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### REPORT TO THE JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL March 21, 2024

The Board of Veterans Services (BVS) met on December 15, 2023, at the Virginia War Memorial.

DVS Commissioner Gade gave an overview of the *Statewide Strategic Plan 2024 – 2029 Making Virginia the Best State for Veterans*. He noted that the plan included budget and legislative recommendations in preparation for the 2024 General Assembly session.

Mr. Michael Coleman, representing the Veterans Services Foundation (VSF), presented the VSF report

Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Vice Chair Monti Zimmerman reviewed the four JLC Initiatives for the 2024 General Assembly session.

Chairman Michael Dick and the BVS legislative members reviewed the upcoming General Assembly Session. Senator Bryce Reeves, co-chair of the General Assembly Military and Veterans Caucus (GAMVC) noted that GAMVC meetings would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of session.

Virginia War Memorial Foundation (VWMF) Chair Kathy Owens called the members attention to the VWMF Fall 2023 newsletter and highlighted some of the recent and upcoming programming at the Virginia War Memorial.

Dr. Sarah Burgos, PhD, Curator of the Museum of the Virginia National Guard (MVANG), and Brigadier General Todd Hubbard, Director of the Virginia National Guard Joint Staff, delivered an update on the MVANG.

The BVS adopted its 2024 work plan. The next scheduled meeting is June 20 at the Virginia War Memorial, but BVS may hold a virtual meeting in April focused on BVS work group efforts for 2024.

The terms of legislative members Senator John Bell and Delegate Kathleen Murphy ended in January. We look forward to welcoming their successors.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dick  
Chairman