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A LIFETIME OF CHANGE

**TRANSFORMATION THROUGH A
LEGACY'S EXPERIENCE**

FROM 88 DAYS TO 24 HOURS

**AWARDED FOR INNOVATION IN MILITARY
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➤➤ The Summit
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➤➤ 10th SFG(A) Holiday
Party and Winter Festival
December 6, 2025

➤➤ High Altitude Pres-
sure Simulator & Class
December 12, 2025
Jan 23, 2026

➤➤ 4ID (TMO) Course:
January 12-15, 2026

COMMANDER'S CORNER



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COL NATHANAEL JOSLYN

Happy Holidays Originals!

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the values that unite us as a team and community. This season provides the occasion to pause, express gratitude, and serve others—values that are at the heart of who we are as members of 10th Special Forces Group.

First, I want to echo the message shared by our CSM – we are privileged to be part of a team that excels in the profession of arms but also embodies the spirit of service. Initiatives like the Angel Tree highlight the compassion and commitment that define us. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these efforts and helped make a difference in the lives of others.

The holidays also remind us of the importance of resetting and spending quality time with family. Amid our demanding missions and responsibilities, it is vital to take time to recharge, reflect, and strengthen the bonds that sustain us. Our families are the cornerstone of everything we do, and their support enables us to meet the challenges we face. I encourage each of you to make the most of this season by connecting with loved ones and finding moments of joy, renewal, and meaning together.

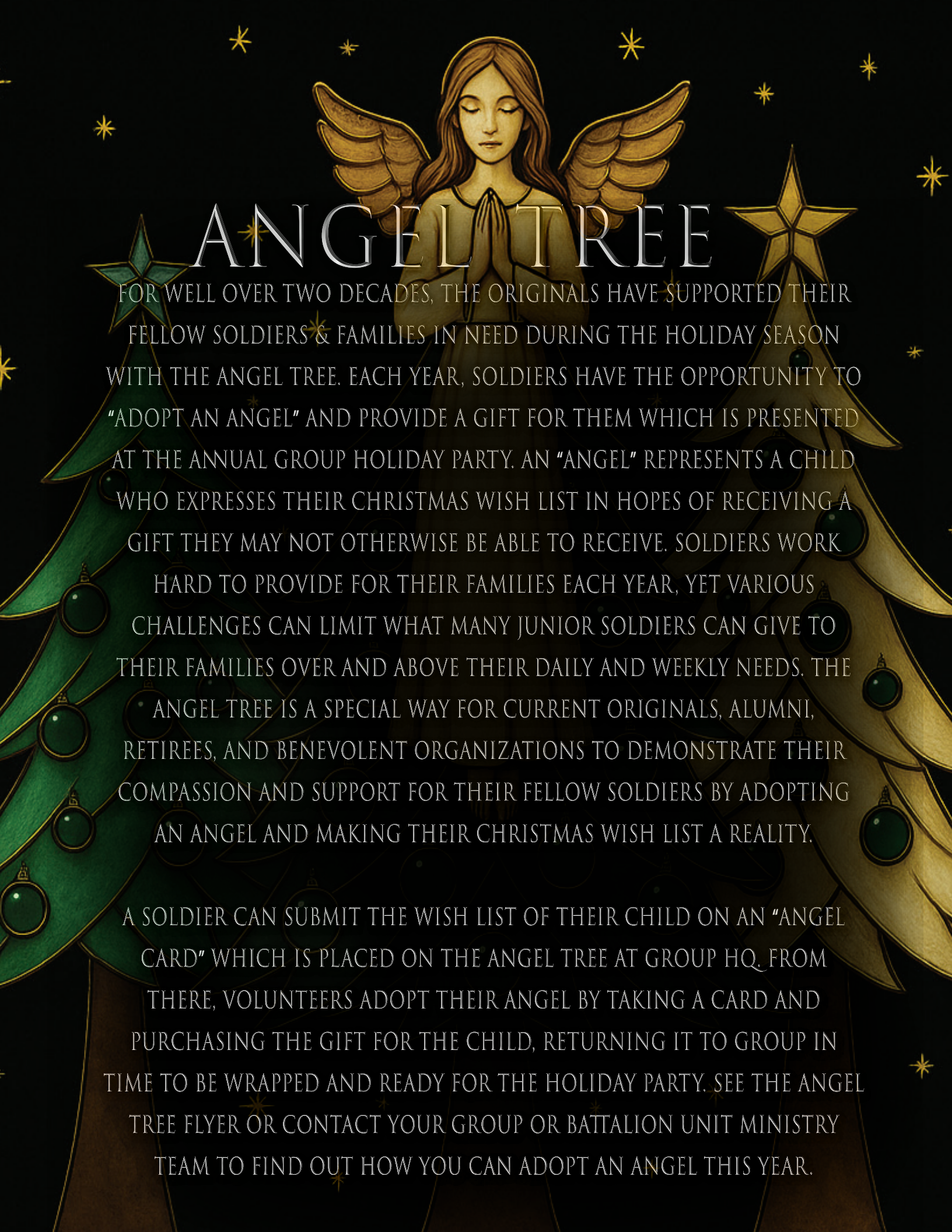
Amid the travels and celebrations that the season invites, please remember to take care of yourselves and each other. Whether you're traveling abroad, enjoying time at home, or enjoying holiday gatherings, please remain vigilant and look out for one another. We need every member of this team to be ready for our future missions. If we look out for each other, we'll help ensure that everyone returns in the new year ready to tackle the challenges ahead.

