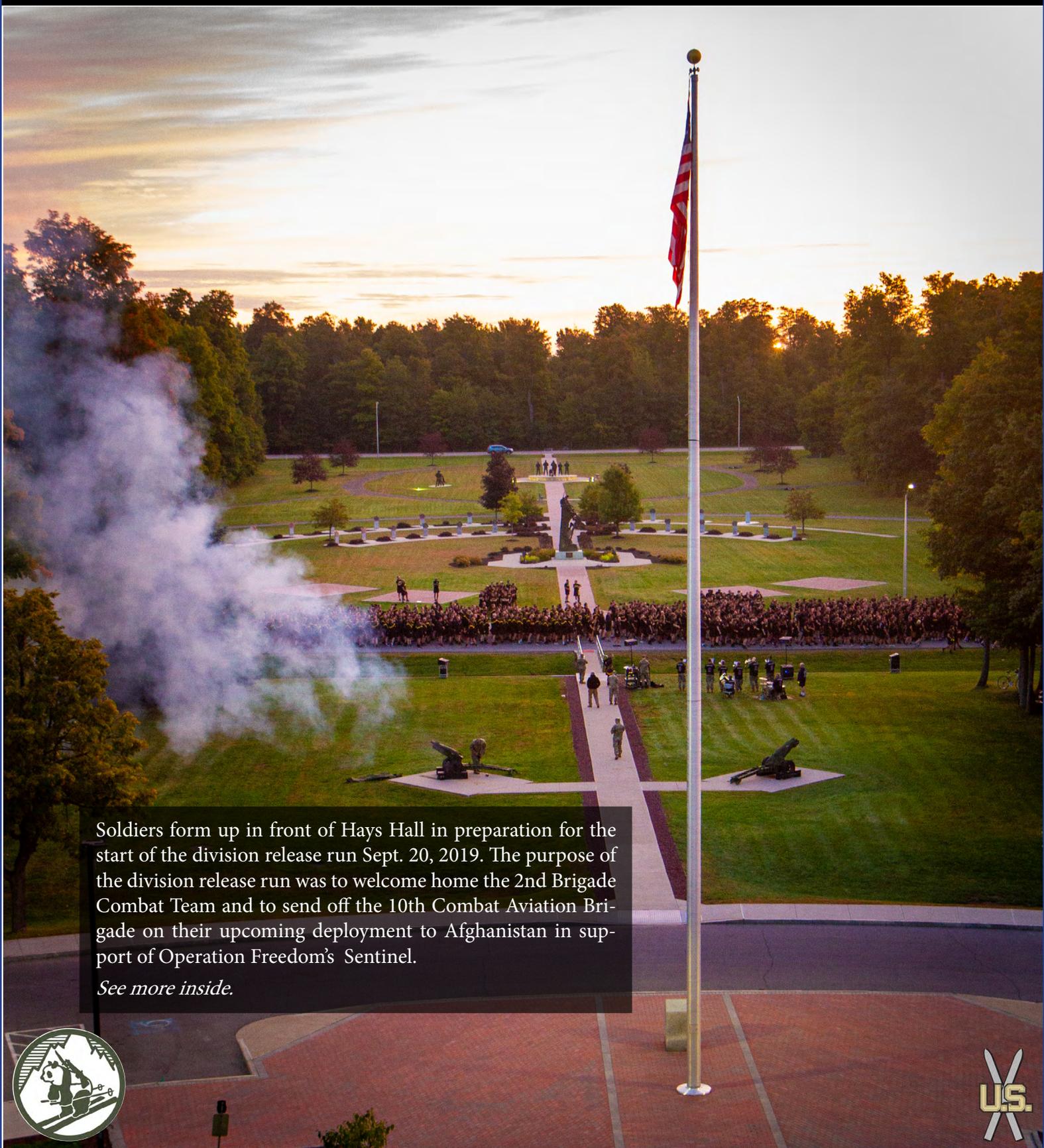




THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH

Fall 2019



Soldiers form up in front of Hays Hall in preparation for the start of the division release run Sept. 20, 2019. The purpose of the division release run was to welcome home the 2nd Brigade Combat Team and to send off the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade on their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

