



THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH

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OUR LEGACY

STAFF SGT. TRAVIS ATKINS

On the morning of June 1, 2007, Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins' squad was conducting route security in Iraq when his team observed two suspected insurgents.

Atkins led his vehicle to the suspected insurgents in an attempt to intercept and search them. One of the insurgents began to resist the search and hand-to-hand combat ensued.

Realizing the insurgent had explosives under his clothes, Atkins fought the insurgent, keeping him from reaching the suicide vest he was wearing.

As the hand-to-hand battle continued, the insurgent was able to reach the suicide vest.



At that point, Atkins wrapped the insurgent up and threw him to the ground, away from his Soldiers who were standing a few feet away and still unaware of the suicide vest.

Realizing the danger, Atkins threw himself on top of the suicide bomber, pinning him to the ground and shielding his Soldiers from the explosion while bearing the brunt of the blast as the bomb detonated.



In this critical and selfless act of valor, which mortally wounded him, Atkins saved the lives of three other Soldiers who were with him.



STAFF SGT. ATKINS MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY



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Atkins' mother and father, Elaine and Jack, were also present at the ceremony.



In honor of Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins being awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery, selfless service and sacrifice, the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, who are currently deployed to Afghanistan, conducted the Staff Sgt. Atkins hero Workout of the Day in his honor.

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1st Brigade Combat Team Soldiers climb over a high wall on Fort Drum during tactical physical training.



More than 100 1st Brigade Combat Team Soldiers arrived at Fort Drum's Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield in the final return flight from the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana.



1st Brigade Combat Team Soldiers were pulling weighted sleds, running with kettlebells and doing deadlifts at Atkins Functional Fitness Facility to prepare for the upcoming change to the Army Physical Fitness Test. The Army Combat Fitness Test is due to replace the APFT by October 2020.



Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team use mortars and AT4s during a training exercise in The Republic of North Macedonia.



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Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team fire a TOW missile during a live-fire training exercise.



Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team hosted Drake Quibodeaux. He is battling terminal brain cancer and Fort Polk granted one of his wishes to be a Soldier for a day.



Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division Artillery prepared for Summit Strike. During the training, DIVARTY Soldiers coached their partners from the 1-101 Field Artillery. DIVARTY Soldiers used artillery cannons during their technical rehearsals to prepare for live-fire exercises.



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Soldiers from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade went down to Fort Bliss, Texas, to conduct their High-Altitude Mountain Environment Training Strategy to prepare for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. The training allows aviators to navigate confidently through mountainous terrain and conduct operations.





Soldiers from 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade conducted railhead operations Mar. 12 on Fort Drum. Soldiers loaded their trucks and equipment in preparation for an upcoming deployment in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

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Soldiers from 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team hosted Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the Army, at the Mountain Warfare School on Camp Ethan Allen training site in Jericho, Vermont, March 16. Esper visited with students currently in both the Basic Military Mountaineering Course and Advanced Military Mountaineering Course.



AIR ASSAULT



10th Mountain Division's Light Fighters School began their first Air Assault course for 2019. Students began with a confidence course at Fort Drum, New York, April 4.



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SQUAD ADVANCED MARKSMANSHIP TRAINER



Soldiers at Fort Drum train using the Army's new Squad Advanced Marksmanship Trainer (SAM-T). Soldiers trained with their assigned weapons. The SAM-T is capable of simulating a multitude of scenarios to include weapons ranges, urban operations, and open field engagements.





91ST MP BOXING



The 91st Military Police Battalion's Boxing Academy concluded April 4 with an exhibition. Boxers were cheered by dozens of their peers during their final evaluations.

SHARP AWARENESS MONTH



April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and nearly 2,000 Soldiers, family members and civilians participated in a 5K run/walk April 1 to kick off the annual campaign.

CANADIAN CADETS VISIT THE 10TH CAB



Cadets from the Canadian Army 709th Toronto Signals Cadet Corps and the 700th Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron visited the 10th Mountain Division on March 11 at Fort Drum to experience a taste of U.S. Army life.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE



Members of the Fort Drum community gathered March 27 at the Commons to celebrate Women's History Month with an observance hosted by the 10th Mountain Division Artillery. As guest speaker, Sgt. Maj. Rebeca Kennedy, 10th Mountain Division G-1 sergeant major, spoke about how women's history is America's history.

3RD BCT SUPPORTS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL'S JROTC



Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team supported the Leesville High School's JROTC drill competition. The competition was comprised of eight schools from Central Louisiana conducting armed and unarmed inspections, exhibition drills, color guard and a modified PT test.



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1st Brigade Combat Team

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/1BCT10MTN/>
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86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team - Mountain

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

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Atkins' son, Trevor Oliver, speaks at the ceremony for his father who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for actions while serving with 10th Mountain Division in Abu Sarnak, Iraq.



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