Looking forward to the new year, we know that it will bring new challenges and changes as we transform for the future. One of the most significant changes for 10th Group is the relocation of 1st Battalion from Stuttgart to Baumholder. This move represents a major shift for our organization and our families, and we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for everyone involved.

As we move forward, we will continue to focus on building proficiency in the fundamentals of our profession while adapting to the evolving realities of the modern battlefield. This will require ingenuity, dedication, and courage, but I am confident that the Soldiers of 10th Group—and the families who support them—are up to this challenge.

Thank you for all that you do to support the mission and each other. I am proud to serve alongside you and grateful for the sacrifices you make every day. Claire, the boys and I wish you and your families a safe and joyful holiday season.

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ANGEL TREE

FOR WELL OVER TWO DECADES, THE ORIGINALS HAVE SUPPORTED THEIR FELLOW SOLDIERS & FAMILIES IN NEED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE ANGEL TREE. EACH YEAR, SOLDIERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO "ADOPT AN ANGEL" AND PROVIDE A GIFT FOR THEM WHICH IS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY. AN "ANGEL" REPRESENTS A CHILD WHO EXPRESSES THEIR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST IN HOPES OF RECEIVING A GIFT THEY MAY NOT OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO RECEIVE. SOLDIERS WORK HARD TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES EACH YEAR, YET VARIOUS CHALLENGES CAN LIMIT WHAT MANY JUNIOR SOLDIERS CAN GIVE TO THEIR FAMILIES OVER AND ABOVE THEIR DAILY AND WEEKLY NEEDS. THE ANGEL TREE IS A SPECIAL WAY FOR CURRENT ORIGINALS, ALUMNI, RETIREES, AND BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMPASSION AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR FELLOW SOLDIERS BY ADOPTING AN ANGEL AND MAKING THEIR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST A REALITY.

A SOLDIER CAN SUBMIT THE WISH LIST OF THEIR CHILD ON AN "ANGEL CARD" WHICH IS PLACED ON THE ANGEL TREE AT GROUP HQ. FROM THERE, VOLUNTEERS ADOPT THEIR ANGEL BY TAKING A CARD AND PURCHASING THE GIFT FOR THE CHILD, RETURNING IT TO GROUP IN TIME TO BE WRAPPED AND READY FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY. SEE THE ANGEL TREE FLYER OR CONTACT YOUR GROUP OR BATTALION UNIT MINISTRY TEAM TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN ADOPT AN ANGEL THIS YEAR.

From the CSM's Desk



POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

We the Board of Directors, are honored to celebrate this special time of year with you—a season of Thanksgiving gratitude, Christmas joy, and the hope that comes with a new year.

We extend our warmest appreciation to the Soldiers, Families, alumni, and friends whose dedication strengthens the 10th Group community and carries forward its proud legacy.