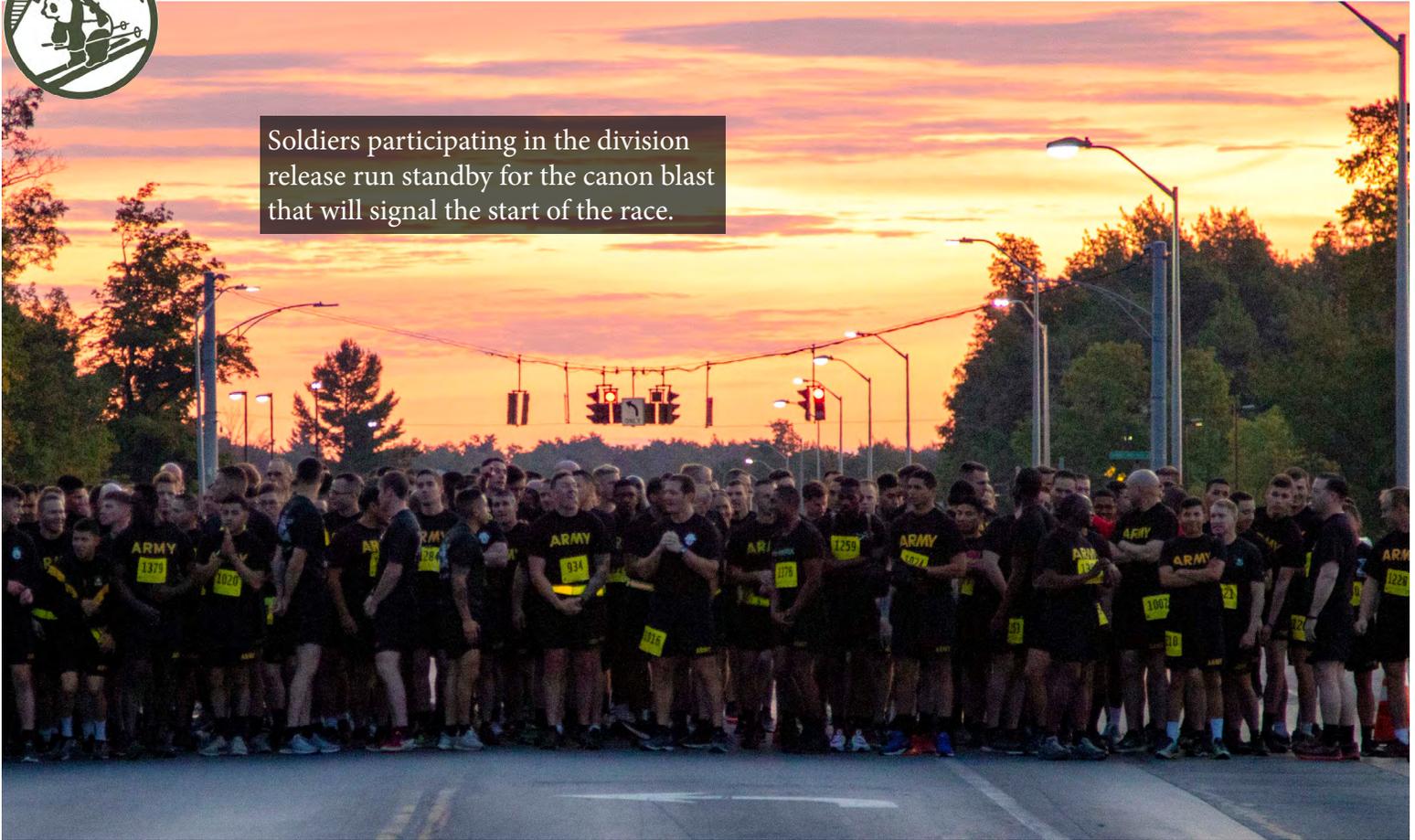
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# DIVISION RUN

Soldiers participating in the division release run standby for the canon blast that will signal the start of the race.



Soldiers participating in the division release run make their way around the loop during the 4-mile route.



# DIVISION RUN



(above) Soldiers salute the flag before the start of the division release run.

(left) Members of the command team high-five Soldiers.

(below) Soldiers, formed up by brigade, stand ready for an awards presentation at the end of the division release run.





# OUR LEGACY



Born out of the sport of skiing, the WWII 10th Mountain Division was formed in 1943 and sent to Italy when the U.S. Army identified that it needed an elite winter-warfare force to fight in the Italian mountains. Ironically, the idea of a winter-warfare unit did not originate within the U.S. Army, but was conceived by a man who was well-versed in history, had been in the military during WWI, and was adamant that a corps of “mountain troops” was vital to America’s national security.

