



The Mountain Warrior

Quarterly Newsletter



1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI)

Highlights from 1st Quarter, FY2019

"Find a way or make one!"

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1BCT TRAINS HARD TO BE READY AND LETHAL!



An AG (Assistant Gunner) helps feed ammo into his Gunner's M240B machine gun from a position held by 2-22 IN, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division during our CALFEX, Fort Drum, N.Y., Oct 19, 2018.

With winter in full swing here in the North Country, our 1BCT Soldiers have once again proved why we're #MountainTough! Photos from left are CSM Wendell Franklin's Change of Responsibility Ceremony, FORSCOM's Marksmanship Competition award ceremony, 3-71 CAV in the Memorial to Monument Run and 3-6 FAR firing their guns in honor of President George H. W. Bush during Mountain Peak 2018.



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COL Shane Morgan
Warrior 6



CSM Tracy Loveall
Warrior 7



LTC Horrigan
Chosin 6



CSM Weaver
Chosin 7



LTC Goettke
Centaur 6



CSM Blackwell
Centaur 7

1-32IN



3-6 FAR



LTC Schneider
Summit 6



CSM Bond
Summit 7



LTC Jones
Hammer 6



1SG CSM Wilson
Hammer 7

1-87IN



7th BEB



LTC Wence
Courage 6



CSM Farlow
Courage 7



LTC Lowell
Ghost 6



CSM Sanchez
Ghost 7

2-22IN



3-71 CAV



LTC Palmore
Sherpa 6



CSM Terrell
Sherpa 7

10th BSB



Fort Drum Salutes President George H.W. Bush

Story by WWNY-TV



Soldiers on Fort Drum performed a 21-gun salute to honor the former President George H.W. Bush on Thursday.

It took place at noon as it traditionally is on the day of a funeral of a president.

"He was the commander-in-chief so I think that's just part of our history, part of tradition. We have to honor those presidents once they pass away so it's a huge honor for our guys to do it," said 1st Sgt Joseph Rapp, Bravo Battery, 3-6 Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

The Soldiers are members of the 3-6 Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, the same battery that performed the 21-gun salute for President Trump when he visited Fort Drum in August.

The command sergeant major says the ceremony was special due to the history of both President Bush and the 10th Mountain Division.

"The late President Bush served in World War II, then of course, our division's history - the 10 Mountain Division's history fighting in Riva Ridge and taking Mount Belvedere in these conditions during World War II so it's a pretty historic event that we get to do this ceremony in the conditions like our division fought with President Bush in World War II," said Command Sergeant Major Russell Blackwell.

Another local connection - Jarrid Rice, a 2016 graduate of South Jefferson High School and a member of the Air Force, flew down to Texas to serve on the guard of honor for President Bush. He stood guard over Bush's casket Wednesday night at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston. He says it was nerve-wracking and intense.

"A couple of times I did think I'm standing there right next to his casket. This is the 41st President, so I was a little nervous but then I just regained the focus and remembered why I was there and what I was doing," said Airman 1st Class Rice.

Rice says he arrived to Texas on Sunday and had full dress rehearsals 2 to 3 times a day for 2 to 4 hours, practicing to stand guard over the president's body.

Back here in the north country, his mother, Stacy Spinner, watched on TV and took pictures.

"So proud, so proud, I just can't believe he's actually - this is great for him. It's just amazing," she said.

There was also a salute to the nation ceremony at 5 p.m. on Fort Drum. Soldiers fired off 50 shots - one for each state. It is also traditionally performed at the close of day on the day of a president's funeral.



1BCT Tests New Robotic Technology

Story by WWNY-TV

The prototype transports are the future of Army infantry battalions - a robotic pack-mule that can carry up to 1,000 pounds of grip, lightening the load for small infantry squads.

"These guys go through pretty rough terrain, all weather conditions," said 1st Lt. Diego Alonso, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

There are four different models being tested. The 10th Mountain Division is the first to try them out in a combat situation.

The 1st Brigade Combat Team is in the middle of Mountain Peak, the installation's largest training exercise of the year.

With a fully simulated war zone, what better time to see how these new machines hold up? They carry ruck sacks, extra fuel tanks and even help save wounded soldiers.

