



THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH

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10th Mountain Division's  
1st Brigade Combat Team  
conducts movement amidst  
a polar vortex.







# OUR LEGACY



The World War II-era U.S. flag belonging to 10th Mountain Division Artillery has not been displayed at its headquarters since the unit deactivated in 2004. Now, the colors are back home at Fort Drum. During the DIVARTY WWII Colors ceremony Jan. 22 at the Commons, retired Maj. Chuck Thompson, former DIVARTY personnel officer, returned the flag back to his unit and explained how it came into his possession. Thompson recalled that, once deactivated, everything related to DIVARTY was quickly packed and moved out of the headquarters so that the newly activated 3rd Brigade Combat Team could move into the building. He was designated as administrative commander, and he said that most of the unit's symbolic items were shipped to the Institute of Heraldry. However, the flag was returned to him.







# RAIL-LOAD OPERATIONS



The 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, launched their Rail Load Operations in preparation for their deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Jan. 22. Weather conditions played a major role throughout the mission. The unit fought through a historic polar vortex where wind chills reached -30 degrees, intermittent white-out conditions affected visibility, and constant ice made roads treacherous. Over the years, 10th Mountain Division has been striving to improve the aging railhead to remain relevant for future operations and ensure the unit is ready to deploy at a moment's notice.









## D-SERIES



The 10th Mountain Division conducted its annual D-Series Mountain Winter Challenge on Fort Drum, New York, Jan. 24.



(left) Soldiers from 10th Mountain Division drag a simulated casualty during the D-Series.

(below) D-Series Mountain Winter Challenge winners 1st Lt. Dow (3rd from left) and 1st Lt. Hoffman (4th from left) 1st Brigade Combat Team pose for a photo during an awards ceremony.







A Soldier from 1st Brigade Combat Team fires his light machine gun during a qualification range on Fort Drum, New York, Jan. 9.

1st Brigade Combat Team welcomed incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Cesar Sanchez into the 3-71 Cavalry family during an Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony at Magrath Sports Complex on Jan. 15.



A Soldier from 1st Brigade Combat Team uses a blowtorch to melt heavy ice off tie-down chains to prepare for rail-load operations ahead of their scheduled rotation to JRTC.







(above) Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team pull security after being dropped off by air support during a training exercise in Kosovo.

(left) Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team conduct riot control training in Kosovo as part of the KFOR mission.



Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team fire artillery as part of a training exercise on Fort Drum, New York.





Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team conducted a live-fire training exercise with 2nd Security Forces Assistance Brigade Soldiers at Peason Ridge training area, Louisiana, during the month of January.







A pilot from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade participates in training at the High-Altitude Aviation Training Site in Colorado. This training assists pilots in learning about power management, recognizing hazardous situations, and the limits of their aircraft high up in the mountains.

10th Combat Aviation Brigade took on Operation Emerald Warrior in Florida alongside the Navy and Air Force. The training focused on counter-insurgency using aircraft and personnel across the military.



Soldiers from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade conducted Sling Load Resupply training and validation Dec 13. As a mission essential task, sling loads deliver, on order, ammunition, equipment, vehicles, food, and water.





Soldiers from 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade prepare to board a bus at 548th CSSB headquarters prior to their deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

(right) Soldiers from 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade fire their weapons during a qualification range.

(below) A company from 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade case their colors in preparation for their deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.







# DIVARTY CHANGE OF COMMAND



The 10th Mountain Division bid farewell to the outgoing 10th Mountain Division Artillery Commander Col. Thomas Hawn (top) and welcomes the incoming commander, Col. Jason Williams (below) on 12 Dec.







# COL BAJAKIAN PROMOTION



Col. Todd Bajakian, the 10th Mountain Division Inspector General, was promoted to colonel during a ceremony at LeRay Mansion on Jan. 4.

## CULINARY TRYOUTS

Culinary specialists from across the 10th Mountain Division demonstrated their skills during tryouts for the Fort Drum Culinary Arts Team on Dec. 13-14.










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-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/1BCT10MTN/>
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-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2BCT10thMTN/>
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### 3rd Brigade Combat Team

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNPatriots/>
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Soldiers from 1st  
Brigade Combat  
Team make the final  
adjustments on their  
equipment before its  
departure for Fort Polk,  
Louisiana.



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