



*THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH*

April 2018

10th Mountain Division (LI) conducted a patching ceremony in Iraq. This long-standing Army tradition of wearing a unit patch on a Soldier's right arm denotes that individual as having served in a combat zone with that respective unit. These Soldiers will forever be authorized wear of the coveted 10th Mountain patch, wherever their service in the U.S. Army takes them.







# OUR LEGACY

## Camp Hale

Built in 1942, Camp Hale, Colorado was the birth place of the 10th Mountain Division. Camp Hale's creation was a national effort involving the National Association of the Ski Patrol, local ski clubs and even Hollywood. There 10th Mountain Soldiers trained in various aspects of mountain warfare including alpine skiing, mountain climbing and cold weather survival. At its peak, 15,000 Soldiers were housed and trained at Camp Hale. Active for only three years, Camp Hale deactivated in November 1945.

## The Crossed Skis

The 2017 Army vs. Navy game saw unique items from the 10th Mountain Division's history on the player's uniforms. One of the most striking items was the cross skis and gold colored U.S. with a silver 87. The helmet decal was based on a unique practice of the 10th Mountain Division. It was never authorized but officially worn on game day.

The 2017 Army vs. Navy football game saw the Army team take the field in uniforms inspired by the history of the 10th Mountain Division in World War II. Ski soldiers from the 10th Division (Alpine) would take their collar brass into the town of Leadville and have variations of crossed skis made out of silver and added to their collar brass. This was never authorized for wear with the uniform, yet can be seen worn on many dress uniforms in photos from the time. The most common version was the crossed skis with the brass U.S. insignia.





*U.S. Army photos by 2BCT*



2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) conducted their Mountain Peak exercise during the month of March. They focused on conducting operations against a simulated 'near-peer' adversary in the Fort Drum training area. Battalions conducted 24-hour operations, to include presence patrols, react-to-contact drills, and a combined arms live-fire exercise all while maneuvering for unimpeded control of the battlespace.





*U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. James Avery*



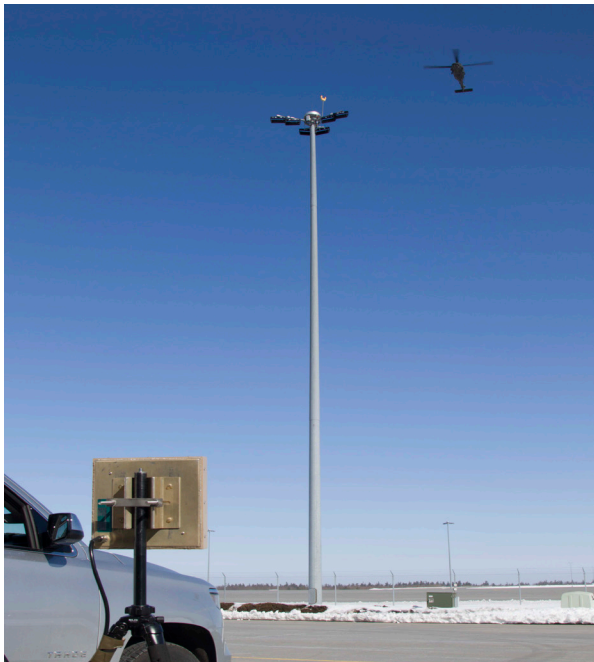
*U.S. Army photo by 1st LT. Kyle Ward*

1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) Soldiers acted as an enemy opposition force for the Mountain Peak exercise. As the opposing force, they were tasked with harassing 2BCT maneuvers, infiltrating their battle spaces and impeding the unit's intent to maintain unhindered operations.





*U.S. Army Photo by 10th CAB*



A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from 2-10 Assault Helicopter Battalion conducts training with Space and Missile Defense Command, March 20, at Fort Drum, New York. Representatives from SMDC were present to demonstrate electronic warfare capabilities in an effort to give 10th Mountain Division assets a fighting advantage.

Col. Clair A. Gill, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade commander, traveled to South Korea where the brigade's 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry is currently on rotation. Col. Gill toured a field exercise that was underway and recognized Soldiers for their outstanding contributions.