As founder and chairman of the National Ski Patrol, Charles Minot “Minnie” Dole, along with his Vermont friends, Robert Langley and Roger Livermore, often discussed and feared that Hitler could eventually invade the United States through the northeast like America’s enemies had done during the French and Indian War. In 1941, Dole, who borrowed the mountain troop concept from the Finnish, began a robust campaign to persuade the military to establish a winter-warfare force. At this point, the U.S. Army was training its troops to operate in hot environments, and the idea of “winter troops” wasn’t even on its radar. Initially rebuffed by the military, Dole was tenacious and continued to write and phone military officials and President Roosevelt until Army Chief of Staff, General George Marshall, adopted Dole’s mountain-troop idea.

In December 1941, twelve officers and one enlisted man were designated as the 87th Infantry, Mountain, First Battalion, Reinforced, and were sent to Ft. Lewis, Washington, where they and soon-to-be recruits trained on Mt. Rainier. In the early stages of its development, the 87th was an all-volunteer unit. To join, early recruits had to have three letters of recommendation and some type of “outdoors” experience/knowledge. Fifteen-thousand men applied, but only 8,000 were accepted. Initially, the “mountain troops” attracted mountain climbers, alpine guides, lumberjacks, forest rangers, blacksmiths, and skiers, including some famous European ones, who had migrated to the United States after war broke out on the continent. Skiers attending high-end U.S. universities also joined, many at the personal urging of Dole. These early recruits were nicknamed “Minnie’s Ski Troops.” With a multitude of its recruits coming from U.S. universities, the 10th Mountain Division would earn the distinction of being the Army’s most highly-educated unit, with many of its soldiers having above-average IQs.



Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes, 10th Mountain Division commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel J. Roark, 10th Mountain Division command sergeant major, pay their respects at the graveside service of Charles Minot ‘Mint’ Dole Jr., the son of Charles Minot Dole, Aug. 28, 2019.



# MOUNTAIN PEAK

What is Mountain Peak?



Mountain Peak is a multi-week exercise that involves warfighting skills, convoy movements, setting up field sites and live-fire exercises. The training prepares 10th Mountain Division Soldiers for deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, LA.

(above) Soldiers participating as an opposing force, hijack a Humvee during the Mountain Peak exercise, Sept. 13, 2019.

(right) Spc. Austin Tome, a horizontal construction engineer with the 642nd Engineer Support Company, 91st Military Police Battalion, operates a High Mobility Engineer Excavator Type 1 during the Mountain Peak exercise.



Military vehicles line up on Division Hill in preparation to go out on missions during the Mountain Peak exercise, Sept. 7, 2019.

# MOUNTAIN PEAK



(left) Pfc. Jake Ballentine and Spc. Levi Roberts, wheeled vehicle mechanics from 10th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, pull security in a fighting position in the brigade support area during the brigade's Mountain Peak exercise Sept. 9, 2019.

(right) Spc. Austin Tome, a Soldier with 642nd Engineer Support Company, 91st Military Police Battalion, looks on as a tractor digs a trench during the Mountain Peak exercise, Sept. 12, 2019.



(left) Pvt. Sebastian Bachi-cha, a wheeled vehicle mechanic from 10th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, mans an M2 machine gun, providing security to the brigade support area during the Mountain Peak exercise Sept. 9, 2019.



# MOUNTAIN PEAK



Pfc. Braden Gerber, 1st Lt. Spencer Copp, Sgt. Darren Bezio, and Cpl. Johnathon Brown, scouts with 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, stand for a photo during the Mountain Peak exercise, Sept. 16, 2019.



Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, load MREs and camouflage nets during the Mountain Peak exercise, Sept. 14, 2019.



Soldiers from 10th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, conduct security and defense operations during the Mountain Peak exercise Sept. 9, 2019.



# MOUNTAIN PEAK



Sgt. Josier Alejandro, a wheeled vehicle mechanic, with 110th Composite Truck Company, 548th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, and Spc. Lina Nguyen, a water treatment specialist, with 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, set up a maintenance tent on Division Hill during the Mountain Peak exercise, Sept. 14, 2019.



Spc. Marcus Evans, a motor transport operator, with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, directs trucks during the Mountain Peak exercise Sept. 14, 2019.