In that same spirit of giving, the Board is proud to support this year's Angel Tree program by donating gifts for our lower-enlisted Soldiers and their Families, whose service and resilience remain the heart of our formation.

From our Board to every member of the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) family, past and present, we wish you a joyful, safe, and meaningful holiday season, and a new year filled with renewed strength and connection.



TO:
10TH Special Forces Group
Soldiers and Families

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THIS QUARTER

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

BEST OF THE QUARTER

STAFF SGT. LISETH ESPINEL CUERVO, originally from Colombia, is a Public Affairs Specialist assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group at Fort Carson, Colorado. She studied social communication and journalism at La Sabana University, gaining experience in television, radio, and print media. Additionally, she earned a master's degree in visual arts communication and a graduate certificate in strategic communications from Liberty University.

Since joining the military in 2020, Staff Sgt. Espinel has been awarded the Distinguished Leader Graduate from the Basic Leader Course in 2022 and the Distinguished Leader and Distinguished Honor graduate at her Advanced Leader Course in 2024. She was also awarded NCO of the Quarter at the 296th Brigade Support Battalion and NCO of the Month at the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. in Korea, while serving in those units.

Since being here at the 10th Special Forces Group, she has deployed to Poland, where she covered over 10 missions alongside the Green Berets of the 2nd Battalion during European training events. The Special Operations Command Europe Public Affairs Office recognized her contributions to enhancing missions and partnerships.



STAFF

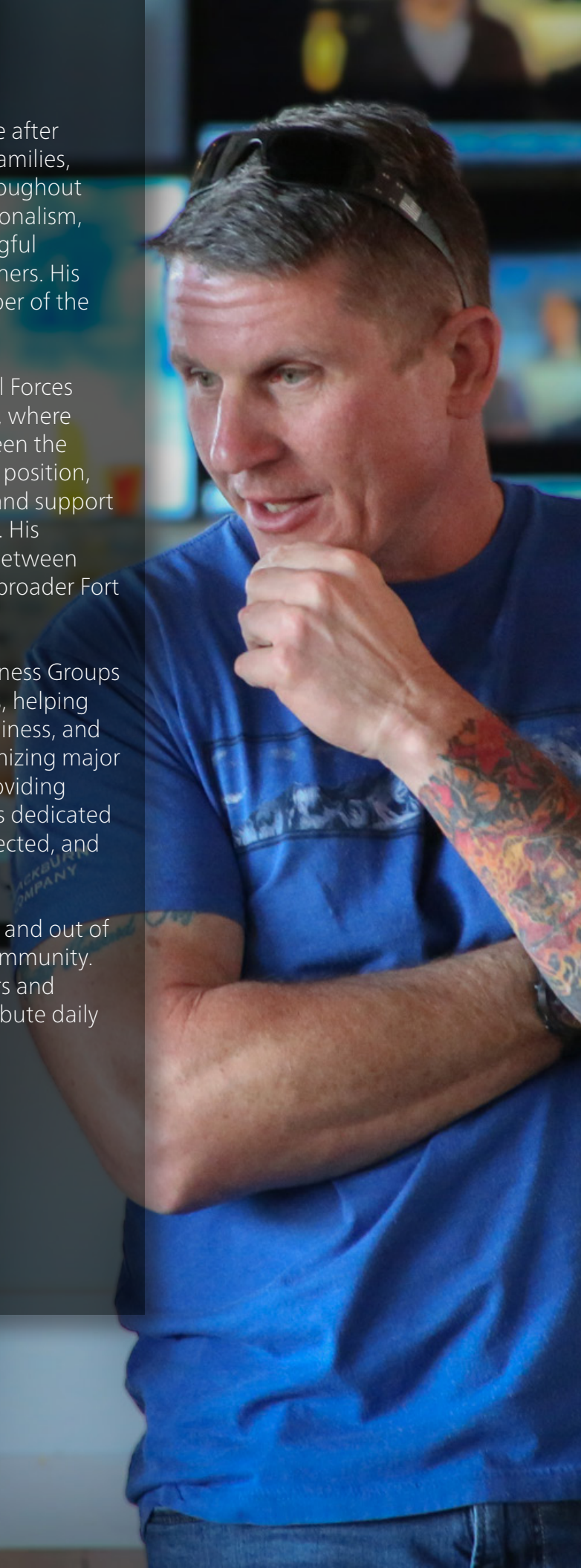
BEST OF THE QUARTER

MR. LARRY WHITE, honorably retired from federal service after a distinguished multi-decade career supporting Soldiers, Families, and military communities across multiple installations. Throughout his career, he became widely known for his steady professionalism, unmatched work ethic, and ability to build strong, meaningful relationships between units, families, and community partners. His commitment to service continues today as a trusted member of the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) team.

