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# Va. Guard supports 57th Presidential Inauguration

More than 600 Virginia Guard Soldiers and Airmen joined a force of approximately 6,000 National Guard personnel from 35 states and territories supporting the 57th Presidential Inauguration Jan. 21, 2013, in Washington, D. C. and Northern Virginia. The support from the Virginia Guard helped maintain the safety and security for the event, but it also helped prepare the Virginia Army National Guard, Virginia Air National Guard and Virginia Defense Force to be able to anticipate requirements and rapidly respond for future known and no-notice events.

“Our support to the inauguration was outstanding,” said Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, Jr., the Adjutant General of Virginia. “I think anytime you can get Soldiers and Airmen on the ground, working together in teams to do their job, it is always helpful. We know and understand our jobs from a concept standpoint, but when you can actually get on the ground and execute there is a lot of good training that goes on. There is no substitute for that.”

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2013/01/27/2877/>



Va. Soldiers from the 266th Military Police Company operate traffic control points Jan. 21, 2013, in Washington, D.C. in support of the Presidential Inauguration.

## Virginia National Guard News Headlines

### Va. Guard military police personnel assist with inauguration security

More than 300 Virginia National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were sworn in as Washington, D.C. special police and assisted with security operations at the 57th Presidential Inauguration Jan. 21, 2013.

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### Va. Soldiers provide communications capability to inauguration mission

A team of Virginia National Guard communication experts provided critical digital communications capability to National Guard forces providing security during the 57th Presidential Inauguration Jan. 19-21, 2013, in Washington, D. C.

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### Chaplains provide services during 57th Presidential Inauguration

As Virginia National Guard Soldiers and Airmen assisted with security operations for the 57th Presidential Inauguration, Virginia Guard chaplains augmented the District of Columbia National Guard's chaplain corps by supporting security personnel from a number of states and territories from Jan. 20-21, 2013.

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### Infantry Soldiers assist Arlington Police during inauguration

Approximately 90 Soldiers from the Leesburg-based Company C, 3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team assisted Arlington County Police with pedestrian traffic flow near the Roosevelt and 14th Street Bridges Jan. 21, 2013, for the 57th Presidential Inauguration.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

### March 23, 2013: Registration Deadline for Virginia National Guard Youth Night

The Virginia Guard Youth Programs, in partnership with the Richmond Flying Squirrels, will honor Virginia Guard Youth and Families with a special “Field of Dreams” program in Richmond on April 6, 2013 at 6:05 p.m.

To celebrate the Month of the Military Child, the youth will have the opportunity to run onto the field with the players and stand with them while the national anthem is played. After the game the youth will be able to run the bases and enjoy a firework display. Discounted tickets are available for \$5.00 each.

Visit <http://ow.ly/gWp9T> for more information.

# 29th ID conducts civil support exercise

Soldiers of the 29th Infantry Division, the unit that once stormed the beaches of Normandy, today tackled a different objective: training to deter possible assaults on a Presidential Inauguration and responding to catastrophic disasters during a four-day civil support exercise held Jan. 21-23, 2013 at Fort Belvoir.

"I am continually impressed by the Soldiers and officers of the 29th Infantry Division," said Maj. Gen. Charles Whittington, commander of the 29th ID. "This exercise helps us prepare for any domestic emergencies that require support of local, state or federal agencies. We have rehearsed possible criminal attempts to disrupt the Presidential Inauguration along with natural disaster contingencies."

Beginning Oct. 1, 2013, the 29th Infantry Division will be the main effort for the East Region Division All-Hazard Response Mission, or DAR-M. They will support states east of the Mississippi River and FEMA regions I-V during all-hazards events.

The six-day exercise allowed the staff of the 29th to practice procedures involving crowd and traffic control, evacuation, terrorist activities, public demonstrations, movement of supplies and security of hospitals, emergency shelters and Metro stations. The staff also received training on the Command Post of the Future, a collaborative software and computer system that allows commanders to communicate and share information with higher headquarters and subordinate units.

The communications section, led by Maj. Timothy Wine, deployed the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability to provide voice and data communications to the division's operations center. The section operated and maintained the equipment that provided critical network connectivity to applications used during the exercise.

"The majority of our Soldiers have recently returned from federal deployments overseas and have honed the skill sets necessary for crisis management supporting civilian authorities," said Col. Lapthe Flora, the training and operations officer for the 29th. "Real world experience has made a difference."

Flora explained that many of the 29th Infantry Division's Soldiers' full-time careers complement what they do in the Virginia and Maryland National Guards. "We have Soldiers employed by federal and state emergency agencies, law enforcement, and the judicial system," he said. "These unique experiences are a tremendous asset to our unit, and they truly represent the Citizen-Soldier concept."

The Division All-Hazards Response Mission was developed by the National Guard Bureau to provide joint Army and Air National Guard support for significant all-hazards events. All-hazards is a wide ranging definition of any natural or man-made condition that causes an actual or potential threat to people, services, equipment, or infrastructure. It provides state Adjutant Generals with operational flexibility for augmenting their existing forces in a rapid manner.

"The 29th is well-trained and properly equipped for these types



**Col. Lapthe Flora, the training and operations officer of the Fort Belvoir-based 29th Infantry Division, briefs his staff Jan. 23, 2013, using the Command Post of the Future System during during the 29th's four-day civil support exercise at Fort Belvoir, Va.**

of missions," said Whittington. "We remain ready, reliable and relevant to help our neighbors if they ever need assistance."

The 29th Infantry Division is headquartered at Fort Belvoir and is comprised of units from the Maryland and Virginia Army National Guard.

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