability.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
2021	Guard and Reserve	Grant a 50% reduced price annual pass to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard.	No legislation introduced	No	No
2021	Guard and Reserve	Reduce the cost of license plates to recognize the service and commitment of our National Guard members, by changing the current 50% reduced price for a maximum of two license plates per household and registrations to 100% reduction for a single (1) license plate and registration	Legislation approved by General Assembly and signed by Governor. Effective July 1, 2021	Yes	Yes
2021	Military Retirement	Change the current Virginia tax laws to provide a partial exemption of military retirement pay to reduce state tax on military retirement income	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
2021	Department of Veterans Services	Restore funding for critical DVS programs and services	Introduced Budget and budget approved by General Assembly included \$727,000 for DVS (funding for programs that address behavioral health, homelessness, claims processing, and women veterans)	Yes	Yes
2022	Department of Veterans Services	Creation of a dedicated Suicide Prevention Coordinator	Legislation and Budget Introduced. HB \$145,833 FY23 \$175,000 FY24  1 FTE	Yes	Yes
2022	Real Property Tax Exemption	Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members to also include "Died in the Line of Duty"	Legislation Introduced and passed but this requires a Constitutional Amendment. The legislation that passed in 2022 allows counties to grant a portion of tax exemption but does not mandate it.	Yes	Partial

2022	VSO Honor Guards	Exempts members of a lawfully recognized military color guard, honor guard, or similar organization, and members of a veterans service organization that is congressionally chartered or officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, when such member is participating in a training or educational exercise, funeral, or public ceremony on behalf of such military color guard, honor guard, or similar organization or veterans service organization, from the crime of unlawful paramilitary activity unless such member engages in such activity with malicious intent.	Legislation Introduced and passed	Yes	Yes
2022	Department of Veterans Services	Elimination of spousal burial fees	Legislation and Budget Amendment Introduced but did not pass	No	Yes
2022	Virginia National Guard and Reserve	Creation of a grant program to incentivize hiring of National Guard members and Reserve members	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	No
2022	Virginia National Guard	Grant or reduced-price admission to Virginia State parks to members of the National Guard	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	Yes
2022	Virginia National Guard	Adjust increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and that this amount be adjusted every five years to account for inflation.	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	Yes
2023	Real Property Tax Exemption	Tax Relief for Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces "Killed in Action" through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to include died on active duty in the section that addresses surviving	Legislation Introduced and passed, however, an identical resolution must pass the 2024 General Assembly to be put on the ballot in November 2024.	Partial	Partial



		spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action.			
2023	Real Property Tax Exemption	Law to make explicit that local jurisdictions must provide a veteran or surviving spouse the exemption as far back as the veteran or surviving spouse is eligible, but not earlier than January 1, 2011, regardless of when the veteran or surviving spouse applies.	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	No
2023	Income Tax Subtraction	Remove the 55-year age limitation on exemption of military retirement income from state tax	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	Yes
2023	Department of Veterans Services	Elimination of spousal burial fees	Legislation and Budget Amendment Introduced and passed	Yes	Yes
2023	Virginia National Guard	Free Admission into State Parks for members of the Virginia National Guard	Legislation and Budget Introduced and passed	Yes	Yes
2023	Virginia National Guard	Adjust increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$6,000, and increase the pay grade eligibility to LTC (O5 pay grade).	Legislation Introduced and passed increasing the exclusion to \$5,500 up through the pay grade of O6	No	Yes

