

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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The Honorable Terry McAuliffe Governor of Virginia Post Office Box 1475 Richmond, Virginia 23218

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee Post Office Box 396 Richmond, Virginia 23218

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee Post Office Box 396 Richmond, Virginia 23218

The Honorable S. Chris Jones, Chairman House Appropriations Committee Post Office Box 406 General Assembly Building Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Governor McAuliffe and Chairman Stosch, Colgan, and Jones:

Attached is the Virginia Military Relief Fund (Va MFRF) 2014 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 5 approved applications that were each awarded \$2,500.00 or less. Recipients were qualified as follows: 5 Afghanistan, the total amount of assistance provided is \$4,000. Tax donations were \$44,175.30.

A new TAG Memo was approved on 6 Sep 14. The new information has been distributed to all Guard/Reserve Points of Contact for Virginia. Also, an audit was completed by the U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer for Virginia on 7 May 14. The audit revealed that the SFPO staff was very thorough in the reviews of the applications for assistance. Disbursements were never made indiscriminately or without a thorough review of the applicants' financial circumstances.

Approximately 165 Virginia National Guard Soldiers and 47 Airmen have returned this year. We anticipate decrease in the amount of grants to be submitted due to the slow deployment cycle. We have engaged the Army Reserve in the MFRF process more this year.

If you have questions or require additional information please contact me at (804) 236-7880.

Sincerely,

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