

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell Governor of Virginia Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor 1111 East Broad Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

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

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

Dear Governor McDonnell and Chairman Colgan and Putney:

Attached is the Virginia Military Relief Fund (VaMFRF) 2010 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 36 applications that were each awarded \$2,500.00 or less. Recipients were qualified as follows: 1 Kuwait, 22 Iraq and 13 Afghanistan. The total amount of assistance provided is \$36,944.17 to the Virginia National Guard.

In the State's upcoming Appropriation Act, the General Assembly approved that interest NOT be paid on the Military Family Relief Fund for FY 11 or FY 12. That means the fund will increase only by tax donations during these 2 fiscal years (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012).

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

Sincerely,

DANIEL E. LONG, JR.

Major General, VaARNG The Adjutant General JFHQ-VA-J1 October 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Executive Summary—Virginia Military Family Relief Fund (VaMFRF) Annual Report

- 1. The Virginia Military Family Relief Fund provided 36 awards during the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. The Fund awarded 36 grants in the amount of \$2,500.00 or less. The total amount awarded for FY10 was \$36,944.17. The balance available in the fund for future disbursements is \$375,125.23.
- 2. Deployment numbers in 08/09 were higher than expected and have slowly been declining through FY10 because of the deployment cycle. However, in FY 11 because of an increase in large deployments, the Virginia Military Family Relief Fund expects to see an increase in the amount of applicants due to the higher number of Soldiers and Airmen that will qualify to apply for the loan. Fund Administrators in the Virginia National Guard have also been utilizing other state and local resources to meet the immediate needs of the families.
- 3. Point of Contact for this report is LTC Douglas Gagnon, Virginia National Guard, J1, 434-298-6185.