Following his retirement, Mr. White joined the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) as the Community Resource Coordinator, where he plays a vital role in strengthening the connection between the Group, its Soldiers, and the Family support network. In this position, he coordinates and oversees key events, outreach efforts, and support initiatives that directly enhance the well-being of the force. His leadership and experience allow him to serve as a bridge between command teams, Family readiness organizations, and the broader Fort Carson community.

Mr. White also works closely with Soldier and Family Readiness Groups (SFRG) and Holistic Health & Performance (HPW) programs, helping develop and sustain initiatives that support resilience, readiness, and quality of life for Soldiers and their Families. Whether organizing major unit events, collaborating with community agencies, or providing behind-the-scenes support to critical programs, he remains dedicated to ensuring the 10th SFG(A) community is informed, connected, and supported.

Mr. White's longstanding commitment to service—both in and out of uniform—continues to positively shape the 10th Group community. His professionalism, compassion, and dedication to Soldiers and Families embody the spirit of servant leadership and contribute daily to the strength and readiness of the Regiment.



ENLISTED

BEST OF THE QUARTER

SFC LEROY CHAPMAN – For one Green Beret from 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), attending Ranger School later in his career wasn't about checking a box—it was about setting a standard.

Already an experienced NCO and Special Forces Soldier, he arrived at Ranger School with a clear intention: represent his organization with distinction and show younger Soldiers what right looks like. He wasn't there simply to earn the tab. He was there to lead.

The course also offered unexpected lessons in leadership. Working alongside newly commissioned lieutenants gave him perspective on the demands placed on young officers and the importance of experienced NCOs in the planning process—reinforcing the timeless Ranger School truth that shared hardship builds teams, regardless of rank or background.

His advice for Soldiers in the unit considering the course is straightforward: don't overthink it.

"Just go. Don't over-analyze it. It's simple tasks done hungry and tired—nothing more."

Completing Ranger School as an enlisted distinguished -honor graduate later in his career wasn't just a personal achievement; it was a reminder that excellence at the foundational level still defines the Regiment's best.





COMMISSIONED

BEST OF THE QUARTER

MAJ JOSEPH PUNTORIERO - is taking his commitment to excellence beyond the formation as he trains toward a long-term goal: earning the opportunity to compete at the Olympic level. As part of that journey, he is preparing for the 2025 North & Central American Masters Championships, one of the largest international track and field events in the region. With more than 1,000 athletes registered and only four active U.S. service members among them, his participation showcases both elite athletic ambition and the discipline of an officer in 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Balancing demanding responsibilities within 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Maj. Puntoriero devotes extensive personal time to refining his technique, improving performance, and pushing physical limits in pursuit of Olympic-caliber competition. His work ethic on the track mirrors the determination and focus he brings to the Regiment each day.

Maj. Puntoriero's drive toward Olympic-level performance also reflects his belief in the influence of mindset and discipline. He credits his training with reinforcing lessons in perseverance, goal-setting, and consistency—qualities he applies equally in his military career. His journey serves as a reminder that endurance, dedication, and vision can propel Soldiers to achieve not only professional excellence, but personal milestones on some of the world's greatest stages.



