



BATTLEZARD

THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH

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10th Combat Aviation Brigade operated a command post at Tahawus Mine, in eastern New York during their Falcon's Peak exercise. They conducted tactical ground and aerial operations from Vermont all the way back to Fort Drum over an arduous two week training exercise in difficult North Country weather, building experience and proving themselves 'Ready Now.'



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Thomas Scaggs

OUR LEGACY



Does this Distinguished Unit Insignia seem familiar?

The bayonet at the center is symbolic of infantry combat service. The mountain shapes recall the letter “M,” alluding to the division’s former designation as “Mountain” troops. Blue and white are the colors associated with Infantry. The powder keg shape is reminiscent of the division’s patch. The edelweiss flower only grows at high altitudes meaning only a mountaineer would be able to pick this flower. During World War II the edelweiss flower was the symbol of the German mountain troops.

This unit insignia was never authorized however, it was worn by members of the 10th Infantry in Germany during the Cold War 1954-1958.



Courtesy photo by CJTF-OIR

Signifying the end of major combat operations against ISIS in Iraq, the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command Headquarters was deactivated by the 10th Mountain Division on April 20, 2018 in Baghdad, Iraq. This command was responsible for Coalition land force operations in support of the Iraqi Security Force (ISF) during the campaign to defeat ISIS in Iraq and liberate more than 4.5 million Iraqis subject to ISIS’s control.

This ceremony transferred command authority to the Combined Task Force- Operation Inherent Resolve, and featured a traditional ‘Casing of the Colors’ ceremony.



U.S. Army photo by Capt. Matt Pargett

10th CAB culminated their Falcon's Peak exercise with an air assault mission onto Sexton Field behind the 10th Mountain Division headquarters. The exercise forced aviators to fly just above the treetops.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Thomas Scaggs

A convoy live fire exercise in Vermont was conducted by the CAB's logisitcs element, testing their ability to sustain logistics over a wide distance and while providing their own security.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Thomas Scaggs

A landowner graciously loaned Tahawus Mine to the division to use as a command post. This allowed Soldiers to operate in new environments, and tested their abilities to overcome unforeseen obstacles.



1-32 Infantry Soldiers in Djibouti, Africa pose with Col. Shane Morgan, 1BCT Commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Franklin, 1BCT Senior Enlisted Advisor, during a battlefield circulation visit. Soldiers are serving as the East Africa Response Force in the region, supporting CJTF-Horn of Africa.



1BCT hosted the Ugandan People's Defense Force (UPDF) for a two-week exchange where they shared how the U.S. Army trains in the heat and the cold of snow. Brig. Gen. Patrick Donahoe, Deputy Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division, greeted the UPDF officers at 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment to welcome our African partners to Fort Drum, N.Y.



Soldiers from 1-32 Infantry, who are supporting U.S. Africa Command Regionally Aligned Forces mission in Vicenza, Italy, climbed Mount Belvedere and viewed Riva Ridge in the distance. The Soldiers visited the 10th Mountain Division memorial and enjoyed the invaluable opportunity to walk the same ground as the first 10th Mountain Soldiers during World War II.

Courtesy photo by 1BCT



Courtesy photo by 2BCT

2nd Brigade Soldiers conducted training on their concealment proficiency and constructing gillie suits. Their 'King of the Catamounts' event challenged Soldiers on their physical fitness and essential Army skills to include a buddy-drag and verifying proficiency on cliffside rappelling.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jonathan Pietrantonio

3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain “Patriots” commander Col. Brian Sullivan talked with Soldiers about the mission in Iraq and the importance of staying motivated in a combat zone. Members of Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve offer support to the Iraqi security forces which includes training and building ethical partnerships.



Courtesy photo by 3BCT

3BCT continued to advise and assist our partners in Iraq, and led individual movement drills in a simulated room clearing exercise while on deployment.



Spouses prepared gift bags for Soldiers redeploying from Iraq.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class James Tapin

10th Sustainment Brigade kicked off their celebration of the Month of the Military Child with a morning family run. Following the fun they brought the children of Soldiers into work and showed them how their parents spend their days in the Army. Children were able to explore vehicles, play games, and enjoy the day with their parents. Great work, Muleskinners!



