



# VNG wraps up support to Southwest Virginia

Virginia National Guard Soldiers ended their missions in Southwest Virginia Feb. 23, 2025, after deploying to the area Feb. 14 to assist local emergency managers supporting citizens impacted by severe weather and power outages. The Soldiers were equipped with heavy duty trucks to assist with transportation and food and water distribution as well as chainsaws to help clear debris.

About 60 VNG Soldiers and Airmen conducted 22 missions Feb. 14-23 in Southwest Virginia, distributing more than 3,000 cases of water and more than 1,480 cases of food, assisting with the evacuation of 94 civilians and 27 pets and conducting nearly 160 welfare checks. Soldiers also cleared 15 trees and other debris.

“This is what the National Guard is all about,” said Brig. Gen. Todd Hubbard, Virginia National Guard Director of the Joint Staff. “Our Soldiers and Airmen were in the right place at the right time to augment local emergency response efforts to help our fellow Virginians in a time of need. I am really proud of how adaptable, flexible and resilient our personnel have been in rapidly changing situations. I want to once again thank our families and employers for their continued support which is so critical to mission success.”

Read more at <https://vngpao.info/5ahfvz3>



Virginia National Guard Soldiers assist with commodity distribution Feb. 21, 2025, in Southwest Virginia. Soldiers deployed to the area to assist emergency managers supporting citizens impacted by severe weather.

**Virginia National Guard News Headlines**

**Fort Barfoot breaks ground on new ASP facility**  
 Virginia National Guard and Fort Barfoot leaders ceremonially broke ground on a new Ammunition Supply Point administration building Feb. 18, 2025, at Fort Barfoot, Virginia. Construction is already underway on the planned new facility, and it is expected to be completed by early 2026.  
 Read more at <https://vngpao.info/2p8prxmf>

**VNG conducts officer and NCO development exchange in Tajikistan**  
 Virginia National Guard Soldiers and Airmen conducted an exchange with the Republic of Tajikistan focusing on noncommissioned officer and junior officer development Feb. 17-21, 2025, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.  
 Read more at <https://vngpao.info/2587nxdx>

**Weidner to succeed Lange as commander of 192nd Wing**  
 Col. Andrew M. Weidner will succeed Col. Brock E. Lange as the commander of the Virginia Air National Guard's 192nd Wing, according to an announcement made Feb. 25, 2025, by the Adjutant General of Virginia.  
 Read more at <https://vngpao.info/yckrwvub>

**Saber Soldiers conduct route reconnaissance training**  
 Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to Charlie Troop, 2nd Squadron, 183rd Cavalry Regiment, 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team conducted route reconnaissance training Feb. 8, 2025, at Fort Barfoot, Virginia.  
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## 529th Soldiers awarded Governor's National Service Medal

Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 329th Regional Support Group received the Virginia Governor's National Service Medal in recognition of their federal active-duty service in Poland during a ceremony Feb. 8, 2025, at Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia.

"We're very proud of the 529th and what they've done," said Brig. Gen. Todd Hubbard, Virginia National Guard Director of the Joint Staff. "Over the last 12 months we've briefed the Governor and Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs on what the 529th was doing in Poland. We are very appreciative and very thankful for what you did for the country and for the commonwealth. Thank you and we are very proud of you."

The 529th, serving as Task Force Cavalier, took responsibility for logistics, maintenance, and supply missions based at Forward Operating Site Karliki, Poland, in March 2024. They oversaw operations and training for more than 550 Soldiers from four different subordinate units from active-duty Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard. They returned to the United States in November 2024.

"You stood shoulder to shoulder with our NATO allies on the Eastern Flank," Lt. Col. Carlos Maldonado, commander of the 529th, addressed his Soldiers. "Your strength and commitment made that mission a success."

In addition to the 529th CSSB Headquarters, TF Cavalier also consisted of active U.S. Army transportation and ordnance companies, a transportation company from the U.S. Army Reserve and a transportation company from the Missouri National Guard.

Maldonado said TF Cavalier conducted 261 missions covering more than 260,000 miles, which he said is roughly one round trip to the moon. The task force moved 316 20-foot containers



**Brig. Gen. Charles Martin, commander of the Virginia Army National Guard, congratulates a 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Soldier after they received the Virginia Governor's National Service Medal Feb. 8, 2025, at Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia.**

of ammunition, and he said if those were stacked end to end, they would stretch the length of three football fields. They also transported 227,000 gallons of fuel, which he said is enough to power a standard car for about 6.8 million miles or enough to drive around the Earth 270 times.

Created in 2005 by then-Governor Mark R. Warner, the Governor's National Service Medal recognizes the service of the men and women of the Virginia Army and Air National Guard called to active federal duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

Read more at <https://vngpao.info/bdd6hsa9>



**Col. Juanita Rohler, commander of the 329th Regional Support Group, congratulates a 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Soldier after they received the Virginia Governor's National Service Medal Feb. 8, 2025, at Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia.**

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#### 237th Engineers construct obstacle during Arctic Forge

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#### Scout car, other artifacts ready for restoration

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#### Va. Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team departs for SWVA

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