## Appendix 2: JLC Priorities 2005 – 2023, Sorted by Category

CATEGORY	YEAR	JLC OBJECTIVE	ACTION TAKEN	JLC OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED IN CURRENT YEAR?	JLC OBJECTIVE ULTIMATELY ACHIEVED?
Active duty military	2005	Establish a thirty-day grace period for driver's license renewal for service members returning from overseas assignments.	DMV said they were already doing this - also for vehicle registration. No further action necessary.	Yes	Yes
Active duty military	2007	In-state tuition eligibility for active duty service members	Legislation passed granting eligibility	Yes	Yes
Active duty military	2007	Provide a state tax exemption for Virginia residents (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve) serving outside the U.S.	No action taken by Governor or General Assembly.	No	No
Active duty military	2007	Enact legislation to curb the practice of pay day lending to service members	12 bills (9 House, 3 Senate) submitted to modify the Payday Loan Act. None passed in 2007. 2008 General Assembly passed law (HB12) prohibiting payday loans to military service members and families.	No	Yes
Active duty military	2008	Allow Virginia-domiciled service members to place a freeze on their credit files	4 bills submitted. Incorporated into approved legislation applicable to all Virginians	Yes	Yes
Alternate funding sources for DVS services	2006	Income tax check off for DVS	No action taken by Governor or General Assembly.	No	No
Alternate funding sources for DVS services	2011	Alternate dedicated revenue source for veterans programs	Legislation submitted but did not pass.	No	No

Alternate funding sources for DVS services	2015	Approve the establishment of a veterans' lottery as part of the Compact with Virginia's Veterans to supplement the General Fund's support of approved veteran's requirements, with any residual lottery funding reverting back to Education.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
Benefit Services	2005	Increase DVS funding by \$1 million (GF) per FY, including funds to fill positions in Benefit Services section	\$1 million (GF) in new funding appropriated to fill vacant benefit services positions and hire six new claims agents.	Yes	Yes
Benefit Services	2008	\$300,000 (GF) in FY09 for TurboVet Phase II and \$900,000 (GF) in FY10 for TurboVet Phase III	\$100,000 (GF) in FY09 appropriated. Proof of concept completed. System (called BeneVets) was later developed and deployed	Partial	Yes
Benefit Services	2009	Subject to the availability of sufficient funds, DVS to develop and deploy an automated system for the electronic preparation of veterans' disability claims.	One bill passed. \$100,000 (GF) appropriated for FY10 but not spent. \$\$ returned to Treasury. DVS subsequently worked with contractor to develop and deploy what became known as the BeneVets system	Yes	Yes
Benefit Services	2010	Appropriate \$100,000 (GF) in FY11 for continued development of the automated claims processing system	No funding provided. Bill submitted but did not pass. Estimated fiscal impact of \$30,000 per year. DVS subsequently worked with contractor to develop and deploy what became known as the BeneVets system	No	Yes
Benefit Services	2011	Appropriate \$402,400 (GF) in FY12 to restore staffing in Benefit Services section	\$402,400 (GF) appropriated	Yes	Yes
Benefit Services	2014	Support the hiring and retention of DVS claims agents by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$500,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$500,000 (GF) in FY16	Funding requests submitted during regular session but were not approved.	No	Yes

Benefit Services	2015	Support the hiring, training, and retention of Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Veterans Service Representatives, the addition of representatives in understaffed locations, and the building of needed service capacity at Benefits Offices, by approving an additional \$1,750,000 (GF) in FY2016.	\$1,750,201 included in FY16 budget	Yes	Yes
Benefit Services	2016	1) Increase the Benefits Services division's budget by \$903,000 (GF) in FY17 and \$1,324,000 (GF) in FY18, and 2) increase staffing levels by seven positions in FY17 and nine positions in FY18, to complete the three-year plan to strengthen and expand the DVS Benefits Services division.	Funding and positions included in budget	Yes	Yes
Care Centers	2005	Construct veterans care center in Hampton Roads	\$50,000 (GF) in planning funds appropriated. This led to federal grant application being submitted in 2006 and was subsequently updated. Construction began on new veterans care center in 2020	Partial	Yes
Care Centers	2006	Construct veterans care center in Hampton Roads	Appropriations Act authorized the Governor to request federal grant funds and committed state support. Grant request submitted and subsequently updated. Construction began 2020	Yes	Yes
Care Centers	2007	Construct veterans care center in Hampton Roads	DVS submitted request for federal funds in 2006. State funds committed to project. Federal grant funds committed 2019. Construction began 2020	Yes	Yes
Care Centers	2013	Set aside land for a Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center	No specific action on site selection, but bill and budget amendments confirmed state commitment of \$28.5 million in state funding for Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center. Land was	Partial	Yes

