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JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
REPORT TO THE VETERANS SERVICES FOUNDATION

June 24, 2020

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC) met on December 18, 2019, at the American Legion State Headquarters in Richmond. At the December meeting, the JLC covered a number of topics, including updates on Veterans Treatment Dockets in the Commonwealth, and reports from Virginia National Guard, the Department of Veterans Services, the Board of Veterans Services (BVS), and the Veterans Services Foundation (VSF).

Much of the December 2019 JLC meeting focused on the six recommendations put forward to the Governor, Virginia General Assembly, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, and the Department of Veterans Services for consideration in the 2020 General Assembly session. The JLC reviewed the military- and veteran-related items in the Governor's introduced budget, military- and veteran-related legislation that had been introduced to date, and finalized preparations for the annual JLC Conference at the General Assembly.

The annual JLC Conference at the General Assembly was held on January 15, 2020. JLC members fanned out across the Pocahontas Building to meet with their Senators and Delegates, along with those sponsoring military- and veteran-related legislation, to advocate for veterans active duty, Guard, and military family issues. Later in the day, JLC members, joined by members of the BVS and JLC, met collectively with leaders from the Executive and Legislative branches of government for updates on JLC 2020 initiatives and other items of interest to the military and veterans communities.

JLC members regularly attended meetings of the General Assembly Military and Veterans Caucus (GAMVC) throughout the 2020 session.

A summary of the JLC 2020 Initiatives is attached to this report, showing status as of May 11, 2020. In addition, the JLC closely followed all military- and veteran-related legislation and budget items considered during the 2020 session – a summary of those items is also attached.

The JLC meeting scheduled for April was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 22.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman