



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR & MEDIA INVITE

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### **VING Family Program Office observes National Volunteer Week.**

In observance of National Volunteer Week, the Family Program Office of the Virgin Islands National Guard is scheduled to host appreciation awards events for their volunteers on both islands in the month of April to show appreciation for the military volunteer.

On St. Thomas, The ceremony is scheduled for April 5 at 6pm at the Sergeant First Class Leonard B. Francis Readiness Center Classroom, and on St. Croix, it is scheduled for April 19 at 6pm at the Lieutenant Colonel Lionel A. Jackson Readiness Center Classroom.

While the VING and the VI community are honoring military volunteers, they are also being recognized on a national level. In an April 2011 presidential proclamation, President Barack Obama stated the following:

During National Volunteer Week, we celebrate the profound impact of volunteers and encourage all Americans to discover their own power to make a difference. Every one of us has a role to play in making our communities and our country stronger. I encourage all Americans to help us renew progress and prosperity and build a brighter future for our Nation by visiting [www.Serve.gov](http://www.Serve.gov) to find a local project.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 10 through April 16, 2011, as National Volunteer Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week by volunteering in service projects across our country and pledging to make service a part of their daily lives.

For more information on National Volunteer Week and the activities planned contact Nicolette Stout, Senior Family Readiness Support Assistant, at 340-712-8021 or 340-332-3940; email [nicolette.stout@us.army.mil](mailto:nicolette.stout@us.army.mil)

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