			donated in Vint Hill (Fauquier County). Construction began 2020		
Care Centers	2015	Increase the state funding commitment for the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia veterans care center construction projects, and, once the higher state commitment is approved, that DVS request increased federal grant funding for the two projects.	Legislation passed increasing the state commitment. DVS requested additional federal funds	Yes	Yes
Care Centers	2016	Continue state support for the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia veterans care center construction projects by appropriating an additional \$29.3 million in state funding to complete the construction of both centers.	Legislation passed allocating the funds. Federal grant funding awarded 2019. Construction began 2020.	Yes	Yes
Cemeteries	2005	Purchase land for cemetery in SW Virginia and appropriate operating funds	No funds appropriated. DVS subsequently worked with veterans in SW Virginia (led in part by JLC member Pat Green) to identify land for donation. Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery opened in 2011	No	Yes
Cemeteries	2006	Purchase land for cemetery in SW Virginia and appropriate operating funds	No funds appropriated. DVS subsequently worked with veterans in SW Virginia (led by JLC member Pat Green) to identify land for donation. Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery opened in 2011	No	Yes
Cemeteries	2007	Purchase land for cemetery in SW Virginia and appropriate operating funds	Land donated by U.S. Army (part of Radford Army Ammunition Plant). \$583,000 (GF) appropriated for site development preparatory to start of construction project (funded through	Yes	Yes

			federal grant). Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery opened 2011.		
Cemeteries	2009	Appropriate funds for the purchase of outer burial containers at state veterans cemeteries. Provide to veterans at no cost.	One bill (did not pass). Legislation and budget approved in 2010	No	Yes
Cemeteries	2010	Allow DVS to sell outer burial containers at cost at state veterans cemeteries. Appropriate \$36,000 (GF) (one-time) to purchase equipment (vault carts).	Legislation passed. Budget amendment passed for \$36,000 (GF) (one time). DVS purchased vault carts and began offering vaults for sale at cost - a significant \$ benefit for veterans and families	Yes	Yes
Cemeteries	2011	Funding to fill vacant positions, replace worn out equipment, install road signs, and purchase supplies at state veterans cemeteries	\$387,100 (GF) appropriated.	Yes	Yes
Cemeteries	2012	Facilitate the honorable burial of unclaimed cremains of veterans at state veterans cemeteries	Legislation approved. DVS works with funeral homes, veterans service organizations, and others to provide honorable final resting place for veterans whose remains were unclaimed	Yes	Yes
Cemeteries	2022	Elimination of spousal burial fees	Legislation and Budget Amendment Introduced but did not pass	No	Yes
Cemeteries	2023	Elimination of spousal burial fees	Legislation and Budget Amendment Introduced and passed	Yes	Yes
Department of Motor Vehicles	2007	No-cost vehicle registration for veterans	No action taken by Governor or General Assembly.	No	No

Department of Veterans Services	2007	Budget resources to support DVS strategic plan.	Several funding initiatives supported.	Yes	Yes
Department of Veterans Services	2021	Restore funding for critical DVS programs and services	Introduced Budget and budget approved by General Assembly included \$727,000 for DVS (funding for programs that address behavioral health, homelessness, claims processing, and women veterans)	Yes	Yes
2022	Department of Veterans Services	Creation of a dedicated Suicide Prevention Coordinator	Legislation and Budget Introduced. HB \$145,833 FY23 \$175,000 FY24  1 FTE	Yes	Yes
Disabled veterans	2008	Pass a resolution to allow a vote to amend the Virginia Constitution to grant a real estate tax exemption for 100% service-connected disabled veterans	4 resolutions submitted. All continued to 2009, as first resolutions must be introduced in odd-numbered sessions	Partial	Yes
Disabled veterans	2009	Pass a resolution (first reference) to allow a vote to amend the Virginia Constitution to grant a real estate tax exemption for 100% service-connected disabled veterans	4 resolutions submitted, 2 passed (2 were incorporated).	Yes	Yes
Disabled veterans	2010	Pass a resolution (second reference) to allow a vote to amend the Virginia Constitution to grant a real estate tax exemption for 100% service-connected disabled veterans	2 resolutions submitted – both passed (second reference). Virginia voters approved the amendment in the 2010 General Election - 82.4%	Yes	Yes
Disabled veterans	2018	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.	Bills introduced but did not pass	No	No

