



BATTLESTAR

THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH

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Soldiers stand holding flags for each of the 56 states and territories during the Salute to the Nation demonstration on Division Hill at Fort Drum, NY, June 21, 2019. The Salute to the Nation spotlighted the history and modern capabilities of the division through a display conducted by Soldiers from across 10th Mountain Division and the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.





OUR LEGACY 76TH DIVISION ANNIVERSARY



Under the command of Maj. Gen. Lloyd E. Jones, the 10th Light Division (Alpine) was constituted on July 10, 1943, and activated on July 15, at Camp Hale, Colorado. After extensive winter and mountain warfare training, the division moved to Camp Swift, Texas, for additional combat training. The 10th Light Division was re-designated the 10th Mountain Division on Nov. 6, 1944 and was deployed to Italy under the command of Maj. Gen. George P. Hays soon thereafter.

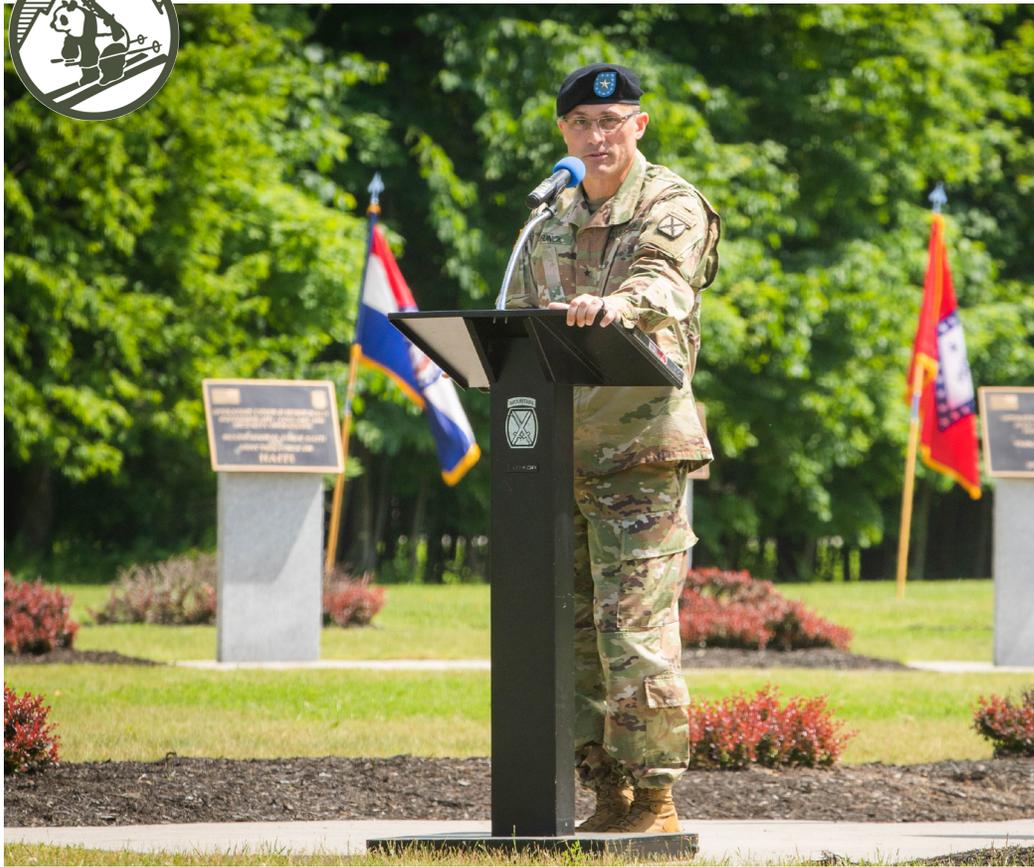
By January 1945, the division was executing combat operations in northern Italy. During these operations, the 10th Mountain Division seized German positions on Riva Ridge and Mount Belvedere, breaking through the German mountain defenses into the Po River Valley and reaching the northern end of Lake Garda by the war's end. On April 14, Pfc. John D. Magrath performed the combat actions that would make him the division's first Soldier to earn the Medal of Honor.