"It's a huge upgrade for the dismounted reconnaissance troop. I picked up five casualties in one night at different locations with this vehicle that I wouldn't have been able to do. I'd have been able to make it to maybe two," said 1st Sgt. Joshua Richards, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

The transports can be controlled by remote; some of the models from more than a mile away.

One model is particularly stealthy, no louder than a golf cart.

Soldiers will continue testing the prototypes into the summer.

The Army will use feedback from Fort Drum and Fort Campbell in Kentucky to make improvements and pick out the models it wants to start using.

"The decisions they make impact the Army of the future for a long time, so it's outstanding to have this unit out here that's really motivated and doing great stuff for us," said Lt. Col. Jon Bodenhammer, who's overseeing vehicle testing. The final products will roll out in early 2020.



Soldiers Give Stockings to Students

Story by WWNY-TV

THERESA — Students of Theresa Primary School received a special surprise at the end of their school day on Wednesday.

Several Fort Drum Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment handed out stockings filled with various community-donated items to each student.

Each stocking was piled high with goodies ranging from recorders and dolls to foam footballs and building blocks.

The Soldiers also brought two boxes that now sit in front of the main office, filled with donated hats, scarves, gloves and socks for any children who need the items to take.

The school has 10 classes with 190 students from kindergarten to third grade.

As the Soldiers entered the classrooms with boxes full of stockings, the students couldn't contain their excitement. Louis West of Mrs. Dwyer's second grade classroom said as he emptied his stocking, “This is the best day ever!”

Russell R. Blackwell, the battalion's command sergeant major, said Fort Drum is unique because it is required to partner with the surrounding communities.

For his battalion, troops were assigned outreach with Theresa, and figured they would reach out to the school because it affects a majority of the community.

“It helps build trust between us and the community and us and the child,” Command Sgt. Maj. Blackwell said. “It shows the children that we are here and we care.”



Sherlock in Fatigues

Story by Pete Croatto, Monmouth University Magazine



In the early morning hours of October 23, 1917, the American Expeditionary Force in Bathelémont, France, fired into the German lines—the first round fired by the U.S. against the Imperial German Army during World War I

Spc. Thomas Minton, Monmouth Class of 2006, knows the details of the event well. How the Soldiers of C Battery, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, dragged a 3,400-pound gun up a muddy hill outside of town in pitch darkness. How they wore gas masks because of lingering fumes from German mustard gas. How they fired that first shot at precisely 6:05:10 a.m.

But facts alone weren't sufficient. Minton wanted to track down the gun and shell casing used that fateful morning and reunite them.

“My passion in life is preserving the legacy of the American Soldier for future generations, and making sure that nobody forgets about him,” says Minton, a regimental historian for the 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in Fort Drum, New York. “By the grace of God, I found myself at the right time, at the right place, to tell the Army story and to help make Army history.”

Minton began planning the 3-6 FAR's celebration of the shot's centennial in May 2016, giving him ample time to play Sherlock in fatigues. He knew the shell casing from that first shot had been sent to then President Woodrow Wilson.

But where was it now?

Minton, a field artillery fire control specialist, whose myriad duties also include serving as his unit's public affairs representative, social media administrator, and photographer, started following up on possible leads during his free time.

One was the Woodrow Wilson House in Washington, D.C. As it turned out, the shell casing had sat on the president's bedroom mantel since 1921.

Minton can close his eyes and relive the day in October 2016 when he traveled to D.C. to collect the casing. Over 100 years old, it had been prepared for travel and was enclosed in a box and sheathed in acid-free paper and bubble wrap. Minton donned a pair of white archivists' gloves and unwrapped it.

“I'm holding the United States Army's Field Artillery equivalent of the Holy Grail,” he thought. The gravity of that thought carried over to his rental car, where he cautiously buckled the box into the passenger-side seat before “very carefully” driving back to Fort Drum.

Last fall, when 3-6 FAR held a ceremony marking the centennial of that first shot being fired, the casing was on display for all to see thanks to Minton and his efforts. Unfortunately, the gun that had fired the shot was not.

Minton had been searching for the M1897 75mm howitzer all along as well, but it wasn't until just before the centennial that he found it. As it turned out, the massive weapon was hiding almost in plain sight less than a five-hour drive away.

The West Point Museum had kept it since the summer of 1918—a minor miracle considering that many antique weapons were sacrificed for scrap drives during World War II, says Minton.

