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## VNDIA Names Defense Research Manager

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RICHMOND – Thomas Waterworth has been named Defense Research Manager for the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority. A native of Richmond, Virginia and a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University's Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness program, Thomas Waterworth is a former U.S. Army Sergeant, Bronze Star Medal recipient and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran. Following his service in the Army, he worked as an Account Executive for E4 Design, an Atlanta based event marketing design firm. Thomas also served as the communications officer of the Student Veterans Association at Virginia Commonwealth University while he was completing his bachelor's degree and remained at VCU following graduation where he served as the Military Student Services Coordinator under the Office of the Provost. In this position, he played an integral role in the development of the Military Student Services department and assisted veterans and their dependents as they made the transition from active duty military life to academia. As Defense Research Manager, Waterworth will conduct research and analysis on military and defense issues, support the Local Coordination, Support & Communications Committee's installation visit program and serve as VNDIA's representative for local and regional defense community organizations.

The Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2005 with a mission to maintain a comprehensive understanding of defense investment in Virginia and to advocate for U.S. Department of Defense operations in the Commonwealth. The eighteen-member board of directors, comprised of retired military leaders and business executives, advises State and Federal legislative staffs, state agencies and cabinet members.

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