Disabled veterans	2019	Approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
Disabled veterans	2019	Approve legislation creating a standardized, statewide personal property tax exemption for one vehicle for 100% service-connected, total and permanent disabled veterans.	First resolution approved	Yes	Yes
Disabled veterans	2020	Approve legislation, and send to the voters via ballot initiative, creating a standardized, statewide personal property tax exemption for one vehicle for 100% service-connected, total and permanent disabled veterans	Legislation approved to put the issue on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 General Election. The amendment to Virginia's Constitution was approved by 86% of Virginia's voters	Yes	Yes
Disabled veterans	2020	Approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption	Legislation did not pass - continued to 2021	No	No
Disabled veterans	2021	Approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federal adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
Disabled veterans	2021	Expand the Virginia Disabled Veteran's Passport to any Virginia veteran who has a service-connected	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No



		compensable or non-compensable disability.			
Education	2011	Grant in-state tuition eligibility for veterans (waive the one-year domicile requirement)	Legislation passed granting eligibility	Yes	Yes
Education	2013	Clarify Code of Virginia section regarding in-state tuition eligibility for veterans	Legislation passed clarifying that the one-year domiciliary requirement did not apply to veterans	Yes	Yes
Education	2016	Appropriate the funding necessary to establish dedicated Veteran Advisors and Resource Centers on Virginia Community College System campuses to coordinate and centralize campus efforts to aid veterans in transitioning from military service and achieving success on campus.	Legislation passed and funding authorized for Veterans Centers on seven VCCS campuses	Yes	Yes
Employment	2005	Establish a hiring preference for veterans, especially disabled veterans, in state government	Legislation passed that requires status as a veteran or disabled veteran to be considered in state hiring	Yes	Yes
Employment	2007	Clarify the definition of "veteran preference" so that real preference is given for veterans hiring in state government	Two bills passed. Department of Human Resource Management (state HR agency) issued updated policy to state agencies	Yes	Yes
Employment	2013	Provide business incentives (tax credit) for employing veterans to fill new jobs; help employers learn how to recruit and hire veterans	Legislation passed creating the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) program to work with employers to hire, train, and retain veterans. \$450,000 appropriated for DVS V3 for operations.	Yes	Yes
Employment	2014	Support the hiring and retention of veterans by Virginia businesses by continuing base funding for the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program at \$450,000 (GF) per fiscal year	Funding included in budget	Yes	Yes

Employment	2016	Authorize three positions and appropriate \$400,000 (GF) in FY17, continue at these levels in FY18, and pass the legislation necessary to assist former military medics and corpsmen in continuing to use their skills learned in the service and to place them on a path to careers in Virginia health care industry.	Legislation approved and funding committed to create the DVS Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) program	Yes	Yes
Employment	2017	Create the <i>Virginia Veteran Entrepreneurship Grant Pilot Program</i> under the Department of Veterans Services and appropriate \$900,000 (GF) per year in FY18 and FY19 to award grants to companies that provide entrepreneurship training to veterans. Also, that the Board of Veterans Services (BVS) continue its work on veteran entrepreneurship and develop additional recommendations for consideration.	Legislation introduced but did not pass. Funding proposed but was not authorized	No	No
Employment	2018	Establish the Veteran Entrepreneur Capital Resources Program within the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority, including 1 FTE and up to \$100,000 each year from the general fund for administration. The authority would be directed to develop guidelines to provide veteran entrepreneurs of any era access to below market, low-interest loans up to \$50,000 to start a business. Loans would be repaid in 48 months.	Budget amendment introduced but was not included	No	No
Employment	2020	Provide an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 in FY20 and \$1,000,000 in FY21 for the Microloan for Veterans Program fund	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No

Guard and Reserve	2005	Create state medal for Virginia service members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Create state medal for Virginia service members cited for heroism.	Governor's National Service Medal created for Virginia Guardsmen called to active federal service since 9/11.	Yes	Yes
Guard and Reserve	2007	Appropriate funding to enhance National Guard recruiting and retention, support family programs, provide tuition assistance, etc.	Over \$1.6 million in additional funding appropriated for a variety of programs	Yes	Yes
Guard and Reserve	2008	Provide a state tax exemption for Guardsmen and Reservists serving outside the U.S. for more than 90 days	Three House bills left in House Finance. Two Senate bills left in Senate Finance	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2016	Increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2016	Change the eligibility for in-state tuition to include all members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserve components, thus recognizing their service to the Commonwealth and treating them equally to the active components and veterans	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2017	Increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2017	Change the eligibility for in-state tuition to include all members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserve components, thus recognizing their service to the Commonwealth and treating them equally to the active components and veterans	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No

