



THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH

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This month the 10th Mountain Division reflects and remembers Maj. Gen. Jeffrey L. Bannister, our previous division commander and Mountain 6. We dedicate this issue to his legacy, his love of the Army and his impact on the 10th Mountain Division.





# OUR LEGACY

## MAJ GEN JEFFREY BANNISTER

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey L. Bannister, the previous 10th Mountain Division Commander, Soldier and Friend of the North Country passed away over Memorial Day weekend. The Army community mourns his loss, as we mourn the passing of all Soldiers.

Maj. Gen. Bannister gave 37 years of his life in service to the United States Army, and to his country. Maj. Gen. Walter Piatt, sharing his thoughts on the loss of his friend and great Army leader said, "Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Bannister was a legendary Soldier and good man who dedicated his life to his family and his country." Maj. Gen. Piatt received command of 10th Mountain Division from Maj. Gen. Bannister in 2017.

As we reflect and remember our service with this man, we look upon his long career in the Army and recognize the impact that his presence and guidance had upon this division. We thank you Sir for your service, and we thank you for your leadership as Mountain 6.

Climb to Glory!





# REMEMBERING MAJ GEN JEFFREY BANNISTER



Maj. Gen. Jeffrey L. Bannister, a man close to the hearts of those who have worn a 10th Mountain Division patch on their sleeve, is remembered by more than the Soldiers of this division. His professional life is a collection of accomplishments and victories over obstacles, and Soldiers across this service are better for his leadership.

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey L. Bannister, was assigned to U.S. Army Central as a Special Projects Officer for the Chief of Staff of the Army. Prior to his assignment there, Maj. Gen. Bannister served as the 10th Mountain Division (LI) commander for 26 months, as Mountain 6. His service in the 10th Mountain Division was not limited to his time as the Commanding General. He had also previously served as the division's Deputy Commanding General. Throughout his career, he deployed in support of Operation Uphold Democracy (Haiti), Operation Joint Guardian (Balkans), Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq), and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). He is survived by his wife, Trese, and his daughter, Lindsey. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Badge and the Pathfinder Badge.







Our 2nd Brigade Combat Team conducted their [change of command](#) between the outgoing Col. Scott Himes and the incoming Col. Paul Larson, May 10, 2018. Such transitions can be bittersweet for many across the formation, but we fondly farewell Col. Scott Himes and welcome the new Commando 6 to the team. Welcome aboard Sir!



2nd Brigade Soldiers were called to conduct a Sea Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise (SE-DRE). As part of this exercise, 2nd Brigade planned to deliberately mobilize its Soldiers and equipment for transportation by rail and sea, before receiving their equipment at Fort Polk, LA, for their rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center.





10th Combat Aviation Brigade teamed up with the Fort Drum Cultural Resources Department and Fort Drum Boy Scouts Troop 26 to prepare a local cemetery for Memorial Day. Debris were cleared from the grounds, weathered tombstones were washed and fresh flags planted at the Sheepfold Cemetery.



Beginning with a brigade run, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade kicked off their inaugural Falcon Challenge. This rigorous series of tests included many stations for teams from across the brigade to compete in. Stations included vehicle Preventative Maintenance Checks and Service's (PMCS), weapons maintenance, a medical lane, rappel tower, division history, CBRN, communications, and land navigation.





U.S. Army photo courtesy of AFRICOM

3-71 conducted Advanced Infantry Training with the Senegalese Armed Forces in support of U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) 14 May 2018.



1-32 Soldiers in Malawi, conducted a Combat Life-saver course for Malawi Defense Forces in support of U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) on 16 May,



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Keagan Costello

While supporting the deployment of their sister brigade for their SEDRE exercise, 1st Brigade Combat Team successfully completed a Fire Support Coordination Exercise (FSCX) where infantry and artillery units demonstrated their abilities to properly plan, synchronize and execute indirect and aerial fires in close proximity to support maneuver forces. Infantry units trained on ground maneuvers with artillery support, providing an outstanding opportunity for these Soldiers to understand the skills and coordination required to operate as part of a combined arms training event.





U.S. Army photo by Maj. Oliver Schuster

3rd Brigade Combat Team Soldiers during their re-deployment back to Fort Polk, LA, after supporting Operation Inherent Resolve over the last nine months. We are proud of the hard work and missions you have accomplished Patriot Brigade!



Brig. Gen. Patrick D. Frank and Col. Jose Rivera greet Soldiers on the flight line as they redeploy from Operation Inherent Resolve.



Spouses, Families and Friends of Patriot Brigade Soldiers were overjoyed to welcome their Soldiers home.





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

Logistics never stops. 10th Sustainment Brigade was a constant force of support to the Commando Brigade during their SEDRE to Fort Polk, LA. Providing sustainment from mechanics, materials, convoy expertise and teams of knowledgeable Soldiers, the SEDRE was a sure success with the assistance of the Muleskinners Brigade supporting.



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

10th Sustainment Brigade Soldiers worked long days and weekends to [ensure that the trains left on time](#) with 2nd Brigade's equipment. Short notice orders test and develop unit's and Soldier's abilities to overcome obstacles and meet objectives.



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

Muleskinners Soldiers helped load equipment at the Port of Philadelphia, as part of the SEDRE. The mission doesn't stop just because our equipment has left Fort Drum. Next stop, Port Arthur, Texas.





*U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Avery Cunningham*

Spc. Michael Kerr, sniper, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team - Mountain, Vermont National Guard, cycles the bolt on an M2010 enhanced sniper rifle at Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, Jericho, VT, May 9, 2018.



