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VIING Held Change of Command & Pinning Ceremony 25-26 February 2011 on St. Thomas

The Virgin Islands National Guard held their Change of Command & Pinning Ceremony Friday, February 25, 2011 and Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Sergeant First Class Leonard B. Francis Armory on St. Thomas for the 610th Quartermaster Company and the Headquarters, Headquarters Company (HHC) 786th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB).

On Friday, February 25, 2011 the outgoing Commander for 610th Quartermaster Company, Captain (CPT) Nina A. Clarke-Brewley, passed on command responsibilities to First Lieutenant (1LT) Nichole M. Payne. With the passing of this command CPT Clarke-Brewley encouraged all her soldiers to continue their work in looking out for one another and expressed her experienced over the past three years as Commander of the 610th Quartermaster Company. With many task ahead, 1LT Payne vows to work hard and continue working steadfast with the company.

On Saturday, February 26, 2011 the outgoing Commander for HHC 786th CSSB, Captain Josephine Hector-Murphy, passed on her command responsibilities to Captain Lionel Eddy. As this command was handed over CPT Hector-Murphy thanked her NCO's, 1SG and soldiers for their outstanding work and progress during her time of command. She stated that it was a privilege and honor to serve as commander for the 786th CSSB and gave good regards to the incoming commander, Captain Lionel Eddy who is willing to work hard with the troops in preparing them for their journey ahead.

Following this change of command ceremony was the pinning of Master Sergeant Eugene Farrell to the rank of First Sergeant (1SG) for the 610th Quartermaster Company. Also recognized was Sergeant Steven Hodge by Command Sergeant Major Jerraine M. Miller for his outstanding work in representing the 786th CSSB as their Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the year.

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Richard Kemp, the 786th Battalion Commander did the passing of the flags for both events of the change of command ceremony while Sergeant First Class Ann Swan was the Master of Ceremonies. Distinguished guest were Brigadier General Elton Lewis, Colonel Aubrey Ruan, Chief of Staff, and Captain Dion Christopher, Chaplain.

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