

Richmond AORN Legislative Report  
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The VNA Central VA Nurses Legislative Reception held on Oct. 17 2017 was very well attended. Ten of our members including Bonnie Vencill, Nichole Meredith, Janet Wingfield, Jan Heizer, Janet Shortt, Cathy Sweeney, Anne Bliss, Debbie Bartol, Carla Beattie, and Debbie Sherrod participated. It was encouraging to see women and nurses joining the political arena and running for general assembly seats! We hope each of members took time to VOTE!

The VNA sponsored The **Legislative Summit on Nov.14, 2017** at the John Marshall Ballrooms/ 101 North Fifth Street, Richmond, VA 23219 from 8am-4pm. VNA member fee: \$99.00/ Non VNA member fee \$125.00/ full time nursing student fee \$59.00/ retired nurse fee \$79.00. You can register online @ [www.virginiannurses.com](http://www.virginiannurses.com) . Six contact hours were awarded for completion of event.

The 2017 AORN policy Agenda can be downloaded @ <https://www.aorn.org/community/government-affairs/policy-agenda>.

**Perioperative Nurse Week was celebrated Nov.12-18, 2017.** Our PNW proclamation was granted by Governor Terry McAuliffe! Please remember to forward pictures taken from your facility celebrating PNW to [dglover@aorn.org](mailto:dglover@aorn.org).

The next AORN legislative advocacy event will be “National Time Out Day” - date to be determined.

If you are interested in getting more involved legislatively, AORN has a monthly National Legislative Forum conference call on the third Monday of each month that is RECORDED. Contact Danielle Glover of AORN Government Affairs [dglover@aorn.org](mailto:dglover@aorn.org) with your phone number and the call in information will be sent to you electronically each month.

Thanks for advocating everyday for your patients and periOperative nursing!

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislative Committee chair