# FORSCOM GENERAL VISIT



(left) Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commanding general of the United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), observes operations at the Townsend Mission Training Complex Aug. 26, 2019. Gen. Garrett embarked on a two-day tour of Fort Drum, which included a tour of Hays Hall and the Townsend Mission Training Complex.

(right) Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commanding general of FORSCOM, conducts high-intensity interval Tabata training at 10th Combat Aviation Brigade's Falcon Gym, Aug. 27, 2019. The training was done alongside Charlie Company, 3-10 General Support Aviation Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, and was part of the Holistic Health and Fitness Initiative which involves a small group of athletic trainers, physical therapists, and dietitians advising leaders on reducing injuries and building readiness through proper exercise and nutrition.



(left) Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commanding general of FORSCOM, addresses Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team before the start of their live-fire exercise, Aug. 27, 2019. This was one of several stops Gen. Garrett made during his two-day tour of Fort Drum.



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team conducted a hike to the top of Mount Washington, New Hampshire, Aug. 6, 2019, to remember those who fell during the Global War on Terror. Soldiers held a remembrance at the summit before resuming the hike.



(above) Spc. Alejandro Heinrich, a construction equipment repairer with Echo Company, 7th Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, uses the HTC Vive Virtual Reality System as part of the Counter Unmanned Aircraft System Training Sept 4, 2019, at the Counter Improvised Explosive Device Center. The training provides units with the capability to properly defend and protect a tactical operations center against small, unmanned aircrafts in a deployment scenario.



Pfc. Victor Araujo, a wheeled vehicle mechanic from 10th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, clears a humvee to enter 10th BSB's Brigade Support Area, during the brigade's nine-day long Mountain Peak exercise Sept. 9, 2019.



(right) Spc. Johnnie Webb (right), a Soldier assigned to the 41st Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, attends an Equal Opportunity program special observance dressed as Frederick Douglass to highlight his role in the women's suffrage movement in honor of Women's Equality Day, Aug 22. Lt. Col. Julia Kobiska, guest speaker and the EO program manager for Fort Bragg and XVIII Airborne Corps, compared past and present equality during a speech.



(left) Several members from the Syracuse University rowing team look on as a Soldier with 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team assembles an M-249B machine gun, Sept. 6, 2019. This came after a team-building exercise and tour of 2-14 IN HQ.



41st Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, inducted 25 newly promoted Noncommissioned Officers into the NCO Corps Aug. 22, 2019, at the Fort Drum NCO Academy.



(left) Pfc. Thomas F. Demarsico, a combat medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Polk, LA, checks to make sure his compass is calibrated prior to the start of land navigation testing for the Expert Field Medical Badge on Fort Bliss, TX, Sept. 6, 2019. Candidates competing for the EFMB must successfully complete both day and night land navigation training to proceed to the next round of testing.



(right) Spc. William Pinkey, a combat medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Battalion, 2th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Polk, LA, plots points on his map during the land navigation testing for the Expert Field Medical Badge on Fort Bliss, TX, Sept. 6, 2019.



(left) Spc. William Pinkey, a combat medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Battalion, 2th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Polk, LA, checks the points on his map during the land navigation testing for the Expert Field Medical Badge on Fort Bliss, TX, Sept. 6, 2019.



(left) Headquarters & Headquarters Battalion hosted a Junior Gauntlet Day, Aug. 29, 2019. The event allowed children to experience a day in the life of a Soldier with activities such as physical fitness training, water balloon tossing, face painting, an obstacle course, and an up-close experience with Army equipment.

(right) Maj. Kory Kramer, the operations officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, serves popcorn at an Organizational Day hosted by HHBN Aug. 2, 2019 at Remington Park. The festivities involved live music, food and beverages, bounce houses, and sports activities.



Children of Soldiers in Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion participate in a game of tug-of-war at Organization Day at Remington Park Aug. 2, 2019.



Staff Sgt. Rolando Izquierdo, a Soldier with 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, checks the blades of an AH-64 Apache, Sept. 6, 2019. This is the first of the AH64s to be transported for the CAB's upcoming deployment.



Soldiers from 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, loaded equipment onto a C-5 Galaxy Oct. 2, 2019, in preparation for the CAB deployment. Ten Soldiers from the CAB accompanied the equipment heading to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.



