

# VNG supporting vaccination clinic in Nottoway County

The Virginia National Guard is supporting a Community Vaccination Clinic opened April 19, 2021, by the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to administer COVID-19 vaccinations at the VNG armory in Blackstone, Virginia. Virginia Army and Air National Guard medics trained and certified by VDH will administer the vaccines, and additional Soldiers will provide wraparound logistics, administrative and traffic management support.

“We are excited to partner with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Virginia National Guard to offer another opportunity for individuals in the Piedmont Health District to receive the COVID-19 vaccine,” said Dr. Sulola Adekoya, acting director of the Piedmont Health District. “We encourage everyone in our health district to take advantage of this opportunity and get a vaccine as soon as possible.”

The CVC, sponsored by the Piedmont Health District, will operate four days a week and will administer up to 250 doses per day. All of these events are by appointment only and no walk-ins will be accepted.

Read more: <http://go.usa.gov/xH9WA>



Virginia National Guard Soldiers and Airmen support a Community Vaccination Clinic which opened April 19, 2021, to administer COVID-19 vaccinations at the VNG armory in Blackstone, Virginia.

## Virginia National Guard News Headlines

### VNG providing dual-status commander for COVID-19 support

With Title 10 federal active duty troops augmenting the state’s COVID-19 vaccination effort, the Virginia National Guard has provided a dual-status commander to manage state and federal forces.

Read more: <https://go.usa.gov/xH9ZT>

### Pillion succeeds Gravely as MTC garrison commander

Col. Timothy D. Pillion took command of Maneuver Training Center Fort Pickett from Col. Paul C. Gravely during a ceremony April 16, 2021, at Fort Pickett, Virginia.

Read more: <https://go.usa.gov/xH9ZW>

### VaANG breaks ground on headquarters for cyber ops squadron

Virginia National Guard leaders welcomed community representatives to the installation in Hampton March 31, 2021, to celebrate the 192nd Wing’s first military construction project since its move from Sandston in 2007: a permanent headquarters facility for the unit’s 185th Cyber Operations Squadron.

Read more: <https://go.usa.gov/xH9Z5>

### Sen. Kaine thanks 229th Chemical Co. Soldiers during ceremony

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine visited with and thanked Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to the Rocky Mount-based 229th Chemical Company during a ceremony celebrating the unit’s recent successes April 10, 2021, in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

Read more: <https://go.usa.gov/xH9kH>

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# 192nd Wing celebrates first dedicated HQ facility

The Virginia Air National Guard's 192nd Wing celebrated the opening of its first dedicated headquarters facility on the Hampton installation with a ribbon cutting ceremony March 31, 2021.

Adjutant General of Virginia Maj. Gen. Timothy Williams officially opened the building alongside Virginia National Guard Senior Enlisted Leader Command Chief Master Sgt. James Profita and leaders from the 192nd Wing including Col. Christopher Batterton, 192nd Wing commander, Col. Catherine Jumper, 192nd Wing vice commander and Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Roberts, 192nd Wing command chief.

In 2007, the VaANG transitioned from flying F-16 Vipers in Sandston to F-22 Raptors at JBLE, and Airmen completely integrated to form a single, cohesive team with their active duty counterparts from the 1st Fighter Wing and 633rd Air Base Wing. As a totally integrated force, the unit also shares more than 30 operational spaces with the active duty. The new headquarters will be the first on the base to be exclusively dedicated to the VaANG.

"This building here at Joint Base Langley-Eustis is an incredible step for rebranding our identity as guardsmen," Batterton said. "We have now established new roots and are part of the community in the Hampton Roads area."

Distinguished guests like U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott, Virginia Rep. David Reid, Director of the Virginia National Guard Joint Staff Brig. Gen. James Ring, and Military Liaison for Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, Charlotte Hurd, attended the ceremony and received a commander-guided tour immediately after.

The facility is a remodeled, repurposed former federal credit union expected to house the wing's command staff and functions including the finance and judge advocate's offices. Gaining the square footage also means the wing's helping agencies can become more consolidated by moving into the now vacated space, co-located inside the 1st FW's headquarters building. Rather than having to travel from one side of the base to the other for commander programs like Airmen and Family Readiness and chaplain services, Airmen will be able to access VaANG resources at a designated 192nd Wing area inside the 1st FW building.



**State delegates and representatives join Virginia National Guard leaders for a ribbon cutting ceremony March 31, 2021, at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. The ceremony marked the opening of the 192nd Wing's first dedicated headquarters facility at the installation.**

While the wing plans to move into the new headquarters within the coming weeks, consolidating 192nd agencies and expanding its real estate is part of a long-term project to accommodate the wing's growing mission sets — military construction for the 185th Cyber Operations Squadron facility is expected to be completed by 2022.

"This is just a small step in terms of where we're going in the future," Williams said. "What we've learned coming down from Richmond to Langley, we can never forget — we have to continue on."

Read more: <https://go.usa.gov/xH9Wm>



**Col. Christopher Batterton, 192nd Wing commander, delivers remarks during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new wing headquarters building.**

## MORE ON THE WEB

### VNG COVID-19 Vaccination Resource Page

<https://va.ng.mil/COVID-19/Vaccine/>

### Infantry company recognized for support to Lynchburg PD

<https://go.usa.gov/xH9Kx>

### Photos: Soldiers recognized for support to Roanoke clinic

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/vanguardpao/albums/72157718893944037>

### Photos: 2-224th AVN troops welcomed to NCO Corps

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/vanguardpao/albums/72157718976599696>

### Photos: SMP cadets get aircraft familiarization flight

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