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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT: Wear of "PIO" Specialist Brassard

The VDF Public Information Officer brassard is OD green fabric with embroidered black PIO letters measuring 3 1/4 inches x 1 13/16 inches. The brassard will have hook material on the back in order to affix it to the loop portion on the left sleeve of VDF uniform pocket above the unit patch.

In order for a member of the Virginia Defense Force to wear the PIO brassard, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) Fulfill one (1) of the following three (3) criteria:
 - a. Complete the VDEM G290 Basic Public Information Officer Course
 - b. Complete the VDEM G291 Joint Information Center Planning Course
 - c. Possess a military public affairs officer functional area designation or enlisted military occupational specialty equivalent to the Army's 46A, 46Z, 46Q or 46R.
- 2) Be in a PIO billet.
- 3) Participate in at least one state active duty (SAD) response in a public information duty position at the VDEM Joint Information Center, Virginia National Guard Joint Operations Center, or field location providing public information support.

Approving authority for awarding the brassard is the Virginia National Guard state public affairs officer.

For the Commander,

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