(right) Spc. Timothy Smith and Pfc. John Martinez, motor transport operators with 110th Composite Truck Company, 548th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, transport a casualty during the Mountain Peak exercise, Sept. 14, 2019.



(left) Sgt. Nickesha Carmichael, Spc. Evelyn Thompson, Pfc. Jordan Broadway, and Pfc. James Ivey, members of the Fort Drum Culinary Team, were presented with Army Commendation Medals on Aug. 16, 2019, for their proven skills at the American Culinary Federation National Convention in Orlando, FL, where the team competed and placed 3rd overall. The annual event ran Aug. 4-8 and consists of cutting-edge demonstrations, workshops, business seminars, and competitions. This is the first time in history that a military team has ever podiumed at the competition.

(right) The 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade Support Operations Section team stands for a photo days before the start of the 2019 Army Ammunition Transfer Holding Point Team of the Year (ATHPTOY) competition, Sept. 7, 2019. The team finished in 2nd place and consisted of Pfc. Fellisia Young, an ammunition specialist, Spc. Rachel Hersey, an ammunition stock control and accounting specialist, CW3 Jeffrey Springer, an ammunition technician, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Tull, an ammunition specialist, and Sgt. Brian Nelson, an ammunition stock control and accounting specialist. The five-day competition is held to improve the readiness of ammunition professionals.





(above) Lt. Col. Peter E. Fiorentino, the outgoing commander for 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery Regiment, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, hands off the guidon to Lt. Col. Mark C. Glenn, the incoming commander for 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery Regiment, 86th Infantry Brigade, during a change of command ceremony Sept. 7, 2019, on Hanscom Air Force Base, MA. The 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team is part of the 10th Mountain Division through the Army's Associated Unit Pilot program.

(right) Capt. Caitlyn Silverstrim, from Charlie Company, 186th Brigade Support Battalion, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and her two children, cross the finish line for the 5k event during the Vermont Remembers run at Camp Johnson in Colchester, VT on Sept. 8, 2019. The Vermont Remembers Run is a civilian sponsored event hosted by the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation that brings the community and military together to honor Vermont's fallen heroes and their families.





# MOVING WALL



Visitors view The Moving Wall, a half-size traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, which was available to the public at all hours with the help of solar lights while displayed on Sackets Harbor Battlefield, Aug. 24, 2019, in Sackets Harbor, NY.



(above) Volunteers from the Association of the United States Army and 41st Engineer Battalion unload and assemble The Moving Wall at the Sackets Harbor Battlefield, Aug. 23, 2019, in Sackets Harbor, NY.



(above) Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes, 10th Mountain Division commander, gives remarks during a memorial ceremony hosted by volunteers from the Association of the United States Army and American Legion Post 1757 in front of The Moving Wall display, Aug. 24, 2019, in Sackets Harbor, NY.

(right) Sgt. Samuel Roberto and 1st Lt. Zachary Wilcox, Soldiers with Alpha Company, 41st Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, oversees an educational display of military vehicles before and after a memorial ceremony in front of The Moving Wall display, Aug. 24, 2019, in Sackets Harbor, NY.

