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News Release

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Sound Advisory: Cannon Fire, Flyover Expected During Gubernatorial Inauguration

RICHMOND, Va.—Loud ceremonial cannon fire and a military aircraft flyover will occur as part of the gubernatorial inauguration on Jan. 17, 2026, at approximately 12:31 p.m. at the Virginia State Capitol.

Members of the Virginia Army National Guard will conduct a howitzer cannon fire and an artillery salute, and members of the Virginia Air National Guard will conduct a military aircraft flyover as a scheduled part of the ceremony. Residents, visitors and those working downtown should expect loud blasts during this time that may activate car or building alarms.

These sounds are planned, and there is no risk to public safety.

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