



THE LEGISLATIVE BUZZ



With the 2011 General Assembly (GA) in the rear view mirror, the VIPMOAA Legislative Committee in conjunction with the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) Legislative Committee and the Virginia Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC) is now outlining and putting together new concepts for Legislative Objectives (LOs) to be presented to the 2012 General Assembly.

The VIPMOAA Legislative Committee, the Leader of the Chapter's legislative efforts, has the mission to coordinate and communicate proposed and formalized legislation with our legislators and our members. This year's committee consists of five members: I have the privilege to chair the committee and I live in the Greater Williamsburg Area; Charley Burch, LTCOL, USAF, Ret., is the Alternate Chair and he lives in the Deltaville, Gloucester area; We have three committee members at large: Don Klovstad, COL, USAF, Ret., lives in the Hampton area; Melva Mallison, MAJ, USAF, Ret., lives in the Newport News area; and Blair Smith, LTC, USA, Ret., lives in Warwick Forrest - Newport News. As a team, we liaison with all legislators, both Commonwealth and Federal, within our boundaries and we are geographically structured to conveniently provide a legislative conduit between members and legislators. Our contact information may be found on page 2 of this Newsletter.

“Here’s to a grand and productive 2012 legislative year”!

Moving forward into the 2012 General Assembly agenda, the VCOC Legislative Committee met March 17th, 2011 and selected by voice vote 3 legislative concepts that were submitted as preliminary information to VCOC and JLC. VCOC reviewed the concepts at their quarterly meeting April 6th, 2011. Below are the 2012 state legislative concepts selected for further research and evaluation.

2012 TOPICS/CONCEPTS	DISCUSSION
Reducing Veteran Homelessness in Virginia	Establish planning and coordination capability, Assess unique services for veterans, participate with Governor's Working Group
Department of Veterans Services (DVS) Professional Staffing	Provide adequate managerial and service program staffing to ensure efficiency and excellence in delivery of service programs
Alternate Dedicated Revenue Sources for Veterans Programs	Consider resubmission with greater detail and preparation, evaluate additional alternatives and sources for funds (besides veterans lottery)

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