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Liane Hatch

Explosive Ordnance Disposal techs from 754th Ordnance Company trained on the M107A .50 Cal Sniper Rifle. EOD uses this weapon as a tool for conducting surface munitions destruction from a safe distance.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class James Tapin

10th Sustainment Brigade conducted land navigation on Fort Drum, N.Y. to maintain proficiency on an essential Army skill set.



Courtesy photo by 86th BCT

86th Infantry Brigade conducted their planning phase and rehearsal on concept drills in preparation for their upcoming brigade field training exercise at Fort Drum, N.Y. this summer, before going to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, LA this summer.



Mountain Soldiers from 572 Brigade Engineer Battalion conducted engineer training in Jericho, Vermont. The Soldiers were preparing for the brigade field training exercise this summer at Fort Drum, N.Y. We're looking forward to observing your training, Mountain Soldiers.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Horace Murray

The 10th Mountain Division Band played at a dinner for the Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program in Baghdad, Iraq, March 31, 2018. It takes time and investment to ensure regional and global stability, and this is done through enhancing partner capacity.



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Keegan Costello

The 10th Mountain Division provided the venue for the Watertown area 'Business After Hours' event April 19, 2018, and an opportunity for people to 'Meet the Mountain.' Local representatives, business owners and residents were encouraged to engage with Soldiers and learn about the various pieces of equipment on display by picking up and trying equipment on, and climbing into vehicles.



3BCT WELCOME HOME CEREMONY



Courtesy photos by Fort Polk Visual Information



Families welcomed their 3BCT Soldiers back to Fort Polk, LA after their very successful deployment to Iraq. Glad to have you all back, and job well done!



SOLDIER HIGHLIGHTS



10th Mountain Division supported three teams for the Best Ranger Competition 2018, with Team 11's 1st Lt. Matthew Slocum and Spc. Jesus Delgado coming in 13th place overall. The Best Ranger Competition is an arduous, multiple-day event that challenges Soldiers in grueling training lanes. Events range from running, swimming, foot marches, night orienteering, helocast and buddy run while forcing Soldiers to compete on minimal food and sleep to simulate difficult combat conditions. Congratulations to our three teams, and job well done, Rangers.



10th Mountain Division has some real talent when it comes to combatives. Here Soldiers from across the division represent the 10th Mountain in the All Army Combatives Championship. The Soldiers without shoulder patches 'sterilized' their uniforms for safety during their training. Looking tough Soldiers!



SOLDIER HIGHLIGHTS



Courtesy photos by 1BCT



Courtesy photos by 2BCT



Courtesy photos by 2BCT

The Best Sapper competition is a three day challenge open to Army engineers. The competition's concept is to not only determine the next "Best Sapper" team, but to challenge and test the service members' knowledge, physical prowess and mental fortitude.

(Top Photo) 1BCT supported two Sapper teams at this year's Best Sapper Competition at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Always a challenging competition, these teams demonstrated the best of their corps. Job well done, Sappers! (Bottom Photo's) 2BCT supported two teams for the Best Sapper Competition this year as well. These teams faced challenges on mobility, counter mobility, and survivability, and these Soldiers met the challenges. Great training, and great work, Engineers!



RECOGNIZING SERVICE



Courtesy photos by Visual Information

Volunteers across Fort Drum, N.Y. were honored this month for their hours of hard work in the community. The Volunteer of the Year was Guadalupe Moreno, who was recognized for her care and dedication by Brig. Gen. Patrick Donahoe, the division's deputy commanding general, at the Commons. We thank all our volunteers, and will continue to recognize their efforts in this great community.

(Pictured left to right: Col. Dean Harrison, Cynthia Piatt, Guadalupe Moreno, Brig. Gen. Patrick Donahoe)

Thomas Carman, president and chief executive officer of Samaritan Medical Center (center), was named Man of the Mountain, an honor that was established in 2003 to recognize local civilians who provide significant contributions to the quality of life for Fort Drum Soldiers and Families.



Courtesy photos by Visual Information



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Since 2017, Fort Drum volunteers recorded 88,236 hours of service into the volunteer management information system, at an estimated value of more than \$2.1 million. There are many programs in the Army that operate solely on the service of volunteers. These programs provide services to soldiers, family members and those within the community allowing for increased quality of life.



