

VCOC PROPOSED PRIORITY LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES FOR 2011

1. Continue Adequate and On Going Funding for Department of Veteran Service programs

That the JLC make it a priority legislative objective to:

- a) add 3 positions at \$186,500, providing \$80,000 for equipment replacement and \$16,000 for seed and fertilizer for Virginia Veterans cemeteries.
- b) provide adequate funding to fill seven vacant veteran counselor positions.
- c) provide adequate funding for all three Veterans Care Centers so that a veterans care center in Northern Virginia would be placed on the 6 year capital outlay plan.

2. Homeless Veterans

That the JLC make it a priority legislative objective to assist the resolution of the homeless Veterans' plight.

3. Apply for and Submit Absentee Ballots Electronically

That the JLC make it a priority legislative objective for the General Assembly to provide a provision in the Code of Virginia to permit active duty (including activated guard and reserve) registered Virginian service members who are assigned/deployed outside of Virginia to apply, receive, and transmit ballots electronically.

4. Veterans Skills Database

That the JLC make it a priority legislative objective for the General Assembly to include military jobs skill identification in the Veterans Skills Database.

5. Alternative Dedicated Revenue Source for Veterans Service Programs

That the Department of Veterans Services and the veterans services organizations of the JLC, begin immediately to plan to comply with HB1337 to provide an alternative dedicated revenue source for veterans service programs as a requirement for the compact with Virginia's veterans.

That the JLC make the establishment of a veterans' lottery a priority legislative objective for the 2011 General Assembly.

6. Support Funding for the Virginia War Memorial

That the JLC make it a priority legislative objective for the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for the operations and maintenance of the Virginia War Memorial to include rent, maintenance, education, event programs, and admin staff.

A VCOC Proposal to the JLC (NOT submitted as a priority legislative objective)

Criteria for the Names on the Wall at the Shrine of Memory, Virginia War Memorial

That the JLC *adopt a resolution* that all member VSOs support the policy as developed by the War Memorial Board of Trustees for the criteria for the names on the Wall at the Shrine of Memory. (Note: This need not be a priority legislative objective and no legislative action is required at this time.)