U.S. Army Green Berets with 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) jump from a U.S. Marine Corps MV-22B Osprey during a high-altitude free-fall jump above Fort Carson, Colorado, Oct. 21, 2025. The jumps enhanced precision insertion skills and reinforced airborne proficiency in dynamic environments. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rhianna Ballenger)



TRAINING



Green Berets and Marines Conduct Joint Capabilities

U.S. Army Green Berets with 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) wait for a U.S. Marine Corps MV-22B Osprey from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 362, to land on Fort Carson, Colorado, Oct. 21, 2025. Green Berets with 10th SFG(A) conducted multiple high-altitude free-fall jumps from a MV-22B Osprey, honing precision and proficiency. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rhianna Ballenger)

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U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Vincent Tran, a MV-22B Osprey crew chief from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 362, sits in the cabin before a high-altitude free-fall jump for Green Berets from 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) above Fort Carson, Colorado, Oct. 21, 2025. Green Berets with 10th SFG(A) conducted multiple high-altitude free-fall jumps from a MV-22B Osprey, honing precision and proficiency. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rhianna Ballenger)



HIGHLIGHTS



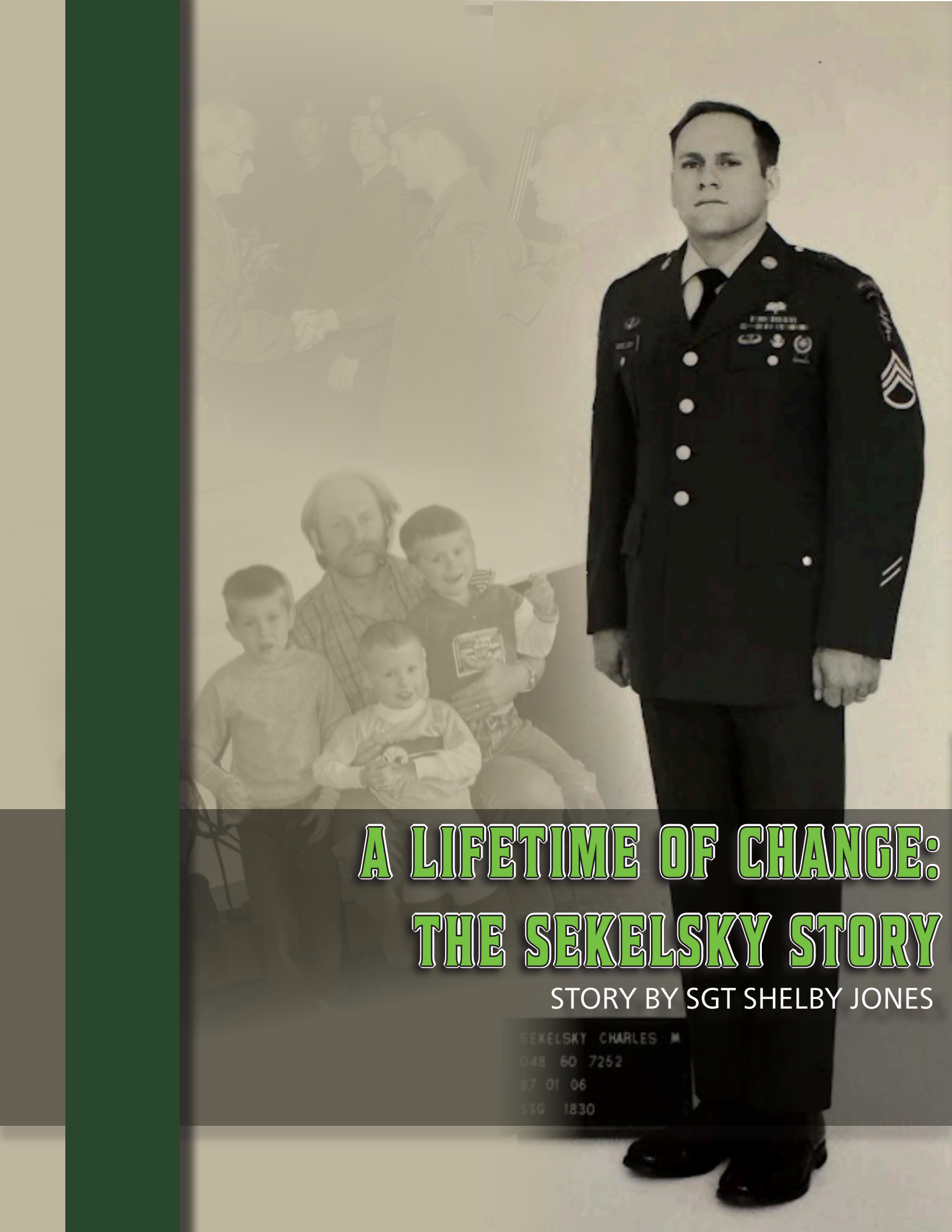
DNI Gabbard Honors 10th Special Forces by Training Side by Side With Green Berets

