



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine  
Governor of Virginia  
Patrick Henry Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, General Assembly Building  
910 Capitol Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
P.O. Box 406  
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Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Governor Kaine and Chairman Colgan and Putney:

Attached is the Virginia Military Relief Fund (VaMFRF) 2008 Annual report required by the Code of Virginia § 44-102.2

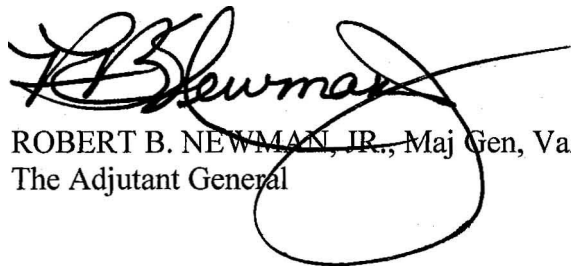
This fund has been available since fiscal year 2006, to assist all of the Commonwealth's citizen soldiers serving in each of the reserve components. Increased awareness through Virginia National Guard Assistance Center outreach, marketing efforts and the support of the reserve component representatives serving as members of the Virginia Military Family Relief Fund Committee will enable the effective delivery of assistance to our deployed citizen-soldiers and their families.

There were 88 approved applications that were each awarded \$2,500 or less. Recipients from the following areas of operation: 76 Iraq, 9 Kuwait, 1 Kosovo, 1 Afghanistan, and 1 Fort Eustis. The total amount of assistance provided is \$125,351.71 to the Virginia National Guard. Three requests were received from other reserve components. The available balance is \$344,622.77.

During the past year, the procedures for requesting and approving grant requests were reviewed by a committee composed of representatives of all reserve components. The results included a more refined application that is internet accessible and referrals of grant recipients for financial counseling. A quick response audit was conducted by the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Virginia and accepted by the Fiscal Director of the Department of Military Affairs. The audit contained no findings. The Virginia Military Family Relief Fund was added to the list of eligible causes that can receive contributions using the Virginia Income Tax Form for 2008.

If you have questions or require additional information please contact me at (804)371-2526.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. B. Newman, Jr.", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right and looping back under the name.

ROBERT B. NEWMAN, JR., Maj Gen, VaANG  
The Adjutant General