During nearly five months of intense ground combat in Italy, the division was opposed by 100,000 German troops, yet effectively destroyed five German divisions, unhinging the defense in Italy and drawing forces away from other countries. The division sustained nearly 5,000 casualties during World War II, with 999 Soldiers killed in action.

Following the German surrender, the 10th Mountain Division deployed with troops from Yugoslavia to the Italian border near Trieste, in support of Mission UDINE. After redeploying, the division was inactivated on Nov. 30, 1945, at Camp Carson, Colorado.



ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE



(left) Brig. Gen. Brett Funck, the Deputy Commanding General of Operations speaks to an audience of Soldiers, Gold Star Families and friends during the 10th Mountain Annual Remembrance ceremony held at Memorial Park on Fort Drum, NY, June 19, 2019.

(below) Brig. Gen. Brett Funck and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Merritt, a former 10th Mountain Division command sergeant major, salute in remembrance of fallen Soldiers at Memorial Park on Fort Drum, NY, June 19, 2019.



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10TH MOUNTAIN LIVE



(above) Two AH-64 Apache Attack helicopters conduct a simulated aerial clearance during the Salute to the Nation demonstration at Division Hill on Fort Drum, NY, June 21, 2019.



(left) Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team conduct a mounted ground clearance during the Salute to the Nation demonstration at Division Hill on Fort Drum, NY, June 21, 2019.



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team provide ground security while a CH-47F Chinook helicopter transports a 155mm Howitzer artillery cannon to Division Hill during the Salute to the Nation demonstration on Division Hill at Fort Drum, NY, June 21, 2019.



MOUNTAINFEST



A Soldier gives a child an inside look at an AH-64 Apache attack helicopter during Mountainfest at Division Hill on Fort Drum, NY, June 20, 2019.



The band Parmalee performs live for Soldiers, their families and members of the North Country community onstage during Mountainfest at Division Hill on Fort Drum, NY, June 20, 2019.



Members of the Fort Drum community prepare food for Soldiers, families and members of the North Country community during Mountainfest at Division Hill on Fort Drum, NY, June 20, 2019.



(below) Lt. Col. Katresha Bailey, the commander of the 210th Brigade Support Battalion, poses for a photo with a couple volunteers during Mountainfest at Division Hill on Fort Drum, NY, June 20, 2019.



Maj. Gen. Brian Mennes (left), commander of 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum, gives the Warrior Brigade Colors to Col. J.T. Eldridge, the new commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, during his change of command ceremony at Sexton Field, Fort Drum, NY, June 20, 2019.



Soldiers with 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, test their ability to tactically negotiate a water obstacle using ruck sacks and various equipment found organically within a squad-sized element at Remington Pond on Fort Drum, NY, June 20, 2019.



Spc. Scott Myers (bottom left) re-enlists during rock face rappel training on Fort Drum, NY, June 13, 2019. The rock face rappelling was part of the unit's mountainous terrain training. The training also included how to safely conduct a Skedco rescue rappel operation.



Mortarmen from 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment conduct a training fire mission while deployed to Afghanistan, June 18, 2019.



Members of the Soldier and Family Readiness Group for 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team prepare welcome signs and gift bags for Soldiers returning from deployment at Fort Drum, NY, June 18, 2019.



1st Lt. Samuel Mueller (left) and Staff Sgt. Michael Mathews (right), both assigned to 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, pose for a photo in El Paso, Texas, June 21, 2019. Both Soldiers rescued a migrant woman and her child who fell into a canal in El Paso, Texas on June 20, 2019.

The two Soldiers saw a migrant family enter the canal. They observed a woman and her child start to struggle in the water and then submerge completely.