Earlier this year, Minton and his wife, Kimberly, drove the shell casing back to Washington, D.C., detouring through West Point, where eager museum staffers assembled. The shell casing and the gun were reunited for the first time since 1917.

“My hair stands up just thinking about it,” says Minton.

By Pete Croatto, Monmouth University Magazine

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1BCT MOUNTAIN PEAK 2018



PFC Sowers, 1BCT, works to establish Task Force Warrior's online connectivity during the Brigade's MOUNTAIN PEAK exercise at Fort Drum, Nov 28, 2018.



Soldiers with 3-6 FAR harness a M119 105MM Howitzer to a CH-47 Chinook during Mountain Peak training, Nov 29, 2018, Fort Drum, N.Y.



Staff Sgt. Lopez, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division works under tactical lighting to help provide electrical power to support the MOUNTAIN PEAK training at Fort Drum, Nov 28, 2018.



Soldiers with 1-32 IN conduct a night raid during 1BCT's Mountain Peak, Nov 27, 2018.

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1BCT CALFEX, OCTOBER 2018



Soldiers with 2nd BN 22nd IN prepare to run through the breach to assault a simulated village during CALFEX (Combined Arms Live-Fire Exercise), Fort Drum, N.Y., Oct 13, 2018



A concertina wire obstacle is breached with an explosive charge laid by Soldiers with 7th BEB during CALFEX, Fort Drum, N.Y., Oct 13, 2018.



Soldiers with 1-32 IN prepare to bound towards their objective during their live-fire exercise, Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov 4, 2018.



A fire team with 1-87 IN sprints across the battlefield, with M4s and a Javelin in tow during 1BCT's CALFEX, Oct 13, 2018.



Deeds, Not Words

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2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment “Courage”



Spc. Cody Kennedy(right), with Destroyer Co., 2-22 IN, re-enlisted during our CALFEX! Capt. David Hansen, D Co. Commander, swore Kennedy in after an intense live-fire iteration at Range 44.



Sgt. Sean Broda (right), Pvt. Cindi Wright (center) and Sgt. Shayne Devlin, 2-22IN, speak with Mrs. Ollis-Loschiavo's 4th grade students via Facebook Messenger, Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov 7, 2018.



Brig. Gen Gregory Anderson (left), Deputy Commanding General-Support, Fort Drum shakes hands and delivers his Coin of Excellence to Spc. Mosley of 2-22 IN, after a successful live-fire iteration for our CALFEX, Fort Drum, N.Y. Oct 19, 2018



Soldiers with C Co., 2-22 IN pose for a photo in front of an AH-64 Apache helicopter after a successful run of Range 44 during 1BCT's CALFEX, 19 Oct, 2018.



Against All Odds!

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1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment - “Chosin”



Col. Shane Morgan, 1BCT Commander, greets a 1-32 IN Soldier returning from a 6-month deployment in Djibouti. Col. Morgan was on hand to welcome home Attack Co., 1-32 IN, who served as the East Africa Response Force during our Regionally Aligned Force mission in Africa.



A barricade is breached with the help of 7th BEB during a live night-fire executed by 1-32 IN during CALFEX, Oct 23, 2018.



Lt. Col. Horrigan (back row, center), Commander, 1-32 IN, and CSM Weaver (back row, left), enjoy the winter outdoors with 1-32 IN family members after their 2018 Turkey Bowl flag football game, Nov 21, 2018.



1-32 IN family members get some spirited time behind an M2 .50cal machine gun during 1-32 IN's trunk-or-treat and chili cook-off competition, Oct 27, 2018.



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1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment - “Summit”



Soldiers with 1-87 IN maneuver through the dense Fort Drum forest at Range 44 during 1BCT's CALFEX, 22 Oct, 2018.



First Lt. Ellis, 1-87 IN loads his pistol during the FORSCOM Small Arms Competition at Fort Bragg, N.C., Oct 26, 2018. Ellis was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his first place win with the Army service pistol.



Capt. De Lao, 1-87 IN guards the corner of a hallway in a mock chemical environment during Subterranean Environment Training at the Platoon Level conducted at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CAC-TF), Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov 15, 2018.



Lt. Col. Schneider, Commander, 1-87 IN, enjoys family time with his wife Valerie and their daughter at the Warrior Inn Dining Facility during 1BCT's annual Thanksgiving Meal, Nov. 20, 2018.



