



*Virginians helping Virginians*

# **The VIRGINIA DEFENSE FORCE**

***A History of Service***





# ***A Proud Virginia Heritage***

- Service for the common good is a proud Virginia Heritage.
- Born in the earliest days of our nation's history, voluntary service by and for the citizens of Virginia was the cornerstone upon which our Nation was built.
- Today that spirit still thrives in the citizen soldier.
- Bringing diverse professional skills and talents, Virginians continue to unselfishly answer the call of their fellow citizens in times of crisis, disaster, emergency, or need as members of the Virginia Defense Force.



*During WWII, Virginia Governor James Price established the Virginia Protective Force to fill the void when the Virginia National Guard was deployed for war fighting overseas.*

Virginia  
Protective Force  
training at VMI  
1942





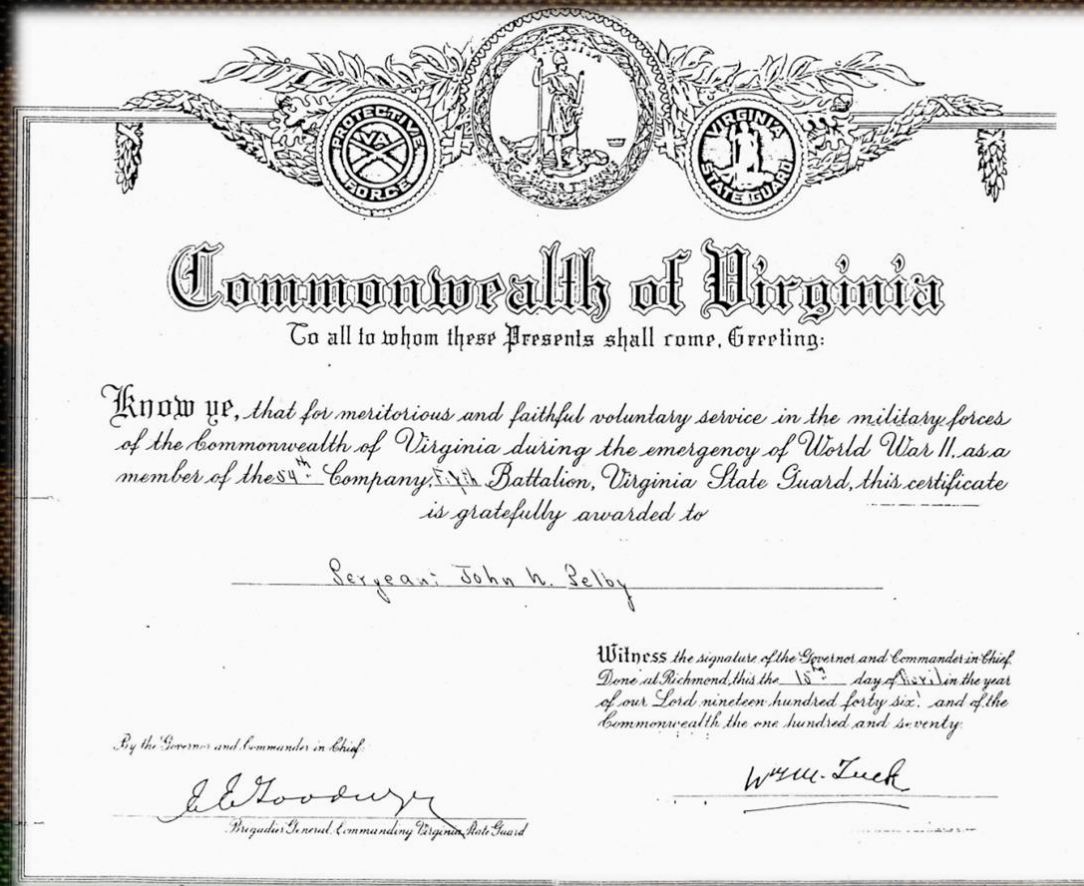
*With the same duties of guarding infrastructure, the Virginia Protective Force name was changed to the Virginia State Guard in 1944.*

Virginia State Guard  
training at Roanoke  
College August 1944





**Many Virginia State Guard members joined the Virginia National Guard when the units were disbanded at the end of WWII.**





*The Commonwealth would not need the Virginia State Guard again until it was re-established in the early 1980's. The name would be changed to the Virginia Defense Force in 1986.*



1984-2020  
36<sup>th</sup> Year  
Of  
Continuous Service  
to the  
Commonwealth of Virginia



## *Today's VDF Mission*

The Virginia Defense Force is the all-volunteer reserve for the Virginia National Guard and serves as a force multiplier integrated into all Virginia Guard domestic operations.







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## **§ 44-45.4. Organization; definitions**

- 1. "Training duty"** is service and training performed by the Virginia Defense Force in order to be prepared for state active duty.
- 2. "State active duty"** is the performance of actual military service when called by the Governor or his designee to active duty in service of the Commonwealth in accordance with Article 7 (§ 44-75.1 et seq.).



