

429th LSB line companies get transformation refresh

The Virginia National Guard's Danville-based 429th Light Support Battalion formally conducted a casing of the colors ceremony for Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Companies Nov. 14, 2025, at Fort Pickett, Virginia, marking the conclusion of their storied service under the BSB structure.

The company designations are part of the ongoing U.S. Army transformation initiative. The 429th Brigade Support Battalion was officially designated as the 429th Light Support Battalion Oct. 16, 2025. The battalion's Headquarters and Alpha Company merged into the Headquarters and Distribution Company, Bravo Company became the new Alpha Company and Charlie Company was designated as Bravo Company.

"The Soldiers of the 429th BSB performed with distinction at the eXportable Combat Training Capability rotation in June," said Lt. Col. James W. Wells, the commander of the 429th. "Our new light support battalion force structure is designed to support the newly transformed 116th MBCT will be tested next summer in the crucible of Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana."

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First Formation streamlines new VaARNG Soldier onboarding process

The Virginia Army National Guard held its inaugural First Formation, a concept designed to help integrate new Soldiers into the organization, Nov. 6, 2025, at Defense Supply Center Richmond, Virginia. The event is designed for Soldiers returning from Advanced Individual Training or One Station Unit Training.

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VNG honors area 9-year-old with ceremonial promotion

Virginia Army National Guard Soldiers honored John Paul Macri, 9, with a ceremonial promotion to the rank of staff sergeant during a visit to the Army Aviation Support Facility in Sandston, Virginia.

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429th BSB pioneers multifunctional logistics concept at XCTC

The Virginia National Guard's 429th Brigade Support Battalion transformed to a light support battalion and employed new multifunctional logistics companies during their Exportable Combat Training Capability rotation in June 2026.

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Former VNG Soldiers, Airmen gather for AG Alumni Reception

Former Virginia National Guard Soldiers and Airmen gathered for an Alumni Reception hosted by Maj. Gen. James W. Ring, the Adjutant General of Virginia, Dec. 2, 2025, at Defense Supply Center Richmond, Virginia.

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116th MBCT Soldiers field Infantry Squad Vehicle

Virginia National Guard Soldiers from units across the Staunton-based 116th Mobile Brigade Combat Team conducted Infantry Squad Vehicle Operator New Equipment Training Nov. 10-14, 2025, at Fort Pickett, Virginia. The 116th is one the first National Guard infantry brigades to convert to the mobile brigade combat team and the first to field the new vehicle. The ISV fielding is a critical step towards increasing the brigade's mobility on the battlefield.

"The ISV gives our infantry the reach to cover more objectives, get to them faster, exploit enemy weaknesses, catch the enemy off guard and maintain the initiative," said Col. Arthur S. Moore, commander of the 116th.

The ISV is a modified commercial off-the-shelf program of record for the Army Ground Mobility Vehicle fleet and provides enhanced tactical mobility is capable of moving a nine-Soldier infantry squad, with their associated equipment quickly around the battlefield.

"The Infantry Squad Vehicle is a clear visual indicator of the 116th Mobile Brigade Combat Team's transformation, and we were excited to facilitate," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 William T. Johnson, the Virginia Army National Guard's force integration readiness officer.

He said the 116th MBCT, Fort Pickett Maneuver Training Center, Virginia Army National Guard G4 Logistics Directorate, the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site and General Motors Defense, the ISV manufacturer, came together with the systems Integrator at National Guard Bureau and the Program Executive Office - Maneuver to field the ISV even though the federal government lapse in appropriations halted many training activities.

This ISV provides the ability to execute medium distance insertion operations giving commanders greater freedom of movement and freedom of action, Johnson said. The ISV is transportable via CH-47 and can be sling loaded by a UH-60 or CH-47.

The OPNET consisted of a 40-hour block of instruction for operators and a second 40-hour block of instruction for maintainers.

The operator course familiarized Soldiers with basic functionality of the ISV and its components as well as preventive and corrective maintenance procedures for the operator and hands on training for off road and adverse terrain driving conditions as well as how to configure the ISV for casualty evacuation.

The target training audience for the OPNET was master drivers and noncommissioned officers who will then take their new skills and training back to other Soldiers in their units to train them on ISV operations.

"The ISV fielding provided valuable time with the program training team, and this allowed us to learn from those directly involved in the program," explained Sgt. 1st Class Michael B. Wilcox, assistant operations noncommissioned officer for the 116th who completed the 40 hour OPNET. "We were able to learn the capabilities and put every block of instruction to use in a



Virginia National Guard Soldiers from units across the 116th Mobile Brigade Combat Team conduct Infantry Squad Vehicle training on the Staff Sgt. Jesse Ault Wheeled Vehicle Obstacle Course Nov. 14, 2025, at Fort Pickett, Virginia.

practical exercise in a training area on Fort Pickett."

Wilcox said the ISV fielding is tangible milestone in the 116th's transition to an MBCT.

"Adding this equipment will provide the MBCT with additional capabilities to maneuver troops more rapidly than we previously had as an IBCT, and it allows the brigade to start implementing the transition to greater extent in training," he said.

Wilcox also said Soldiers and units will have added mobility and flexibility with the objective to make this piece of equipment work for them to accomplish their mission.

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