In the Shadows

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3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment "Ghost"



Scouts with 3-71 CAV put their skills to the test during our 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division CALFEX. The Scouts of the Ghost Squadron lived up to their name, clearing the way for Infantry units to capitalize on the battlefield information they provide.



10th Mountain Division Soldier of the Year, Sgt. Michael Lima, 3-71 CAV, receives special thanks from CSM (Ret.) Sonny Mitchell, Retirement Service Officer for Fort Drum at the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) National breakfast. Sgt. Lima spoke to attendees about what it means to be a Veteran, Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov 8, 2018.



Heather Colston (center), Bravo Troop, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment "The Ghost Squadron" Co-Family Readiness Group Leader and Damaris Schuler (right), Bravo Troop, 3-71 CAV FRG Treasurer, are recognized as the 3-71 Volunteers of the Month by Lt. Col. Lowell, 3-71 CAV Commander, Oct. 18, 2018.



Pfc. Hall, 3-71 CAV fires his M249 during the FORSCOM Small Arms Competition at Fort Bragg, N.C., Oct 26, 2018. Hall was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his first place win with the M249 machine gun.



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3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment - "Centaur"

Swift and Bold



Mary Jo Richards (left), Regional Director for the Office of U.S. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, awarded Mackenzie Kuder (right), HHC, 3-6 FA Family Readiness Group Leader, a Special Congressional Recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives, acknowledging her accomplishments as a Fort Drum Volunteer of the Month.



Santa Claus visited B Battery, 3-6 FAR this holiday season to give out gifts and hear holiday wishes during Bravo's Holiday Party, Dec 17, 2018.



Sgt. Bowman (left), 3-6 FAR receives a Coin of Excellence from Brig. Gen. Anderson (right), Deputy Commanding General - Support, Fort Drum, for his outstanding leadership during a two-gun raid at Mountain Peak, Nov. 30, 2018.



Staff Sgt. Buc of 3-6 FAR stands with his family after returning home from a 1SFAB deployment to Afghanistan, Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov. 16, 2018.



Fight to Win

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7th Brigade Engineer Battalion “Hammer”



Sgt. Branton, 7th BEB, does a radio check with a radio operator in the United Kingdom using a simple high frequency radio and a power amp during Noble Skywave, an international radio competition, Fort Drum, N.Y., Oct 31, 2018.



SPC Rodriguez, 7th BEB, stands proud after graduating the Army Ranger course and earning his Ranger tab at Fort Benning, Georgia.



First Sgt. Schunemann (left) and First Sgt. Beasley (right), both of 7th BEB, prepare for the annual Memorial to Monument run, October 1, 2018.



7th BEB Soldier, SPC Robichaud, earns the Sword of Honor at her Basic Leader Course graduation, Dec 18, 2018.



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10th Brigade Support Battalion - “Sherpa”



As part of Battlefield Circulation, 1BCT Commander Col. Shane Morgan, and CSM Wendell Franklin spent time visiting with the Sherpa Battalion in the Brigade Support Area, aka BSA, where every sustainment capability was exercised by each of the Companies in a field environment. Pictured here are the Sherpa Command Teams along with four outstanding Soldiers who received special recognition.



Lt. Col. Philbert Palmore (center), 10th BSB Commander, marches with incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Rachel Terrell (right), and outgoing interim CSM, 1st Sgt. Gregory Stepanikiw, during 10th BSB's Change of Responsibility ceremony at Magrath Sports Complex, Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov 20, 2018.



10th BSB culinary arts specialists who created the "Wizard of Oz" themed cake used as the center piece at 1BCT's annual Thanksgiving Meal, stand with Lt. Col. Palmore, Commander, 10th BSB, (left center) and Command Sgt. Maj. Terrell (right center). Culinary specialists from left to right: Spc Mends, Spc Moyer, Spc Saucedo, Spc Ballesteros, Pvt Carlos, PFC Parker, Sgt Cook, and PVT Smith. Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov. 20, 2018.



Incoming 10th BSB Command Sgt. Maj. Rachel Terrell (right), is greeted by outgoing interim CSM, 1st Sgt. Gregory Stepanikiw, during the 10th BSB Change of Responsibility ceremony at Magrath Sports Complex, Fort Drum, N.Y., Nov. 20, 2018.

