

**Minutes of the August 11, 2024 Meeting  
of the Legislative Objectives Committee  
of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations.**

A meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations Meeting Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) was held on August 11, 2024, at 1 p.m. at The American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia, on the 2nd Floor, Atlas Room

Legislative committee members present in person were:

1. William Aramony, The American Legion and JLC Chair;
2. Glenn Yarborough, Association of the United States Army;
3. Lance Leshner, Iraq, and Afghanistan Veterans of America.
4. Daniel Cortez, National Vet Court Alliance;
5. Katherine Martinez, Student Veterans of America and JLC Vice-chair;
6. Rick Raskin, Veterans of Foreign Wars .

Present in person was Chris S. Chon, who is nominated by the Virginia National Guard Association to be its representative for 2024-25.

Legislative Committee Members Absent were:

Sha'ron D. Martin, Fleet Reserve Association.  
Terrence Moore, Reserve Officers Association.

Legislative Committee members listening by Zoom were: Military Officer Association (MOAA) representative Monti Zimmerman and MOAA alternate and incoming MOAA representative John Down.

Items included in the Agenda Packet were:

The August 11, 2024 meeting (Legislative Objective Committee) Draft Agenda packet, also posted on the JLC webpage, was:

Proposed JLC Initiative: AL 2025-01 Verification of Veteran Status;

Proposed JLC Initiative: AUSA 2025-01 Exempt Second Car or Truck for 100% Disabled Veterans'

Proposed JLC Initiative: NVCA 2025-01 Veteran Status, Veteran Treatment Dockets, and Marriage Commissioners;

Proposed JLC Initiative: ROA 2025-01 Virginia War Memorial Carillon;

Proposed JLC Initiative: SVA 2025-01 Medal of Honor Monument in Richmond;

Proposed JLC Initiative: SVA 2025-02 Opioid Crisis and Suicide Prevention for Virginia Veterans

Proposed JLC Initiative: SVA 2025-03 Virginia Veterans Education Benefit;

Proposed JLC Initiative: SVA 2025-04 Women Veterans Day;

Proposed JLC Initiative: VFW 2025-01 Stop Claims Sharks;

Proposed JLC Initiative: VNGA 2025-01 Virginia National Guard Tuition;

Proposed JLC Initiative: VNGA 2025-02 Suffolk State Veterans Cemetery Expansion;

Proposals put forth for JLC consideration – Had no JLC sponsor as of 08.09.2024'

### **Item I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Legislative Committee Chair Glenn Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Bill Aramony led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Item II. Roll Call of VSOs and Quorum Determination.**

The roll was called, and 8 of the 11 Legislative Objective Committee members were present in person; therefore, a quorum was determined.

### **Item III. Discussion.**

Committee Chair Glenn Yarborough reviewed, and the committee discussed, the initiatives which were sponsored by a Veteran Service Organization.

Discussed and recommended to go forward for consideration, in present form, by the JLC were:

The VNGA 2025-01 Virginia National Guard Tuition;

The VNGA 2025-02 Suffolk State Veterans Cemetery Expansion;

The VFW 2025-01 Stop Claims Sharks,

The 2025-01 Medal of Honor Monument in Richmond. It was clarified that MOAA would sponsor the Medal of Honor Monument initiative.

Discussed and withdrawn was the AUSA 2025-01 Exempt Second Car or Truck for 100% Disabled Veterans.

Discussed as to veteran impact and continued pending additional information and specifics was the 2025-02 Opioid Crisis and Suicide Prevention for Virginia Veterans.

Discussed including as to its relationship to existing educational task forces and approved for recommendation and continued pending additional information, and rewriting was the

2025-03 Virginia Veterans Education Benefit.

Discussed, approved for recommendation, and continued pending combining of initiatives and rewriting were the AL 2025-01 Verification of Veteran Status and NVCA 2025-01 Veteran Status, Veteran Treatment Dockets, and Marriage Commissioners.

Discussed and approved, pending edits, was The 2025-04 Women Veterans Day;

Discussed as whether there was a need for a legislative initiative by JLC and recommended to be supported by a letter of support by the JLC Chair was the 2025-01 Virginia War Memorial Carillon.

**Item IV. New Business.**

There was no new business.

**Item V. Closing Remarks.**

Chair Glenn Yarborough reiterated the need for one page initiatives by 5 September 2024 and thanked the committee.

**Item VI. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Chair, W. Glenn Yarborough

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