Guard and Reserve	2018	Increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.	No action taken by Governor or General Assembly.	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2019	Appropriate \$50,000 to ensure that all Virginia National Guardsmen are paid at least at the E6 rate when serving on State Active Duty.	Four bills introduced, but did not pass	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2019	Provide budget support of approximately a \$1 million increase in the annual State Tuition Assistance program for a pilot program to cover the estimated 3.5% of Guardsmen seeking a degree who are not currently completely covered by federal and state tuition assistance.	No funding appropriated in 2019. In 2020, \$250,000 in FY21 and same in FY22 was approved, but this was later "unallotted" due to COVID-related resource constraints.	No	Partial
Guard and Reserve	2020	Ensure Virginia's continued commitment to the men and women of the Virginia National Guard, through raising the minimum National Guard Emergency Response Pay (ERP) to equal the currently used DOD pay table plus a 2-10% increased adjustment, depending on rank	Legislation approved that "Provides that whenever called to state active duty in response to certain emergencies, members of the National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force receive pay and allowance equal to their rank and years of service, as determined by the Department of Military Affairs."	Yes	Yes
Guard and Reserve	2020	Approve Tax credits for employers of National Guard members and self-employed National Guard members	Legislation did not pass - continued to 2021	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2021	Approve \$50,000 to create a grant program to incentivize small to medium-sized Virginia employers to hire members of the Virginia National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass  Budget amendment requests submitted but were not included in budget	No	No

Guard and Reserve	2021	Grant a 50% reduced price annual pass to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard.	No legislation introduced	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2021	Reduce the cost of license plates to recognize the service and commitment of our National Guard members, by changing the current 50% reduced price for a maximum of two license plates per household and registrations to 100% reduction for a single (1) license plate and registration	Legislation approved by General Assembly and signed by Governor. Effective July 1, 2021	Yes	Yes
Guard and Reserve	2022	Creation of a grant program to incentivize hiring of National Guard members and Reserve members	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	No
Guard and Reserve	2022	Grant or reduced-price admission to Virginia State parks to members of the National Guard	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	Yes
Guard and Reserve	2022	Adjust increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and that this amount be adjusted every five years to account for inflation.	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	Yes

Guard and Reserve	2023	Free Admission into State Parks for members of the Virginia National Guard	Legislation and Budget Introduced and passed	Yes	Yes
Guard and Reserve	2023	Adjust increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$6,000, and increase the pay grade eligibility to LTC (O5 pay grade).	Legislation Introduced and passed increasing the exclusion to \$5,500 up through the pay grade of 06	No	Yes
Homeless/housing	2009	Fund a study to examine the current level of services provided to homeless veterans in Virginia and the need for and cost of additional services	One resolution submitted. Left in House Rules. Delegate Kirk Cox requested that the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) complete the study. JLARC report helped lead to the creation of DVS homeless veterans program and funding to support it	Yes	Yes
Homeless/housing	2012	Reduce and prevent veteran homelessness in Virginia by implementing as many strategies identified in the JLARC report as resources permit	\$197,000 (GF) and two positions approved. These two positions were the catalyst for the creation of DVS services for homeless veterans, that would lead, eventually and through the work of countless individuals, to Virginia being the first state to be recognized as functionally ending veterans homelessness	Yes	Yes
Homeless/housing	2014	Support DVS services for homeless veterans by approving a budget amendment for \$450,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$970,000 (GF) in FY16	Funding requests submitted during regular session but were not approved. Additional funding approved in 2015	No	Yes