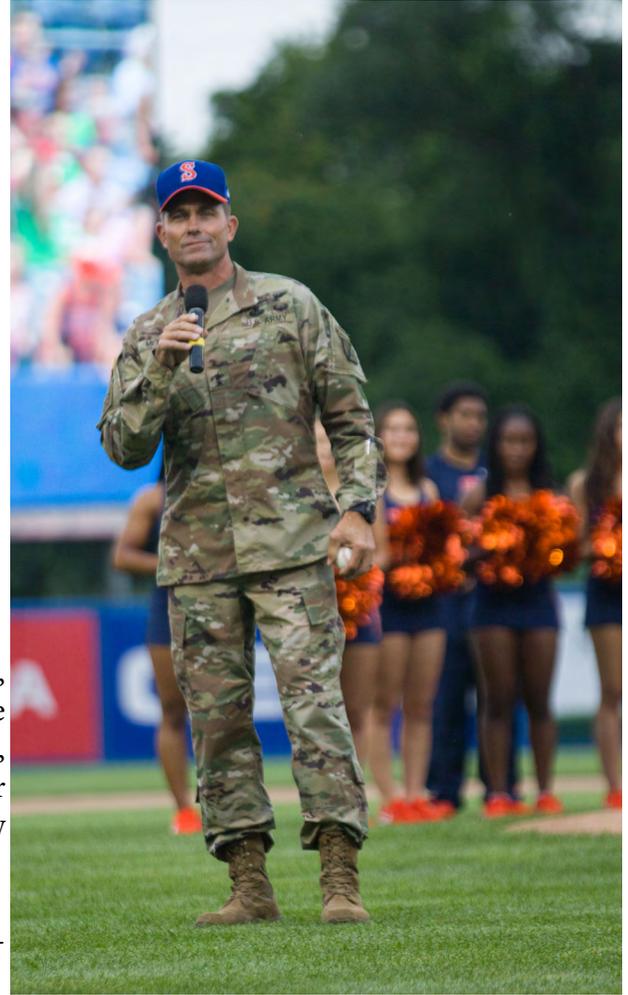




# SYRACUSE METS



(above) 10th Mountain Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes, and Division Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel J. Roark, stand with Scooch, the Syracuse Mets mascot, in NBT Bank Stadium Aug. 15, 2019, in Syracuse, NY. Maj. Gen. Mennes and Command Sgt. Maj. Roark were given a tour of the stadium, had a meet-and-greet with the players and staff, and threw the first pitch of the military appreciation game.



(right) Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes addresses a crowd at NBT Bank Stadium before the start of the game, Aug. 15, 2019, in Syracuse, NY.

# MOUNTAIN MUDDER



Soldiers and family members from 10th Mountain Division completed the annual Mountain Mudder obstacle course throughout Fort Drum, NY, on Aug. 9, 2019. The annual obstacle course race, hosted by the Fort Drum Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, delivered a wet, dirty – but fun – event for people of all skill levels.



# MEMORIAL TO MONUMENT RUN

Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division hosted its second annual Memorial to Monument Run Sept. 14, 2019. The 11-mile event kicked off at Fort Drum Memorial Park, passing through the Black River before ending at the 10th Mountain Division Monument in the city of Watertown's Thompson Park.



More than 500 runners from Fort Drum and the local communities ran in the event. Awards were presented to the top male, female and youth runner during the post-run festivities, which included entertainment from the 10th Mountain Division Band, a military equipment display and demonstration from American Kang Duk Won Karate students. The Watertown Family YMCA also hosted a 5K run and a youth ninja obstacle course at Thompson Park.





# 10TH CAB COLOR CASING

The 10th Combat Aviation Brigade held its casing ceremony on Sept. 20, 2019, at the Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield. The CAB will be deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Present for the ceremony was the Honorable Senator for New York, Kirsten Gillibrand.





# SYRACUSE FOOTBALL

Syracuse University hosted Fort Drum Soldiers for their Military Appreciation Day football game, Sept. 21, 2019, in Syracuse, NY.