*Today's missions include Communications,  
Cyber Security, and VDEM Support.*





# *Emergency Communications*







# Mobile Command Posts





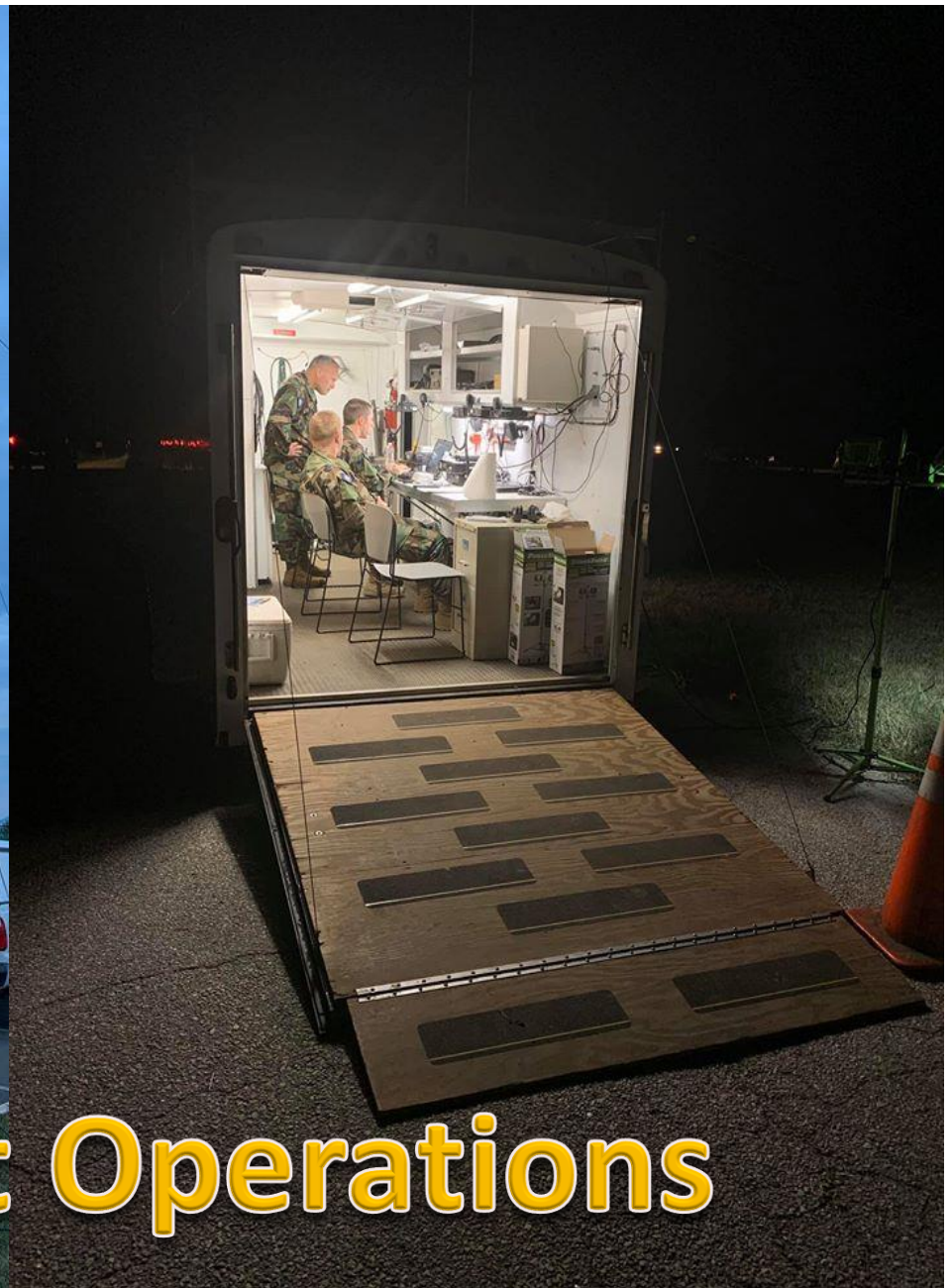
# Hardware Skills





# Communicator Skills





**Day or Night Operations**



# Tactical Radio Packages







# VDEM and JFHQ Radio Rooms







# *Cyber Security*



*Virginia Emergency  
Operations Center and  
Regional Offices*



## *Community Support Events (CSE)*



Governor's  
Inaugural Parade





*CSE's provide opportunities to exercise learned skills*



Apple Blossom



# Working with Community Partners





# ARRL Affiliated Club

## Virginia Defense Force Radio Group

*ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio has a long history of affiliating with societies who share the purposes, aims, and goals of the League. The ARRL and its directors, in its desire to advance the Art and Science of Amateur Radio hereby extend affiliation to the above named club.*



**ARRL** The national association for  
AMATEUR RADIO®

February 11, 2020

Date

*Bart Jahnke W9JJ*

ARRL Affiliated Clubs Manager



# *Team Work*





# Training





# Virginia Defense Force



## Headquarters in Richmond

### 1st Regiment:

Winchester  
Fairfax  
Warrenton  
Virginia Beach  
Lynchburg  
Cedar Bluff  
Chaplain  
Richmond

### Communications

#### Battalion

Lynchburg  
Richmond  
Warrenton

#### Medical

Petersburg

#### Cadet Program

Westmoreland





## *Recruits Needed*

- Virginia Resident
- Ages 16-65
- Valid Social Security Number
- Pass a Background Check
- With or Without Prior Military Service
- Height / Weight Requirements
- Drill 1 Saturday a Month
- Two/Four MUTAs a Year
- CSEs as Scheduled



### Recruits needed for:

Emergency Management  
Chaplaincy  
Communications  
Information Technology  
Logistics.  
Medical  
And More....



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a black Motorola radio. The radio has a coiled black cord attached to the top. The Motorola logo and brand name are visible on the side of the device. The person holding the radio is wearing a camouflage-patterned sleeve. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a vehicle interior.

**Try Your Hand at  
Serving in the  
Virginia Defense Force**



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