

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR & MEDIA INVITE

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### VING Returns Unit from Cuba Deployment (Friday, December 24, 2010)

The Adjutant General for the Virgin Islands, Major General Renaldo Rivera is proud to announce the return of the 51<sup>st</sup> Public Affairs Detachment (PAD) on Friday, December 24 from their deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The five V.I. Guardsmen left the territory in January 2010.



On **Friday, December 24**, Staff Sergeant Shereen Grouby and Specialist Juanita Philip return to St. Croix on American Eagle at approximately 1:30 p.m. Sergeant Athneil Thomas returns to St. Thomas on U.S. Air at approximately 2:30 p.m. The community is invited to welcome home our warrior heroes and extend well wishes as they reintegrate back into our community and rejoin their families for the holiday season. Unit Commander Captain Robert Settles and Specialist Archie Corbitt will remain with family stateside for the holiday season.

V.I. National Guard will host a brief informal Welcome Home Ceremony at both airports upon arrival. After the initial family greeting, attendees will gather with the returning Guardsmen for prayers of thanks with family, friends and well wishers.

The 51<sup>st</sup> Public Affairs Detachment is headquartered on St. Croix. During their deployment, the 51<sup>st</sup> PAD worked with the Joint Task Force Command in Cuba. The Virgin Islands Guardsmen were associated with local, national and international media. They coordinated information, briefings, tours and the production of news sources such as the "The Wire". The WIRE is the official news magazine of Joint Task Force Guantanamo. It is produced by the JTF Public Affairs Office to inform and educate the Troopers of JTF Guantanamo through news, features, command guidance, sports and entertainment.

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