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From: Jeri Graham [jjgrahamusa@gmail.com]
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To: Jeri Graham
Subject: Fwd: Establishing a Date for the 2015 NC Veterans Council Legislative Day

All,
Below see a copy of the message I recently sent to Chip Killian of NelsonMullins (lobbyist group that supports NC Veterans Council). His representative attended the NCVL meeting on 15 Dec and I was advised to follow up directly with Chip. I wanted you to see these directions.

I also want to report that steady, excellent work is progressing on the 4th Branch project to incorporate the ENGAGE program into our Legislative work. The 4th Branch website is under development and this will host the ENGAGE program. Our goal is to have it up and running close to the time that the new Legislative session begins.

In the past, mostly the Council officers have attended NCVL Legislative Day. I am hoping that more Chapter Legislative representatives can attend and as soon as we have a date, you'll get that info!

Good Morning Mr. Killian,

We had very productive outcomes from the NC Veterans Council meeting that took place 15 December 2015. We believe that you'll be encouraged with these directions.

a. We established a Legislative Committee which is consistent with intent of the Constitution and Bylaws of the NC Veterans Council. That committee is now in the process of developing the "structure" for their work.

b. We had lengthy discussion about the timing of past Legislative Days. Sen-elect Thom Tillis advised Veterans last May, to not wait until nearly the end of legislative sessions to come forward with issues/concerns/legislative goals. **We are therefore, requesting your support** in scheduling a day sooner in the calendar. We hope that late February or March would be "doable".

c. We also had good discussion about questions from some legislators about combining the Military Appreciation Day in the Legislature with Veterans Legislative Day. We are very aware of the distinct differences between the issues and goals of both groups and do not want either to be "diluted" in any way. We believe that helping legislators to understand the differences is a critical goal for both groups.

d. We look forward to working with you in establishing the "legislative goals" for 2015. We also look forward to working with you as we explore "best practices" for making the most of the NC Veterans Legislative Day.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and members of your firm! We greatly appreciate your support!!!

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