U.S. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard receives a team flag after an early morning physical training session with military service members assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Carson, Colo., Sept. 23, 2025. Gabbard took part in several events with a team of Green Berets, including marksmanship drills in the VIRTRA immersive simulator and high-intensity circuit training focused on functional movements. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Shelby Jones)

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Soldiers assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) perform suitcase carries during a training exercise at Fort Carson, Colo., Sept. 23, 2025. The training was conducted with U.S. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard to foster stronger relationships and reaffirm steadfast support for military personnel. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Shelby Jones)





A LIFETIME OF CHANGE: THE SEKELSKY STORY

STORY BY SGT SHELBY JONES

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— Change is the only constant in life, but for some, transformation isn't just an experience — it's a legacy. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles "Chuck" Sekelsky's 34-year Army career offers a clear lens into the evolution of the U.S. Army Special Forces Regiment through eras of conflict, humanitarian need and global uncertainty. His journey mirrors the Regiment's own pattern of adaptation, resilience and purpose — a transformation built mission by mission, generation by generation.

From a young age, Sekelsky felt drawn to the military. He grew up listening to stories from his father's generation and was deeply influenced by the 1968 film *The Green Berets*, starring John Wayne. Sekelsky said the movie planted the idea of serving a cause greater than oneself. That calling led him to enlist in June 1978, as the Army was rebuilding from the Vietnam War.

His earliest years were shaped by Vietnam veterans who remained in the force — Soldiers whose humility, experience and quiet professionalism defined the culture he would carry forward.

"They carried the weight of a war that changed the Army," Sekelsky said.

Those Soldiers taught him early lessons about integrity, leadership by example and the responsibility senior Green Berets owe to their formations.

"Service was bigger than any one mission or individual — it was about legacy and responsibility," he said.

Sekelsky left the Army in 1981, but the sense of purpose he expected in the civilian world never came. His wife, Mary, and his mother-in-law were the first to tell him what he already knew.

"They told me I needed to go back in," Sekelsky said. "They were right. I wasn't done being a Soldier."

He reenlisted in 1983 and returned to Special Forces, joining the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Europe.

Along the front lines of the Cold War, Sekelsky experienced a version of Special Forces that demanded constant readiness, cultural understanding and a deep trust among teammates.

"10th Group has always been a little different," Sekelsky said. "You had to be adaptable — and you had to understand people."



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Charles "Chuck" Sekelsky poses at the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) headquarters entrance at Fort Carson, Colorado, on Oct. 23, 2025. Sekelsky was invited to the group to share lessons from his time in service and offer perspective on how today's Soldiers can continue building on the unit's legacy of excellence. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Shelby Jones)

(Courtesy Photo provided by MSG Charles "Chaz" Sekelsky)



Operating out of Bad Tölz, Germany, and later Stuttgart, 10th Group trained with NATO partners across rugged terrain and harsh climates. Major exercises such as Reforger and Flintlock tested every skill a team possessed — mobility, communication, decision-making and the ability to blend seamlessly with allies.

The environment required a level of fieldcraft that today's digital systems often replace. Sekelsky remembers nights in dense forests and icy ridgelines, carrying heavy rucks packed with radios, antennas and paper maps.

"We spent nights in the woods with 80-pound rucks, radios and antennas," Sekelsky said. "To transmit, someone might have to hike up a ridge and string wire to catch the right frequency. It could take hours to get a message through, but that was the job. You improvised, or you failed."

Before GPS, satellite systems and encrypted networks, Green Berets relied on compasses, terrain analysis and communication techniques honed entirely by repetition and creativity. That era, Sekelsky said, forged a type of adaptability that shaped the Regiment for years to come.

As the Cold War ended, the Regiment entered a period of transition. The 10th Group relocated from Fort Devens, Massachusetts, to Fort Carson, Colorado — a move that signaled a new chapter for the unit.

