



THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH

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Combat Team move tactically
after dismounting a helicopter
during their rotation to the Joint
Readiness Training Center in
Fort Polk, Louisiana.**





OUR LEGACY



In early March 2002, the 10th Mountain Division spearheaded Operation Anaconda. At the time, it was the largest combat operation in Afghanistan. 10th Mountain Division's mission was to clear the Shah-i-Khot Valley. Over 2,000 coalition troops, including 900 Americans, 200 Special Forces and other troops as well as 200 special operations troops from the coalition participated in the operation.





Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team recently spent a month at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana. The Soldiers trained on a myriad of tasks while fighting a JRTC opposing force. Most of the brigade returned home from their rotation at the end of February.



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Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team fire a mortar while deployed to southern Afghanistan. The Soldiers are providing forward security to an expeditionary advising mission during their tour.



Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team stand guard and scan the horizon while deployed to southern Afghanistan.



Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team fire off an artillery round while on a training exercise on Fort Drum during one of the heaviest snowstorms of 2019.



A Soldier from 10th Mountain Division participates in the pre-ranger course in Fort Benning, Georgia. Over 40 Soldiers began the course, but only 15 qualified to attend Ranger School.

A Soldier from 3rd Brigade Combat Team endures exercise, exhaustion and being sprayed with water during the pre-ranger course at Fort Benning, Georgia.



3rd Brigade Combat Team successfully loaded 7 vehicles onto 3 different C-130J Super Hercules planes during Air Land Operations on Feb. 9 at Polk Army Airfield, Louisiana. It was a joint effort between the 383rd Movement Control Team, 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment, the U.S. Air Force, the Canadian Air Force, and 3rd BCT.



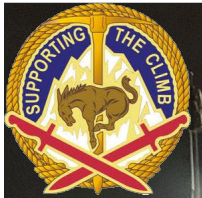
Soldiers from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade carry a simulated casualty during a unit exercise.



Soldiers from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade wait to board their flight to Iraq in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve.



A Soldier from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade guides a helicopter during a survival and recovery exercise to test their evasion and personnel recovery techniques.



Soldiers from 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade walk across a muddy field during a rotation to the Joint Readiness Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana.



Soldiers from 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade lay concertina wire around their perimeter during a rotation to the Joint Readiness Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana.



A Soldier from 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade takes up a defensive position during his rotation to the Joint Readiness Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana.



Soldiers from the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team represented 10th Mountain Division and the U.S. in the largest international military mountaineering competition in the world: The Edelweiss Raid in Tirol, Austria. The 86th IBCT team finished 13th out of 23 teams on their first attempt at the competition. It was a two-day race that tested the skills of Soldiers from Austria, Germany, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Russia, Italy, France, and the U.S.





HOUSING TOWN HALL



Fort Drum leadership hosted a town hall in March to discuss on-post housing issues with Soldiers and spouses. This town hall, and the subsequent walkthrough of homes on Fort Drum, was part of an extensive survey of Army family housing to identify and remediate any life, health and safety concerns.



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SPC ALCOSER AND ALEX



Soldiers from the 91st Military Police Battalion welcomed home two of their own. Spc. Alec Alcoser and his military working dog Alex were met with cheers and applause Feb. 12 at Fort Drum.

Alcoser and Alex were assigned to 8th Military Police Detachment, 91st MP Battalion, 16th MP Brigade, when they deployed to Afghanistan. They were severely injured in a suicide bombing last August during a foot patrol outside Bagram Airfield.





AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

The Fort Drum community welcomed Dr. Ty Stone, president of Jefferson Community College, as the guest speaker for the annual African American/Black History Month observance Feb. 20 at the Commons.



(above) A performance from the Jefferson Community College Choir was among the highlights of the annual African American/Black History Month observance

Lt. Col. Eric Harrelson and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Fisher, 10th Mountain Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion command team, present Dr. Ty Stone with a token of appreciation for her contribution to the day's event.

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DIVARTY TRAINING



Soldiers from 5-25 Field Artillery, 10th Mountain Division Artillery fire off an artillery cannon as part of their battalion certification exercise.

FORT DRUM RECOGNIZES CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Fort Drum community members gathered Jan. 24 to recognize the accomplishments of civilian employees across the installation for the first quarter of fiscal year 2019 as well as the 2018 Outstanding Civilian of the Year recipients.



SFL-TAP JOB FAIR



The Fort Drum Soldier For Life - Transition Assistance Program hosted their quarterly career fair for Soldiers, veterans, retirees and family members Feb. 7.



SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNDIV/>
-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/10MTNDIV>
-  Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fd10thmtn/>

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>

10th Mountain Division Artillery

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNDIVARTY/>

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-  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

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