Staff Sgt. Mathews jumped into the water to rescue the woman and her child, while 1st Lt. Mueller used his shirt as a makeshift lifeline until U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents arrived and threw them a rescue line.

“MY TEAM LEADER REACTED DECISIVELY AND WITHOUT HESITATION,” SAID MUELLER. “HE JUMPED INTO THE CANAL IN FULL UNIFORM AND BOOTS TO HELP A WOMAN AND HER CHILD IN NEED.”

The Soldiers and CBP agents safely recovered the migrants and no injuries were reported.

“I’m glad the woman and her child are okay. I think it was a great victory for the joint U.S. Army-CBP team,” said Mathews.



Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team rappel down a confidence tower at an air assault compound on Fort Polk, Louisiana, June 18, 2019. The Soldiers had to successfully complete three iterations: three controlled breaks without equipment, a lock-in “Hollywood” rappel and a combat rappel with three controlled breaks.





Lt. Col. Christopher A. Hopes, the incoming commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, receives the guidon from Col. Jason T. Williams, the DIVARTY commander, during a change of command ceremony on Sexton Field at Fort Drum, NY, June 27, 2019.



Lt. Col. Christopher A. Hopes, the incoming commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, speaks to an audience of Soldiers, family members, and friends during his change of command ceremony on Sexton Field at Fort Drum, NY, June 27, 2019.



Col. Jason T. Williams, the DIVARTY commander, presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Lt. Col. Eric W. Harrelson, the outgoing commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion during his change of command ceremony at Memorial Park on Fort Drum, NY, June 27, 2019. Both HHBN and DIVARTY trace their lineage back to the formation of the Headquarters of 10th Light Division on July 10, 1943 at Camp Hale, Colorado.



A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter flies near Black River Elementary School during a field day in Watertown, NY, June 17, 2019. 10th Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers gave children from the school an opportunity to see some of their equipment up close.



An Unmanned Air System Repairer with 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment receives instruction from a crew chief on preflight inspection checks for an RQ-7Bv2 Shadow Unmanned Aircraft System before a training flight on Fort Drum, NY, July 3, 2019.



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Headquarters Special Troops Battalion conducted a 4-mile command run during physical fitness training on Fort Drum, NY, July 3, 2019.

Lt. Col. Anthony Wilson, the 548th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion commander, and Spc. Jessica Kolbe, a culinary specialist assigned to the 593rd Quartermaster Company cut a cake in celebration of the U.S. Army's 244th birthday at the Muleskinner Dining Facility on Fort Drum, NY, June 13, 2019.





Soldiers from 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team march across a field, wearing the historic winter over-white uniforms Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 86th Infantry Regiment wore as they prepared to fight in the mountains of Italy during WWII. The Soldiers participated in the 10th Mountain Division's annual Salute to the Nation demonstration at Division Hill on Fort Drum, NY, June 21, 2019.

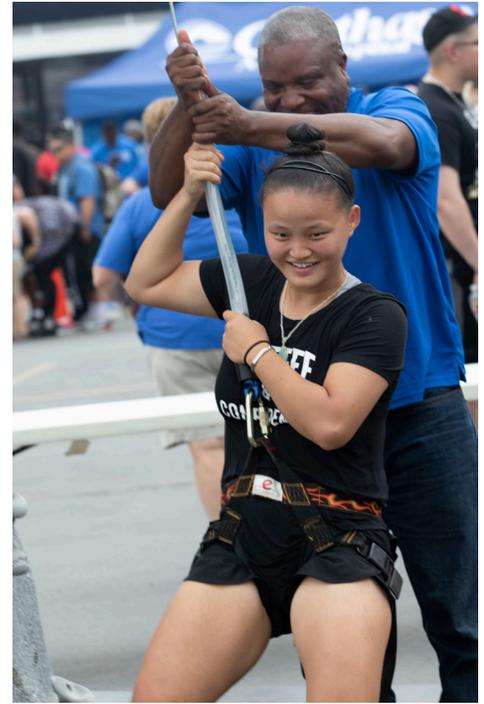




RIVERFEST



This month, the Soldiers and families of 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum were graciously invited into the Alexandria Bay community to celebrate Riverfest. Riverfest is an annual summer celebration where attendees can tour the St. Lawrence River and walk the grounds of Boldt Castle on Heart Island. The 10th Mountain Division is incredibly fortunate to call the North Country community its home.



