

Va. Guard displays capabilities, commended by state leaders

Virginia National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and members of the Virginia Defense Force displayed some of the Guard's warfighting and domestic operations capabilities Jan. 19, 2017, outside the Virginia General Assembly building in Richmond, Virginia. Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia, hosted a reception in the morning, and the Virginia National Guard Association and Virginia Guard Enlisted Association hosted a legislative reception in the evening at the Library of Virginia. Virginia Guard Soldiers, Airmen and VDF troopers were recognized in both the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates, and throughout the day Governor Terry McAuliffe, First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran and members of the General Assembly commended the Virginia Guard for the organization's service to commonwealth and country throughout the year.

"We continue to see outstanding support from our state leaders and the General Assembly, and it is important that we demonstrate to them some of our many capabilities and provide them the opportunity to interact directly with troops," Williams said.

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Governor Terry McAuliffe visits with Virginia Guard Soldiers, Airmen and members of the Virginia Defense Force displaying some of the Guard's warfighting and domestic operations capabilities Jan. 19, 2017, in Richmond, Virginia.

Virginia National Guard News Headlines

Va. Army and Air Guard chaplains support inauguration troops

Virginia Army and Air National Guard chaplain teams provided support to troops during the 58th Presidential Inauguration January 20, 2017, in Washington, D.C.

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Medics check on Soldiers operating traffic control points

Virginia National Guard medics checked on the health and welfare of Soldiers operating traffic control points in support of the 58th Presidential Inauguration Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington, D. C.

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Soldiers provide communications support for inauguration

Virginia Guard Soldiers assigned to the information technology and communication sections of the Virginia Guard joint staff and Army Guard staff provided communications support for the 58th Presidential Inauguration with the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington, D.C.

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Exercise prepares special response force for upcoming evaluation

Soldiers and Airmen assigned to the Virginia National Guard's special response force for chemical, biological and nuclear hazards conducted a collective training exercise Jan. 21, 2017, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

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Virginia Guard supports 58th Presidential Inauguration

Nearly 300 Virginia National Guard Soldiers and Airmen joined a force of approximately 7,500 National Guard personnel from across the country supporting the 58th Presidential Inauguration Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington, D. C. Virginia Guard personnel assisted with traffic control as well as communications, medical and chaplain support, and also provided liaison officers to key military and civilian command headquarters in the area. Additional personnel from the Virginia Army National Guard, Virginia Air National Guard and Virginia Defense Force conducted mission command and sustainment support in Sandston and other locations in the state and additional troops were on standby.

“The Virginia Guard’s support to the presidential inauguration went extremely well, and it was the result of months of planning and preparation by members of the Joint, Army and Air Guard staffs as well as the leadership of the units involved,” explained Brig. Gen. Paul Griffin, Virginia National Guard Director of the Joint Staff. “Our Soldiers and Airmen were an important part of the multi-agency team tasked with security and support, and we are extremely proud of the highly-professional way our Soldiers and Airmen conducted themselves and executed the mission.”

Virginia Soldiers and Airmen are sworn in as special deputies Jan. 19 at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland. They were in place with traffic control points before the sun came up Jan. 20, and stayed on duty until after the inauguration parade was complete.

“Supporting the presidential inauguration is another opportunity for the Virginia National Guard to build the partnerships that are so critical to success in domestic operations,” said Maj. Gen. Timothy P. William, the Adjutant General of Virginia. “Working with other National Guard states and territories and area law enforcement to help make sure the inauguration events are a safe, positive experience for everyone who attends helps us prepare and gain experience that would be essential for effective response operations in the future.”

The Virginia Beach-based 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 329th Regional Support Group provided mission command for the Soldiers and Airmen operating the TCPS and were organized as Task Force 529. Other units providing personnel to the task force include the Virginia Beach-based 229th Military Police Company, the Blackstone-based 3647th Maintenance Company, the Powhatan-based 180th Engineer Company and the 192nd Security Forces Squadron from Langley Air Force Base in Hampton. The task force also includes two chaplain support teams, liaison officers, a five-Soldier medical support team and four Soldiers and Airmen providing public affairs support.

“The Soldiers and Airman of Task Force 529 are proud to have been a part of the 58th Presidential Inauguration this year,” said Lt. Col. Matthew Lutz, commander of the task force. “We learned a tremendous amount of special skills that law enforcement brings to their everyday business protecting and serving citizens. The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service were outstanding organizations to work with, and we are extremely satisfied in supporting them during this event.”



Virginia National Guard Soldiers operate traffic control points Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington, D. C., in support of the 58th Presidential Inauguration.

Lutz commended the outstanding work of the task force that included Air Guard security forces, Army Guard military police, chaplain teams, liaison teams, communications support and other Army elements.

“We formed an outstanding team in a very short time and executed our mission with the highest degree of professionalism,” Lutz said. “I would gladly have those personnel in my formation in future missions.”

In addition to the Soldiers and Airmen actively engaged in the inauguration support mission, additional personnel were on standby or conducting training during their monthly drill weekend and would have been available if needed. tion crews were also on standby in Sandston and Chesterfield.

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