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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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Military Officers Association of America
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Military Order of the World Wars
Navy Mutual Aid Association
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Reserve Organization of America
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Student Veterans of America
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Vietnam Veterans of America
Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association
Virginia National Guard Association
Women Marines Association
Wounded Warrior Project

JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES December 15, 2023

The Joint Leadership Council (JLC) last met on December 14, 2023 at the Virginia War Memorial. During the meeting, prioritized the JLC 2024 initiatives:

- Tax Relief Surviving Spouses (Constitutional Amendment 2nd Reference)
- Virginia National Guard Tuition Assistance Waiver
- Virginia National Guard Enhanced Emergency Response Medical Protection

Ms. Katherine Martinez of Student Veterans of America proposed the creation of a JLC Task Force to study ways to improve state education benefits for veterans. The JLC voted unanimously to form the Task Force.

The JLC appointed the following Officers for the 2023-2024 term:

- Glenn Yarborough – Legislative Officer & Chair of Objectives Committee
- Bill Aramony – Assistant Legislative Officer & Chair of Procedures Committee
- Mark Atchison – Chaplain
- Dan Karnes – Chaplain (Alternate)

Additionally, Monti Zimmerman will serve as Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Rick Van Norton and Sha'ron Martin will serve as the Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee, and Jay Marts will serve as legislative sponsor.

We are actively planning for the 2024 JLC Day on the Hill scheduled for January 17. Our next JLC meeting will be December 14 at the Virginia War Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Hoffman
Chairman