*U.S. Army photo by Spc. Thomas Scaggs*

Col. Clair Gill, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade commander, meets with community members March 28, in Gouverneur and Lowville, New York, to discuss Falcon's Peak, a readiness-building exercise scheduled for April 9-18.





An M249 SAW gunner from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI), returns fire to suppress an enemy counter-attack during a combined arms live-fire exercise at Fort Polk, La.

A mortar team from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI), fires simulated mortar rounds to fend off an enemy advance during their combined arms live-fire exercise at The Joint Readiness Training Center on Fort Polk, La.



Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) move between buildings using smoke as concealment to clear a village during a training exercise at Fort Polk, La.

U.S. Army photos by 3BCT





*U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Liane Hatch*



Soldiers from the 110th Transportation Company, 548th CSSB, conduct preventive maintenance on their vehicles prior to a night movement. The 110th has the ability to move not only military equipment, but also troops. 110th is currently assisting 2BCT by transporting over 4,000 Soldiers as retrograde back from Mountain Peak.

(Above & Below) Water Purifying Specialists from the 514th Composite Supply Company, 548th CSSB, 10th Sustainment Brigade, purify water for all Soldiers taking part in Mountain Peak. The water purifiers extract water from the Black River, filter, and purify it resulting in potable water for Soldiers during the exercise. Soldiers from the 514th are able to deploy anywhere in the world and supply Soldiers in any theater with potable water from any source.







*Courtesy photos by 86th IBCT*

Former Olympian, 1st Sgt. Dan Westover, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain), Vermont National Guard, powers through a downhill curve on the approach to an uphill section of the course at the Chief National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships in Soldier Hollow, Utah, February 25th, 2018. Westover is the 1st Sgt. with Alpha Company in the 3-172nd Infantry Regiment and competed in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.



Soldiers from A Co 3-172 IN (MTN), 86th IBCT trained in Finland as part of the Cold Weather Course. The training included Soldiers from Finland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and the United States. The Soldiers all received training on cold weather operations, survival and platoon recon missions.





*U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Reinsch*

The headquarters uncases the division colors in Iraq as they assume command from 1st Armored Division as part of Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command - Operation Inherent Resolve.



*Courtesy photo by U.S. Army*

Brig. Gen. Eifler with the Task Force Patriots Commander and Counter Terrorism Service Deputy Commander, discussed the integrated defense system at the Mosul Dam in Iraq.



*Courtesy photo by U.S. Army*

The history of Italy and the 10th Mountain Division have been intertwined since the first 10th Mountain Soldiers set foot in the country in WWII. Today, Italian soldiers wear the 10th Mountain patch in Iraq, as part of the joint force.





# SOLDIER HIGHLIGHTS



*U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Keegan Costello*

Spc. Naomi Sautia-Pomele, 543 Composite Supply Company, 58th CSSB, was recognized by Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper during the Women's History Month Observance on Fort Drum, N.Y. SPC Pomele was one of five female Soldiers in the Army selected by Army Community Outreach for her dedication to duty and the qualities she exhibits on a daily basis.



*Courtesy photo by U.S. Army*

Soldiers from the Fort Drum Culinary Arts Team demonstrated a high degree of skill and professionalism to earn 21 medals at the 43rd Joint Culinary Training Exercise at Fort Lee, Va.



Brig. Gen. Milford Beagle recognized Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team and 10th Sustainment Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI) with awards for sustainment excellence. Great demonstrations of professionalism in logistics from great Soldiers.





# WELCOME HOME CEREMONIES



*U.S. Army photos by Staff Sgt. James Avery*

1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, redeployed from Djibouti, Africa where they served as the Eastern African Response Force in support of U.S. Army Africa.



C Co. 1-87 Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) redeployed from Cameroon, Africa.



*U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jerod Hathaway*

On a rare day of warmth in March, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) conducted sniper training on Fort Drum training areas. They focused on camouflage techniques, dismounted stealth movements, and establishing concealed firing positions while being searched for by observers.



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