Chaplain's Corner



Catholic Schedule

Day	Time	Program	Location
Mon-Thur	1215	Mass	Main Post Chapel
Thur	0900	CWOC	Fellowship Room
Wed	1900	Confession	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Sat	1700	Vigil Mass	Main Chapel
Sun	0900	Sunday Mass	Main Chapel
Sun	1030	Religious ED	Various Classrooms



Protestant Schedule

Day	Time	Program	Location
Sun	0900	Trdl Service	Riva Ridge Chapel Chapel
Sun	1100	Chapel Nxt Svc.	Main Post Chapel
Tues	0930	PWOC	Main Post Chapel
Sun	1000	Inspirational Gospel	Po Valley: Family Life Center
Sun	1600	Fort Drum Yth Group	Po Valley: Family Life Center
Mon-Thurs	1900	LDS Studies	Riva Ridge Chapel

Jewish

Friday night Shabbat services

Fridays @ 1800 (6:00 PM) at the Main Post Chapel.

Degel Israel Synagogue

557 Thompson Blvd, Watertown, NY 13601

Phone: (315) 782-2860

Islam

Islamic Center of Northern New York

342 State St, Watertown, NY 13601

Phone: (315) 788-3050

Chaplain's Corner



From the Desk of Chaplain (Captain)

Daniel R. Goulet

7th BEB and Acting 1BCT Chaplain

Catholic Chaplain-Fort Drum

"Fides Quarens intellectum"

"He satisfies you with good things in the prime of life, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." -Psalm 103:5

As the eagle ages in years, its wings grow longer and become heavier, hindering the eagle from flying as high. Therefore, the eagle goes up to the mountain and rubs its wings against the mountain's surface until the feathers fall off. The wings bleed and it is a very painful process for the eagle. However, in order for the eagle to fly high again, it must renew itself and grow new, lighter wings.

In the same way the eagle's wings are made youthful again, we too are renewed by God in this manner. God chastises us and molds us for our own good, so that our youth may be renewed. This is a painful process. The rubbing and bleeding hurts, but it is necessary for us to be renewed so that God can work through us. It is the Spirit of God that allows us to fly high for him.

In our own lives we receive mentoring in the same way. At times, we need to grow and our mentors help us to do this. This is not always easy, especially when we hear something we may not want to hear! However, this is part of growing up. This is a part of leadership development. Leaders are trained to lead and mentor those who are junior to them. Parents, teachers, clergy, and those in the medical and military profession go through this each day. It is a painful process for we are not only mentors, but also mentees. When we do our jobs as mentors and heed the advice of our own mentors, our wings are also renewed and we too soar like eagles.

Pro Deo et Patria!

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Eve Federal Holiday	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 1-87 IN Town Hall Meeting	10 1-87 IN Oxygen Training	11 1-87 IN DONSA 3-6 FAR Town Hall Meeting	12
13	14 Dr. Martin Luther King Luncheon (Commons)	15	16 Dr. Martin Luther King Observance (Commons)	17 Volunteer of the Month (Commons)	18 DONSA (MLK)	19
20	21 Dr. Martin Luther King Federal Holiday DONSA (MLK)	22	23	24 7th BEB Town Hall Meeting 3-71 Hail & Farewell	25 Retirement Ceremony	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Railhead Operations for JRTC

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Super Bowl Sunday	4 DONSA	5 Black History Month Observance (Commons)	6	7	8	9
J R T C Rotation, Fort Polk, La.						
10	11	12	13	14	15 DONSA	16
J R T C Rotation, Fort Polk, La.						
17	18 President's Day Federal Holiday	19 A/1-87 IN Taco Tuesday	20	21 Volunteer of the Month (Commons)	22	23
Local School Winter Break J R T C Rotation, Fort Polk, La.						
24	25	26	27	28		
Redeployment Operations						

MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 1-32 IN Dress Swap	8 3-6 FAR BALL	9
10 Daylight Savings (Spring FWD)	11	12 BDE SCM Women's History Month Observance	13	14	15 BDE Ball	16
17	18 DONSA	19	20 2-22 IN Hail & Farewell	21 Volunteer of the Month	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 1-87 IN Hail & Farewell 7th ENG Hail & Farewell	29	30



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