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## VING Celebrating 38th Birthday during Senior Army Advisors Conference WED 19 OCT - St. Croix

The Adjutant General for the Virgin Islands, Major General Renaldo Rivera, is hosting visiting Senior Army Advisors for their meeting Tuesday, October 18 through Thursday, October 20 at the Lieutenant Colonel Lionel Jackson Readiness Center (armory) in Estate Bethlehem.

The Senior Army Advisor to the Guard (SRAAG - pronounced as "shrag") serves as the primary Army advisor to an Adjutant General. Distinguished visitors include Colonel David P. Rogers, SRAAG to the state of Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and retired Sergeant Major John P. Wilson, the keynote speaker on Tuesday morning. **Wilson was assigned to the VING as the Military Advisor to the territory from 1989 to 1993. See bio in program attached.**

On Wednesday October 19 at 9:30 a.m., during the Senior Army Advisors Conference, the V.I. National Guard will celebrate 38 years of service to the Nation and the territory. The V.I. Guard received federal recognition October 19, 1973 during an inauguration ceremony on the Christiansted Waterfront on St. Croix. Retired Guardsman, Lt. Gov. Gregory Francis, will give remarks for the cake-cutting ceremony at the armory. He will be joined by retirees, Guardsmen and guests.

In October 1973, Major Leayle Galiber was appointed acting Adjutant General and took command of the first two units to be activated. They were a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and the 661st Military Police Company both located on St. Croix.

For further information on the Sr. Army Advisor Conference, contact Charles David, VING Anti-Terrorism Officer at (340)712-7766 or email: [charles.david@vi.ngb.army.mil](mailto:charles.david@vi.ngb.army.mil).

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