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REPORT TO THE VETERANS SERVICES FOUNDATION DECEMBER 8, 2022

The Board of Veterans Services (BVS) met on September 22, 2022, at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, concurrent with the Virginia Military & Student Veteran Education Summit (discussed below).

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, BVS adopted a policy for meetings held through electronic communication means in situations other than declared states of emergency. We will review and update our By-Laws at our next meeting on December 16, 2022, to incorporate the new policy.

The BVS also received information concerning legislative initiatives adopted by the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) of Veterans Service Organizations and requested that the JLC provide additional information about the initiatives at our December meeting.

The BVS greatly appreciates the Veterans Services Foundation initiative to work more closely with BVS Service Line Points of Contact to better identify and address areas of concern for veterans in Virginia. This increased collaboration has the potential to significantly improve the assessment of challenges facing veterans and the application of resources to such challenges.

As the 2022 Virginia Military & Student Veteran Education Summit (hosted by William & Mary and sponsored by DVS, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and the Virginia Association of School Certifying Officials) was being conducted concurrently with our meeting in September, the Board was able to receive presentations on veterans' education issues from William & Mary, Northern Virginia Community College, ECPI, and Virginia Commonwealth University. The BVS also received welcoming remarks from William & Mary President Katherine Rowe.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2022, at the Virginia War Memorial. We look forward to hearing details from the Governor's introduced budget and discussions from legislators as we gear up for the 2023 General Assembly Session.

We look forward to continuing work with the VSF to support Virginia's Veterans and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dick
Chairman