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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

2011 LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

*Air Force Association
American Ex-Prisoners
of War
American Legion
AMVETS
Association of the United
States Army
Disabled American
Veterans
Fleet Reserve
Association
Korean War Veterans
Association
Legion of Valor of the
U.S., Inc.
Marine Corps League
Military Order of the
Purple Heart
Military Officers
Association of America
Military Order of the
World Wars
National Association for
Uniformed Services
Navy Seabee Veterans of
America
Non-Commissioned
Officers Association
Paralyzed Veterans of
America
Reserve Officers
Association
Roanoke Valley Veterans
Council
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Vietnam Veterans of
America
Virginia National Guard
Association
Women Marines
Association*

The following legislative objectives were adopted by the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) on July 21, 2010. These are the prioritized objectives of the 23 Veterans Service Organizations represented on the JLC.

1. **Alternate Dedicated Revenue Sources for Veterans Programs.** The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly provide some of the resources required to implement the Compact with Virginia's Veterans by creating alternate dedicated revenue sources for veterans programs. **Patrons: Del. Lingamfelter HB 2323 and Sen. Colgan SB 1386.**
2. **DVS Benefit Services Program.** The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly improve services to Virginia veterans by restoring staffing for the DVS Benefits Services Program. An additional \$402,400 (GF) per fiscal year is needed. **Patrons: Del. K. Cox HB 1557 and Budget Amend. 413 #1h and Sen. Stosch Budget Amend. 413 #1s.**
3. **State Veterans Cemeteries.** The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly ensure that state veterans cemeteries operate in a safe, efficient manner and meet national shrine standards by filling vacant positions, replacing worn out equipment, and purchasing necessary supplies. An additional \$387,100 (GF) per fiscal year is needed. **Patrons: Del. Jones and Sen. Reynolds – Governor's Budget Item 414.**
4. **Special Judicial Procedures for Veterans and Military Service Members.** The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly help veterans and military service members who have been charged with a crime by allowing localities to establish special judicial procedures. These procedures would emphasize use of available treatment options as an alternative to incarceration and would benefit veterans, military service members, and the community. **Patrons: Del. Stolle/Bulova HB 1691 and Sen. J. Miller SB 1063.**
5. **Virginia War Memorial.** The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly ensure Virginians who have given their lives in battle, as well as all military veterans, are honored by optimizing the operations, maintenance, and program delivery at the Virginia War Memorial and its new Paul & Phyllis Galanti Education Center. An additional \$255,000 (GF) per fiscal year is needed. **Patrons: Del. O'Bannon Pending and Sen. Colgan Budget Amend. 414 #1s.**
6. **In-state Tuition for Veterans.** The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly increase educational opportunities for recently-discharged veterans by waiving the one-year residency requirement needed to qualify for in-state tuition rates, provided all other domiciliary requirements are met. **Patrons: Del. Anderson/Stolle HB 1861 and Sen. Edwards SB 824.**

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