



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
**JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF  
 VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

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*Air Force Association  
 American Legion  
 AMVETS  
 Association of the United States Army  
 Disabled American Veterans  
 Fifth Baptist Church Veterans' Ministry  
 Fleet Reserve Association  
 Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America  
 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 of America  
 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 Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association  
 Virginia National Guard Association  
 Women Marines Association*

**Summary of 2017 Initiatives  
 December 21, 2016**

<i><b>Initiative</b></i>	<i><b>Recommendation</b></i>
<b>JLC 2017-01</b> <i>Virginia Veteran and Family Support Services</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate additional funds and new FTE positions for VVFS as requested by the work group.
<b>JLC 2017-02</b> <i>Virginia War Memorial</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate additional \$100,000 (GF) FY18 to ensure the Virginia War Memorial has the resources necessary to accomplish its dual mission of honor and education.
<b>JLC 2017-03</b> <i>Guard Income Tax Subtraction</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.
<b>JLC 2017-04</b> <i>In-state tuition for all members of the Reserve Components</i>	That the Governor and the General Assembly change the eligibility for in-state tuition to include all members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserve components, thus recognizing their service to the Commonwealth and treating them equally to the active components and veterans
<b>JLC 2017-05</b> <i>VMSDEP</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent service-connected disability rating of at least 90%, plus satisfaction of the other requirements currently in the Code, would qualify a veteran's spouse or child for VMSDEP benefits.
<b>JLC 2017-06</b> <i>Electronic Ballot Return</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly enact legislation and provide budget support of a pilot program for the electronic return of absentee ballots by Virginia's deployed military service members to enfranchise their voting privileges.