Homeless/housing	2015	Support the further reduction of veteran homelessness by approving additional funding in FY2016 for: a. \$180,000 (GF) for DVS/VWWP to add 3 new Housing Resource Specialists in Hampton Roads, Northern Virginia, and Roanoke. b. \$1M (GF) for the Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to support increases in general statewide homeless prevention, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing funding.	\$180,000 included in FY16 budget	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2006	In-state tuition for active duty and family members stationed in Virginia: achieve 2 of 3 "desired states" identified by U.S. Army (eligibility in state of residence, eligibility in state of assignment, continuity in state of assignment)	Legislation passed granting eligibility for dependents and continuity of eligibility for dependents.	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2006	Commonwealth of Virginia to contribute \$1 million toward construction of a Fisher House at the McGuire VA Medical Center ("local" organizations have to raise 1/2 of project budget; Fisher House Foundation funds other 1/2)	\$750,000 (GF) appropriated - represented 1/2 of local funds (1/4 of total project budget). Fisher House constructed at McGuire VAMC.	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2008	Enact legislation to protect the custodial rights of mobilized service members.	Bill passed to allow a court to enter a temporary order modifying custody or visitation based on a parent's deployment.	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2009	Enact legislation to make benefits paid by the Military Family Relief Fund tax exempt.	Two bills left in House Finance. Legislation passed in 2010	No	Yes

Military and veteran families	2009	Virginia to become part of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	Legislation passed requiring Virginia to join the Compact. Funding appropriated to Virginia Department of Education (DOE) for costs	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2010	Enact legislation or identify administrative solution such that benefits paid by the Military Family Relief Fund tax exempt (from state income taxes)	Legislation passed allowing subtraction from federal adjusted gross income for tax year beginning January 1, 2010	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2013	Increase the stipend in the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program	Legislation passed. Stipend cap raised from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per year. Funding pool increased by \$600,000 (GF) per FY.	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2014	Provide a real property tax exemption for spouses of military service members killed in action by passing a resolution identical to the resolution (HJ551) passed by the 2013 General Assembly and by enacting legislation to place a referendum on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 general election	Legislation enacted by the 2014 General Assembly. Approved during the November 2014 General Election (87.3%)	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2016	For education benefits under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent 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 education benefits.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass. Approved in 2019	No	Yes



Military and veteran families	2017	For education benefits under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent 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 education benefits.	Legislation introduced but did not pass. Approved in 2019	No	Yes
Military and veteran families	2018	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.	Legislation passed. Ballot measure approved by 84.37% of voters in November 2018 General Election	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2018	For education benefits under the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent 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 education benefits.	Legislation introduced but did not pass. Approved in 2019	No	Yes
Military and veteran families	2019	For the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), 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.	Legislation approved	Yes	Yes

Military and veteran families	2021	Amend the Code of Virginia to provide a real estate property tax exemption to both the surviving spouses of service members who were " <i>Killed in Action</i> " and those who " <i>died while serving or from a service connected injury or illness.</i> "	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
Military retirement	2019	That the Governor and General Assembly support changes to the current Virginia tax laws for a phased in system to reduce state tax on military retirement income up to \$40,000	Resolution approved (HJ674) directing a joint DVS/TAX study	Partial	No
Military retirement	2021	Change the current Virginia tax laws to provide a partial exemption of military retirement pay to reduce state tax on military retirement income	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	No
Military retirement	2023	Remove the 55-year age limitation on exemption of military retirement income from state tax	Legislation Introduced but did not pass	No	Yes
Real Property Tax Exemption	2022	Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members to also include "Died in the Line of Duty"	Legislation Introduced and passed but this requires a Constitutional Amendment. The legislation that passed in 2022 allows counties to grant a portion of tax exemption but does not mandate it.	Yes	Partial
Real Property Tax Exemption	2023	Tax Relief for Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces "Killed in Action" through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to include died on active duty in the section that addresses surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action.	Legislation Introduced and passed, however, an identical resolution must pass the 2024 General Assembly to be put on the ballot in November 2024.	Yes	Partial
Veterans dockets	2010	Authorize creation of veterans dockets; establish an education program for legal/law enforcement;	Two bills submitted. One left in committee, one incorporated (then failed). Legislation passed in 2011	No	Yes

