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DELEGATE LANDES' NEWSLETTER
By Delegate R. Steven Landes
Week of November 7, 2011

ELECTION DAY

Tomorrow is Election Day and I want to encourage each and every one of you to please get out to the polls and vote. It is our civic duty to express our voices in this critical election. In a year when turnout is at its lowest, it is important that you make every effort to let your voice be heard.

I will be traveling around the 25th House District tomorrow visiting people at the polls. My day will begin in Weyers Cave, with stops in Massanetta Springs, Bridgewater, Ottobine, Montezuma, Fishersville, Crozet, East Ivy, Belfield, Jack Jouett, and Ivy. I hope to see you there!

Also, "Like" my Facebook Fan Page, <http://www.facebook.com/SteveLandesVA>, where I will be posting pictures and updates throughout the day.

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS RETREAT UPDATE

As a member of House Appropriations, I want to advise you that the House Appropriations Committee Retreat is being held locally on November 15th (1:00 – 5:00 p.m.) and 16th (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.). The meeting will be held at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center, 24 South Market Street, Staunton. The purpose of the retreat is for House Committee Staff to brief Appropriations Members on information related to areas of state government prior to the upcoming 2012 General Assembly Session.

Topics to be discussed are Virginia's economic and budget outlook, impact of federal spending in Virginia, public education rebenchmarking, Medicaid spending, health care reform, higher education, and correctional programs. For additional information, feel free to browse the House Appropriations Committee website at <http://hac.virginia.gov> .

VETERANS' DAY

Veterans' Day will be celebrated on Friday, November 11th. Please take time that day, as well as every day, to remember not only those who have given their lives in order to ensure our freedoms, but all veterans who have served as well as those who continue to make sacrifices on our behalf. This is a day of celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. To learn more about the history of Veterans' Day, access the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website at <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>.

To more actively participate in Veterans' Day, join me at 11:00 a.m., November 11th, at the Grottoes Town Hall, 601 Dogwood Avenue, for their Veterans' Day Celebration or come out and enjoy the Veterans' Day Parade at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 12th in Staunton, Virginia.

2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

Plans are in full swing for the 2012 General Assembly Session. Session will open on January 11, 2012. This year is "long session" so it is not scheduled to end until March 10, 2011. Crossover, the day bills must pass from one house to the other, should take place on February 14th.

CONTACT

As always, my legislative aide, Judy Wyatt, and I are here to serve you. Please use the contact information below to reach us in the District Office by phone, fax or email. Or, contact me by sending a letter to PO Box 12, Verona, Virginia 24482.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Delegate.

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