

192nd Ops Group conducts final change of command

The 192nd Operations Group, 192nd Wing, Virginia Air National Guard, conducted its last change of command Aug. 10, 2025, at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia.

Col. Brock E. Lange, 192nd Wing commander, presided over the ceremony as Col. Andrew M. Weidner relinquished command to Lt. Col. Matthew B. Woodfield. The event served as a formal and visual representation of the transfer of authority and responsibility from one leader to another.

“Every change of command is a significant moment, but today is especially unique as the last change of command, at least for now, in the history of the 192nd Operations Group,” Lange said following the ceremony. “In the coming months, the wing will change how we organize, train and equip for a future fight.”

The historic milestone comes as the U.S. Air Force plans to eliminate group-level operations and maintenance commands to stand up a new A-staff structure. This change was announced by USAF Chief of Staff Gen. David W. Allvin in 2024 as part of a larger reoptimization effort to project combat power more effectively and enhance mission readiness.

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Col. Brock E. Lange passes the 192nd Operations Group guidon to Lt. Col. Matthew B. Woodfield, signifying his assumption of command of the group Aug. 10, 2025, at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia.

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Del. Feggans recognizes outstanding 192nd Wing Airmen

Del. Michael Feggans presented Virginia General Assembly House Joint Resolutions commending outstanding Virginia National Guard Airmen Aug. 10, 2025, during a visit to the 192nd Wing at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia.

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329th Soldiers conduct maintenance exchange in Finland

Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion conducted a maintenance exchange with members of the Finnish Defense Forces July 23- Aug. 12, 2025, in Finland.

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Nixon takes reins of the 203rd RED HORSE

Lt. Col. Carlos R. Nixon assumed command of the 203rd RED HORSE from Lt. Col. Eddie M. Abisaab during a change of command ceremony Aug. 9, 2025, at the State Military Reservation in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

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Ceremony to mark activation of 29th Division Artillery

The Virginia National Guard will celebrate the official return of the 29th Division Artillery at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at the Virginia War Memorial, located at 621 S. Belvidere Street in Richmond, Virginia.

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VaANG's Warren named among USAF's top 12 Airmen of 2025

The U.S. Air Force announced the service's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2025, including members from across active duty, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. Among those named is the Virginia Air National Guard's Senior Airman Eleanor R. Warren, a geospatial intelligence analyst assigned to the 192nd Wing's Intelligence Squadron.

Now a staff sergeant, Warren was selected as one of the 12 OAY winners because she embodies the Air Force's core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

"From Japan to the heart of Europe, Staff Sgt. Warren embodies 'excellence in all we do' - strengthening alliances and safeguarding our interests across the globe," said Lt. Col. Ian N. Sutton, 192nd IS commander. "She epitomizes initiative and ingenuity in solving complex problems or leading teams. She is one among many outstanding Foxes [192nd IS Airmen] that set high standards for the 192nd Intelligence Squadron and are great ambassadors for the Virginia Air National Guard to active duty, joint and interagency partners, and our allies."

As a geospatial intelligence analyst, Warren showed exceptional leadership and performance. She analyzed 94 missions and produced 302 imagery reports, enhancing intelligence capacity and maritime awareness. Her innovative solution allowed for the first tracking of vessels violating U.N. sanctions against North Korea. She authored guidance for joint teams, aligning them with National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Standards and translated Japanese guides, improving coalition operations. During her second active-duty tour, she reviewed 195 operational orders, supporting NATO responses to Russian aggression, and improved order quality by 30%. She also secured approvals for critical orders, facilitating diplomatic engagements with officials from Sudan and Libya.

Beyond her primary duties, Warren exemplified the Whole Airman Concept through community involvement and education. She led a 120-member multinational lacrosse team, established a youth team, completed an associate's degree in Intelligence and Technology, and pursued a bachelor's in Business Administration. Her dedication to service included donating blood, volunteering with the USO, and applying her expertise from the NGA Maritime Safety Office to support U.S. Navy operations.

This year, the USAF enhanced the program to more effectively recognize its enlisted members' contributions, focusing on individual merit and aiming to identify and honor outstanding Airmen, noncommissioned officers, and senior NCOs from all components. Nominees participated in an extensive three-day assessment and selection event, which featured an in-person board interview in addition to the traditional records-only review.

"I am truly honored," Warren said. "Coming from the intelligence community, much of our work is done behind the scenes and isn't always as tangible as other career fields. To be recognized in this way means a lot, and I'm proud to represent my fellow analysts and the contributions we make to the mission."

As a 192nd IS geospatial intelligence analyst, Warren is



U.S. Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Eleanor Warren, assigned to the U.S. Air Forces in Europe–Air Forces Africa 603rd Air Operations Center strategy division, conducts research Aug. 1, 2025, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

responsible for processing, exploiting and disseminating still imagery and full-motion video. During her time with the U.S.-Australia-Japan Bilateral Intelligence Analysis Cell at Yokota Air Base in Japan, she had the opportunity to work alongside U.S. allies in the Pacific. Currently, Warren serves in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe - Air Forces Africa, 603rd Air Operations Center, A35 Strategy Division, on a Military Personnel Appropriation tour at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

"I've been exposed to a much wider range of challenges," she said. "I'm looking forward to returning to the VaANG and putting the knowledge and perspective I've gained here into practice."

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