*U.S. Army National Guard photo by 86th Infantry*

Soldiers of C Battery were honored to fire a 21 gun salute for the Vietnam Veterans aboard the USS Constitution in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War at Castle Island, MA.





# LIGHT FIGHTERS SCHOOL -AIR ASSAULT COURSE-



The 10th Mountain Division Light Fighters School gives Soldiers the opportunity to attend Army courses without having to travel to other installations. One of the courses they conducted this month was Air Assault. The photos here feature Soldiers on their 'zero day,' where instructors test the will power and mental fortitude of candidates before continuing into technical sling load training and a series of arduous ruck marches. [AIR ASSAULT](#) candidates!



*U.S. Army photos by Sgt. Keagan Costello*



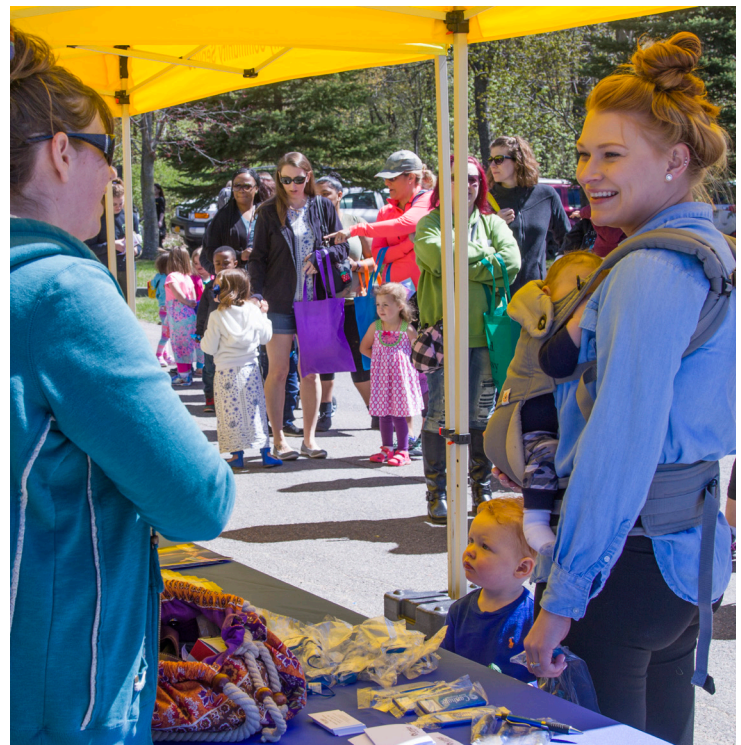




# SPOUSE APPRECIATION PICNIC



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



Fort Drum hosted the [Military Spouse Appreciation Picnic](#) in Remington Park 11 May 2018. Families, Spouses, and kids enjoyed the beautiful spring weather and food. Activities included a bounce house, climbing wall and music.





# NCO & SOLDIER OF THE YEAR



Above: 10th Mountain Division Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Staff Sgt. Cain Pavlak (Left), a cavalry scout for 2nd Brigade Combat Team, and the 10th Mountain Division Soldier of the Year, Spc. Michael Lima (Right), an infantryman for 1st Brigade Combat Team, pose for a photo 10 May 2018, at Fort Drum, New York.

Below: The competition had multiple challenges to include a medical evacuation lane.







# HONORING MEMORIAL DAY



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

With already close ties to the region that many Fort Drum Soldiers call home, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade and the local Boy Scout Troop came together to honor those buried on Fort Drum. Cleaning worn grave-stones, tidying installation cemeteries and laying flags on graves, the Soldiers and Scouts honored the memory of these North Country hero's.



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

This [Memorial Day](#) Soldiers across 10th Mountain Division took time to remember those who came before them by placing the American flag at veteran graves in 13 cemeteries. Brig. Gen. Donahoe shared the history and sacrifice of the Randall family while Soldiers listened, reminding them of why we remember our Fallen.





# BRIG GEN MILFORD BEAGLE MOUNTAIN SALUTE



The 10th Mountain Division paid tribute to Brig. Gen. Milford Beagle with a [Mountain Salute](#) 14 May 2018 before he prepared to move to his next assignment as the Commanding General of the United States Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, SC. Best of luck at your next assignment and Climb To Glory Sir!





# 2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM CHANGES OF COMMAND

2-87 INF



210 BSB



Changes of command were not limited to the brigade level this month. Numerous battalion and squadron level units said goodbye to, and welcomed new commanders across the Commando formation. We look forward to growing the 10th Mountain Team with these new commanders through this summer's Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise, a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and beyond. Farewell, and welcome Commando Brigade Commanders!

2-14 INF



2-15 FA



4-31 INF



41 BEB



1-89 CAV



U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Paige Behringer





# PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



“Unite our vision by working together” was the theme that Cpl. Naomi Sautia-Pomele, a native of American Samoa shared during her presentation at the Asian American and [Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#) Observance, May 16. Attendees were treated to cultural music and dancing performed by the Mabuhay Filipino-American Club of Northern New York and the Toa o Somoa dance group, which is comprised of 10th Mountain Division (LI) Soldiers and Family members.

*U.S. Army photo by Michael Strasser*








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### 1st Brigade Combat Team

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-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/2BCT10thMtnDiv>


### 3rd Brigade Combat Team

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNPatriots/>
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Pictured left to right: Trese Bannister, Lindsey Bannister, Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Bannister, General Robert Abrams

To the former Mountain 6, farewell. Thank you for your life of Army service and for sharing your leadership with this division. We are better for it. From across the 10th Mountain Division, and from across the U.S. Army, goodbye Sir.

Climb to Glory.



***READY NOW, RELEVANT TOMORROW***