		and study further ways to help veterans	allowing for "special judicial procedures" for veterans		
Veterans dockets	2011	Allow localities to establish special judicial procedures (aka veterans dockets)	Legislation passed allowing localities to establish special judicial procedures	Yes	Yes
Veterans dockets	2016	Take legislative and/or budget actions necessary to allow local courts to establish a Veterans Docket under the supervision of the Virginia Supreme Court.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass	No	Yes
Veterans Identification	2012	Provide a simple, ready means of identification of veterans status for Virginia's veterans by creating a Virginia Veterans ID Card	DVS and DMV worked together to create Virginia Veterans ID Card. Over 150,000 issued before the stand-alone ID card was replaced by a veterans indicator on the driver's license	Yes	Yes
Veterans Service Organizations	2012	Establish a Sales & Use Tax Exemption for 501(c)(19) VSOs	One bill submitted but did not pass. Approved in 2016	No	Yes
Veterans Service Organizations	2013	Provide sales and use tax exemption for veterans service organizations	One Senate bill submitted. Left in Senate Finance. Subsequently approved in 2016	No	Yes
Veterans Service Organizations	2016	Extend to 501(c)(19) Veterans Service Organizations the exemptions provided for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.	Legislation approved	Yes	Yes
Veteran Service Organizations	2022	Exempts members of a lawfully recognized military color guard, honor guard, or similar organization, and members of a veterans service organization that is congressionally chartered or officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, when such member is participating in a training or	Legislation Introduced and passed	Yes	Yes

		educational exercise, funeral, or public ceremony on behalf of such military color guard, honor guard, or similar organization or veterans service organization, from the crime of unlawful paramilitary activity unless such member engages in such activity with malicious intent.			
Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	2008	Create Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) - later rebranded/restructured as Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) program	Legislation passed creating VWWP. \$2.4 million (GF) in FY09 and \$2.0 million (GF) in FY10.	Yes	Yes
Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	2010	Continue level funding of VWWP at \$2 million (GF) per FY	Level funding continued. \$2 million (GF) appropriated per FY	Yes	Yes
Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	2014	Support the delivery of mental health and rehabilitative services for Virginia veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists, and family members through the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$500,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$500,000 (GF) in FY16.	Funding not included. Additional funding approved in 2016	No	Yes
Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	2014	Ensure the needs of Virginia veterans are being met by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$190,000 (GF) in FY15 to update the 2010 Virginia Tech report "Assessing the Experiences, Supportive Service Needs and Service Gaps of Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia"	Funding requests submitted during regular session but were not approved. Additional funding approved in 2016	No	Yes

Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	2015	Support the continued delivery of critical core behavioral health, rehabilitative, and supportive services for Virginia veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists, and family members by appropriating an additional \$281,000 (GF) for the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) in FY2016.	Not included in budget. Additional funding approved in 2016	No	Yes
Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	2016	Appropriate an additional \$2,147,591 (GF) and authorize 39 new positions for VVFS in FY17 to convert VVFS to an all-state employee workforce. FY18 funding should be \$98,831 (GF) above FY17 levels.	Bulk of funding and positions included in budget	Partial	Yes
Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	2017	Revise the charter of the VVFS; release \$393,494 to DVS in FY17; authorize 21 new positions in FY17 and FY18; and appropriate an additional \$700,000 (GF) in FY18 to convert VVFS to an all-state employee service delivery structure.	Legislation and budget approved	Yes	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2005	Appropriate \$4.3 million (GF) to construct new education wing at Virginia War Memorial. Provide 24/7 on-site security	\$50,000 matching funds (GF) appropriated to begin design of what would eventually become the Galanti Education Center, which opened in 2010	Partial	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2006	Appropriate \$4.3 million (GF) to construct new wing at Virginia War Memorial for education programs and \$250,000 per FY for five years for education programs. Provide 24/7 on-site security	\$245,000 (GF) (one time) and \$38,000 (GF) (ongoing) for education programs appropriated. \$500,000 (GF) and \$2.5 million (NGF) appropriated for construction of what would become the Galanti Education Center, which was dedicated in 2010	Partial	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2007	Appropriate an additional \$3.5 million for education wing at Virginia War Memorial	\$3.5 million Treasury Loan authorized for project, allowing design to proceed. Galanti Education Center dedicated 2010.	Yes	Yes