"Fort Devens was home," Sekelsky said. "But the move proved that Special Forces could thrive anywhere."

With global threats shifting, missions expanded beyond deterrence. Sekelsky supported humanitarian operations, including Operation Provide Comfort in northern Iraq, where U.S. and coalition forces safeguarded Kurdish civilians following the Gulf War.

The mission reinforced a defining truth of Special Forces work: trust and cultural understanding mattered as much as tactics.

"Soldiers had to be trainers, advisors and partners — not just fighters," Sekelsky said.

Then the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks reshaped the Regiment again. The operational tempo surged as deployments became continuous, and missions grew more complex.

"Everything changed continuously," Sekelsky said. "We moved from planning to deploying, again and again."

New technology, new tactics and new threats emerged, but one thing stayed constant — the responsibility leaders held for their Soldiers.

As he rose into senior leadership, Sekelsky earned a reputation for mentorship, guidance and an ability to invest in people. Soldiers nicknamed him “The Godfather,” a reference to how many careers he shaped along the way.

“Good leaders show you what to do; bad ones show you what not to do,” Sekelsky said.

Sekelsky retired in 2014 and turned his focus to family, raising five children with Mary. The spirit of service continued in the next generation — his sons and nephew also joined the 10th Group, a point of deep pride for him.

In May 2025, he was inducted into the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Hall of Fame, honoring his decades of service and the Soldiers he guided.

For Sekelsky, the Regiment’s transformation — from paper maps and Cold War patrol bases to digital networks and modern multi-domain operations — ultimately rests on timeless values.

“Every generation faces new challenges,” Sekelsky said. “The tools change, but what defines a Green Beret doesn’t.”

He encourages today’s Soldiers to stay curious, share what they learn and build a culture that grows stronger with every mission.

“Every mission teaches you something new,” Sekelsky said. “Pass it on.”

His son, Master Sgt. Charles “Chaz” Sekelsky, said his father’s advice remains a guiding principle.

“My dad always said, if you plan to stay in one place your whole career, come up with another plan,” Chaz said.

The legacy of the 10th Group — and the Soldiers who carried it through decades of change — is one of adaptability, mentorship and community.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Chuck Sekelsky’s story reflects the Regiment’s transformation across shifting eras and missions but also its enduring heart. His career is a reminder that while equipment and tactics evolve, the character of the Green Beret remains constant.