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LGBT OBSERVANCE

(left) Maj. Gen. Tammy Smith, Army Deputy G-1, stands with the event poster for the LGBT Observance at The Commons on Fort Drum, NY, June 18, 2019.



The LGBT Pride Month observance is not one of the mandatory events required for Army installations to recognize annually. However, for the past four years, the 10th Mountain Division has marked this event equal to all special observances such as Women's History Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month or Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

(below) Maj. Gen. Tammy Smith speaks to Soldiers and leaders from the 10th Mountain Division during the annual LGBT Pride Month observance at The Commons on Fort Drum, NY, June 18, 2019.

Smith said leaders have the responsibility to set the tone that allows people in the workforce to be authentic, and that goes beyond the LGBT community.

Smith said she loves serving in the Army, which is why she was able to hesitate, deflect and hide her authentic self for 25 years. When she met her future wife, Tracey, in 2004, she learned to share her compartmentalized life.



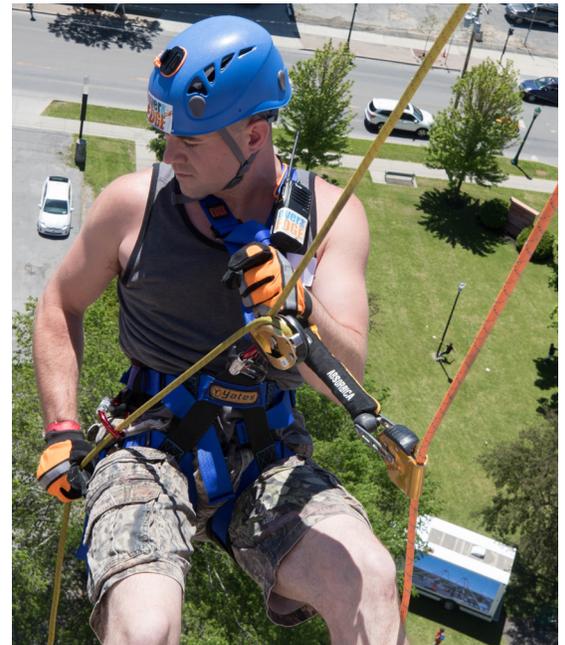


SERGEANT AUDIE MURPHY CLUB

Sgt. 1st Class Todd J. Simmons, assigned to the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, stands with his family after being formally inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club at the Multi-Purpose Auditorium on Fort Drum, NY, July 1, 2019.



Members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club run in the Jefferson County Law Enforcement Torch Run alongside members of the North Country law enforcement community in an effort to help raise money for the Special Olympics in Watertown, NY, June 2, 2019.



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MR. WAFUL AND THE BAND



2nd Lt. Donald Waful graduated in Class 4 of Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox, Ky. and was stationed for training at Fort Drum when it was then known as Pine Camp.

When Mr. Donald Waful, a U.S. Army veteran who served in WWII as a 2nd lieutenant, was warmly welcomed back to Fort Drum, he had one request -

HE LOOKED THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION, MAJ. GEN. BRIAN MENNES IN THE EYES AND SAID, "I WANT TO SEE YOUR BAND PLAY."

Mr. Waful met with the 10th Mountain Division Band on Fort Drum, NY, June 21, 2019.





SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Want to see more from the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum? View our social media sites below.

10th Mountain Division

-  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/>

86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team - Mountain

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

Fort Drum

-  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

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bossfortdrum/>

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A formation of Humvees and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters move across Division Hill during the Salute to the Nation demonstration on Fort Drum, NY, June 21, 2019.



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