

First Group of Vincentian Army Recruits Arrive in the UK

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PIRBRIGHT, England: H.E. Mr Cenio E. Lewis, High Commissioner and Mrs Carolin de Freitas-Sawh Counsellor, from the High Commission for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) in London attended the Army Training Centre in Pirbright, Surrey, welcoming this year's first group of Vincentian Nationals recruited into the British Army.

The five recruits, who arrived in the UK earlier this week, are Mr Vernon Walker of Preston Village, Mr Kemol Jacobs of Dixon Village, Mr Alinjah Williams of Chateaubelair, Mr Schemley Ford of Paget Farm and Mr Kitson David of Richland Park.

The High Commissioner spoke informally to the five young men regarding the challenges they may encounter and reminded them that the staff of the High Commission will assist them if they required support and advice.

The High Commissioner also informed the recruits that Major Gordon, their Officer Commanding, was pleased with their progress and that they had all improved on their 'run times' made in SVG.

The Counsellor with responsibility for the support and welfare of nationals in the UK introduced herself and distributed Welcome Packs specifically designed for Vincentians recruited into the British Armed Forces.

A group of Vincentian recruits is expected to arrive every week at Pirbright until the end of August. It is the intention of the High Commissioner to send a representative from the Mission to meet each group.



L to R: Warrant Officer 2 McGhee; Mr Kitson David; Mr Vernon Walker; Mr Kemol Jacobs; Mr Schemley Ford; H.E. Mr Cenio E. Lewis, High Commissioner; Mr Alinjah Williams