Virginia War Memorial	2008	Release \$500,000 in state funds after \$1 million (of the \$2 million goal) in private funds have been raised, in order to keep Virginia War Memorial project on track.	State loan increased to \$5.97 million. State treasury authorized to release \$500,000 (GF) for design work after \$1 million in private funds had been raised, allowing project to continue. Galanti Education Center dedicated 2010	Yes	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2010	Appropriate \$913,000 (GF) (one time) in FY11 to purchase Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E) for Virginia War Memorial.	\$913,000 (GF) appropriated in FY10 budget. FF&E purchased to outfit the new Galanti Education Center	Yes	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2010	Increase ongoing operating funds for Virginia War Memorial by \$632,100 per FY	Appropriations Act included \$150,000 (GF) in FY11 and \$400,000 (GF) in FY12 for operations of the expanded VWM	Partial	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2011	Appropriate \$255,000 (GF) additional per FY for operations, maintenance, and program delivery at Virginia War Memorial	\$100,000 (GF) appropriated per FY	Partial	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2015	Authorize \$161,000 (GF) (partial-year funding) and three new positions for the Virginia War Memorial in FY2016; two additional new positions in FY2017 (for a total of five); and full funding of \$404,000 (GF) for all positions in FY2017.	\$107,333 included in FY16 budget	Partial	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2016	Appropriate an additional \$509,985 (GF) in FY17 and \$800,235 (GF) in FY18, and authorize three additional positions, to ensure that the Virginia War Memorial has the resources necessary to accomplish its dual mission of honor and education.	\$142,333 and two positions authorized in FY17; with an additional \$309,554 and three positions (over/above FY17) added for FY18	Partial	Yes
Virginia War Memorial	2017	Appropriate an additional \$100,000 (GF) FY18 to ensure the Virginia War Memorial has the resources necessary to accomplish its dual mission of honor and education.	Not included in budget	No	No

Voting	2013	Provide for the electronic return of absentee ballots voted by overseas voters	Two bills submitted. One bill passed Senate but was left in House Privileges and Elections.	No	No
Voting	2014	Increase opportunities for overseas uniformed military voters to participate in elections by enacting legislation to permit the electronic return of absentee ballots	Legislation passed the 2014 General Assembly, but proviso stipulated that it would not take effect unless reenacted by the 2016 General Assembly	Yes	No
Voting	2016	Promote the development, approval, and budgeting of secure procedures to permit the electronic return of absentee ballot by overseas uniformed military voters.	Legislation introduced, but did not pass (i.e. the 2014 legislation was not re-enacted)	No	No
Voting	2017	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.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
Voting	2018	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.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No
Voting	2019	Enact legislation and provide budget support of a pilot program at the Virginia State Board of Elections for \$100,000 and funding for one FTE, for a limited pilot program for the electronic return of absentee ballots by Virginia's deployed military service members.	Legislation introduced but did not pass	No	No

Voting	2020	Enact legislation that directs Virginia registrars receive and count military overseas absentee ballots postmarked on or before election day and which arrive by 5:00 p.m. on the second business day before the State Board of Elections meets to certify the results of the election	Legislation approved to count absentee ballots, including those submitted by overseas military voters, if they are postmarked on or before election day and received by noon on the third day after the election	Yes	Yes
Military and veteran families	2022	That the Governor and General Assembly approve legislation that extends the real estate tax exemption for the surviving spouses of military service members who die while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America to include those whose deaths were found to be "within the line of duty," as determined by the Department of Defense	Legislation approved but will require Constitutional Amendment	Yes	Partial
Military and veteran families	2022	That the Governor and General Assembly amend §18.2-433.2 to grant an exemption to Veteran Service Organizations performing authorized color guard activities such as parades or dedication ceremonies and honor guard activities such as funerals or dedication ceremonies as well as the teaching, training, and practices necessary to achieve and maintain a level of professional proficiency.	Legislation approved	Yes	Yes
Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)	2022	That the Governor and General Assembly approve funding and corresponding legislation to create a dedicated SMVF coordinator position in the Virginia Department of Veterans Services to continue to unify efforts in this area; build on efforts to identify, screen for risk, and refer to resources; to research, study and	Legislation and budget approved	Yes	Yes



	provide timely data on actual method/cause of suicides in the Commonwealth; to help roll out an online training tool for front-line providers; and to continue to build public awareness in this area.			
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