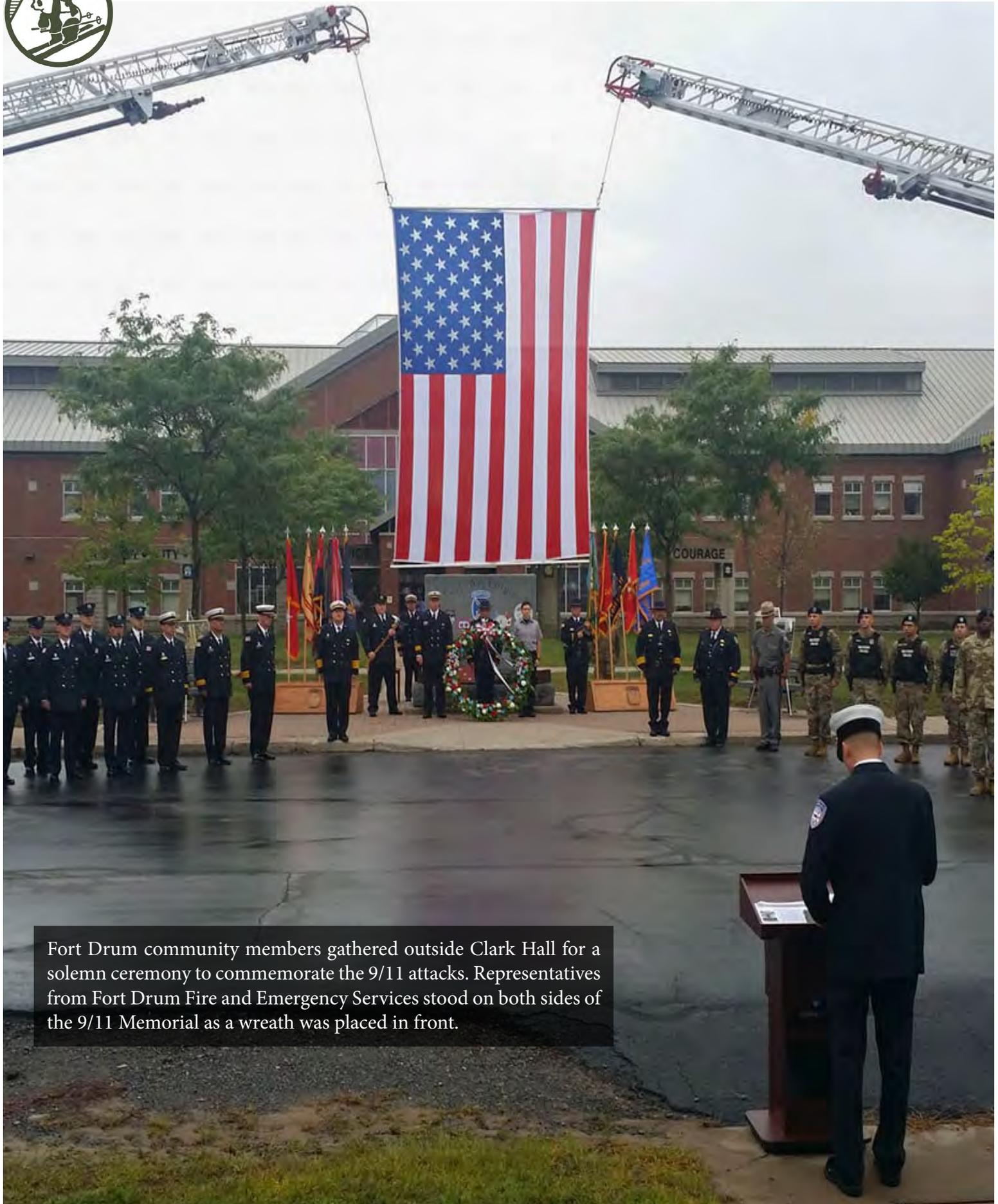
(left) Syracuse University recognizes Capt. Timothy Monczynski, a Soldier with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, as a Hometown Hero and is commemorated a game ball.

(below) Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes, commanding general of the 10th Mountain Division, and Sgt. Maj. Samuel Roark, command sergeant major of the 10th Mountain Division, stand for a photo with the band at the Syracuse University Military Appreciation Day football game, Sept. 21, 2019, in Syracuse, NY.





# 9/11 MEMORIAL



Fort Drum community members gathered outside Clark Hall for a solemn ceremony to commemorate the 9/11 attacks. Representatives from Fort Drum Fire and Emergency Services stood on both sides of the 9/11 Memorial as a wreath was placed in front.



# EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE



(above) 1st Lt. Bryan Jones, a Soldier from 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, throws a grenade into a bunker during the training phase for the Expert Infantryman Badge Sept. 10, 2019.

(right) 1st Lt. Joseph Turmel from 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, completed the 12-mile ruck for the Expert Infantryman Badge with a time of 2 hours 5 minutes and 1 second on Sept. 27, 2019. He was the first to complete the event.



(left) Pfc. Quentin Schneider, a Soldier from 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, sets up a claymore during the training phase for the Expert Infantryman Badge Sept. 10, 2019.



# EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE



(left) Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes, the commanding general of the 10th Mountain Division, personally awards the “true-blue’s” their Expert Infantryman Badges Sept. 27, 2019. The “true-blue’s” were those that received zero no-go’s during the qualification tests.



(left, above) 2nd Brigade Combat Team Soldiers receive their Expert Infantryman Badges Sept. 27, 2019, at Sexton Field.

(right) Infantry Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team march past the Expert Infantryman Badge log during the graduation ceremony Sept. 27, 2019. The EIB log is given to the battalion with the most graduates.





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-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNPatriots/>
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***READY NOW, CLIMB TO GLORY***

Capt. Japheth Ngojoy, a Soldier from Charlie Company, 210 Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, makes his way to the stage to receive his coin from Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes after the division release run Sept. 20, 2019, at Sexton Field. Ngojoy came in 1st place with a run time of 21:30.