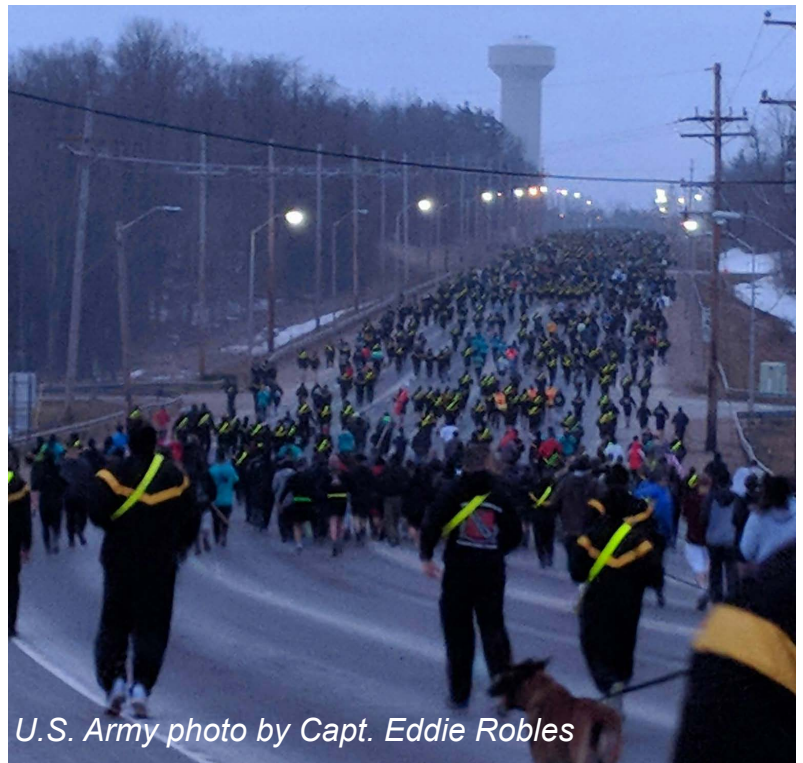
MOUNTAIN WELLNESS



Col. Scott Himes, 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander, talked with his Soldiers and Commandos about the importance of the Army's SHARP program before leading them on their 5K SHARP Teal Run.

Courtesy photo by 2BCT

Thousands of Soldiers, Family Members and pets, participated in the Mountain Wellness 5k Fun Run at Fort Drum, N.Y. to raise awareness and reinforce the commitment to eliminate sexual, child and substance abuse. Col. Scott Morgan, commander, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, served as the keynote speaker.



U.S. Army photo by Capt. Eddie Robles



10th Sustainment Brigade supported the Mountain Wellness campaign by hosting Soldier a 'Not in my Squad' event. Soldiers prepared skits, essays and poetry to express their feelings and highlight the great work and mission of the SHARP program.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Liane Hatch






SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Here are some social media sites that will help you stay current with events and activities that happen in between issues of the Blizzard.

Units

10th Mountain Division

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNDIV/>
-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/10MTNDIV>
-  Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/people/drum10thmountain/>



1st Brigade Combat Team

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/1BCT10MTN/>
-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/1BCT10MTN>

2nd Brigade Combat Team

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2BCT10thMTN/>
-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/2BCT10thMtnDiv>



3rd Brigade Combat Team

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNPatriots/>
-  Twitter: https://twitter.com/3_10MTNPatriots

10th Combat Aviation Brigade

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thCAB/>
-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/10thCAB>

10th Sustainment Brigade




-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMountainDivisionSustainmentBrigade/>
-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/10thSBDE>

86th Infantry Brigade

-  <https://www.facebook.com/86th-Infantry-Brigade-Combat-Team-Mountain>

Installation

Fort Drum

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/drum.10thmountain/>
-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/drum10thmtn>
-  Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/people/drum10thmountain/>

Fort Drum Museum

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FortDrumMuseum/>

Fort Drum FMWR

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DrumFMWR/>

Fort Drum BOSS

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bossfortdrum/>



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

READY NOW, RELEVANT TOMORROW

