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VING Symposium at UVI Shares Careers in Officer Corp

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The Virgin Islands National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion is hosting its annual Officer Symposium at the University of the Virgin Islands Great Hall on St. Croix. The event is Friday February 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Symposium is designed to share information on leadership and managerial careers.

Army Commissioned Officers are one level of military leaders. If you are seeking a new challenge, opportunity or profession the Guard invites you to stop by the Symposium on St. Croix to find out more about careers, benefits and entitlements. The Army Officer Corp features over 20 professions, some that mirror careers in non-military organizations and companies. Career counselors will be on hand for one-on-one assessments for interested candidates. Presently, the V. I. National Guard has openings for medical professions, especially doctors also, supply and equipment specialist, but these positions require military membership.

The V. I. National Guard Symposium includes the campus-based Reserved Officer Training Corp (ROTC), a college scholarship program. Army ROTC prepares college students to succeed in a competitive environment with tuition assistance to ensure college success. To date, the UVI program has graduated seven officers. 1LT Andres Velasquez is a military pilot with Detachment 2 Delta 126th Aviation Company and graduated from UVI in 2008. 2LT Roger Simon graduated in 2010 and is the commander of 651st Support Maintenance Company. Both are ROTC graduates.

Today, VING has many officers who are UVI graduates. Their higher education led to executive-level leadership careers. 1LT Nicole Payne is the commander of the 610th Quartermaster Company. Captain Marcia Spencer is the AGR manager and 1LT Wanda Williams is Officer Branch Chief. They are graduates of the UVI Class of 2002.

For more information on the Officer Symposium, contact the VING Officer Recruiting Office at (340)712-8073 or 712-8074. See more at Facebook.com/VIGuard.

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