



North Carolina Veterans Council Legislative Committee Minuets

April 1, 2022

Nc National Guard Association Headquarters Building

7410 Chapel Hill Road, Raleigh, NC 27607

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jay Wood, VFW/Vice Commander NCVC at 10:00 AM

Invocation: James Hicks, MOPH/Past Commander NCVC

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Wood

Committee Members Present:

In Person:

Chairman Jay Wood, Vice Commander NCVC/VFW

Commander Larry Coleman, NCVC/NC National Guard Association

Elree T. Smith, VFW/Secretary NCVC/Past Commander

Ray Martin, Fleet Reserves Association

Patricia A. Harris, American Legion/Past Commander NCVC

Participated vis Zoom:

Tricia Vinson, WNC/MOAA

Joseph Wescott, NCDMVA

Opening Comments:

NCVC Commander Larry Coleman, NCVC thank the Committee members for their participation in the Legislative Committee. He also, provided comments on events going on in the state and the importance of the Committee work as we develop a Legislative agenda that will benefit North Carolina Veterans.

Items for a motion to be bought before the NCVC membership:

Chairman led the discussion on two topics that are items that may be bought before the full NCVC for a vote. The first of the items addresses the US Department of Veterans Administration announcement of the Asset & Infrastructure Review Commission. There is no real objection to the VA's plan, however there are several concerns that must be addressed.

- 1) Tricia Vinson stated a concern related to medical records collections between the VA and private Medical facilities.
- 2) Patricia Harris is concerned about how missing appointments will be processed.

3) Ray Martin is concerned on how the Durham VA Medical Center records change over system will be impacted by this plan.

4) Chairman Wood is concerned by the limited roll out of the testing of the plan.

The other item of concern is a request from the North Carolina Justice Center that the NCVV formally indorse their efforts to expand Medicaid, by extending income threshold from 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. The sentiment of the Legislative Committee that we cannot recommend to the full Council to support this request.

Creation of a priority list for our member's "top 3" concerns.

The Committee reviewed the list of the "top 3" concerns submitted by our member organizations. The Committee have these concerns under review and will report back to the Chairman by May 1, 2022, as we rank the items presented. Additionally, as we rank each of the items under consideration, we develop a short- and long-term strategy. We will review Legislation that survived the cross over and are in Committee for the Short Session of the NC General Assembly – short term, and issues that are not acted upon in the Short Session may be included in a long-term strategy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 PM

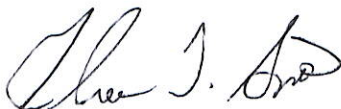
Closing Ceremonies:

Benediction – Jay Woods, Vice Commander NC Veterans Council

Salute to Flag

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,



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