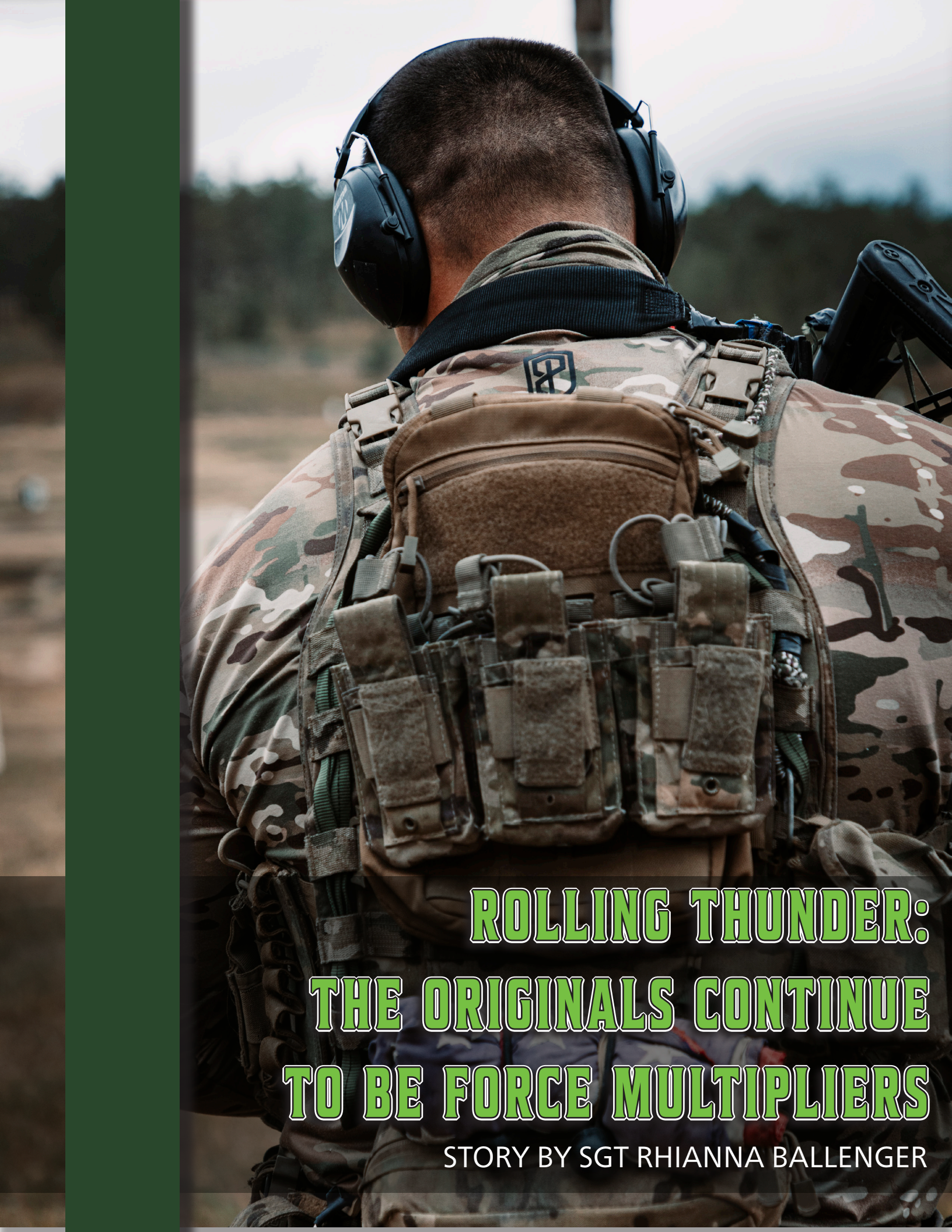


(Courtesy Photo provided by MSG Charles “Chaz” Sekelsky)

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A photograph of a soldier from behind, wearing a camouflage uniform, a tactical vest with various pouches, and a large headset. The soldier is looking out over a blurred outdoor environment. The text is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

ROLLING THUNDER: THE ORIGINALS CONTINUE TO BE FORCE MULTIPLIERS

STORY BY SGT RHIANNA BALLENGER

CAMP RAPID, S.D.

– Hidden within a gully, the platoon fastened their packs and tightened their helmet straps, preparing to move. Above them, two Green Berets carefully watched from the cliff's edge. This mission began before sunrise, and now, at midday, they are ready to engage the opposing force (OPFOR). Two weeks ago, these Soldiers were strangers. But today, they move as one lethal, tactical force.

A Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha (SFOD-A) team assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (SFG(A)) trained 34 South Dakota National Guard (SDNG) Soldiers from 19 units across the state on fundamentals and advanced warrior skills from September 13-26, at Camp Rapid, South Dakota. These Soldiers accepted the challenge to attend the voluntary course.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Master Sgt. Clint Sandness, a combat medic from 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Dakota National Guard. "I knew it would be challenging and hard; I like doing that stuff."

The first couple of days focused on fundamentals and advanced combat marksmanship. 10th SFG(A) Green Berets began by instructing on stationary shooting, tactical reloads, and switching between primary and secondary weapons systems. Then they moved into various movement and shooting drills, including walking and firing on-line toward a target, turning around and engaging, walking parallel to the targets and more.

"I had never practiced moving while turning and shooting simultaneously," said Staff Sgt. Vladimir Sobolev from the Small Arms Readiness and Training Section at the Joint Task Force Headquarters of the South Dakota National Guard. "This is essential training for us, as in wartime or a conflict, you need to be able to move and shoot effectively."

After the combat marksmanship skills course, they transitioned to a qualification range.

"We had 30 out of 34 qualify expert at the 300-meter range," said the 10th SFG(A) SFOD-A's team sergeant. "I believe the majority of those, about 28 or 29, had never shot expert before."

Over the rest of the two weeks, blocks of instruction included tactical combat casualty care, land navigation, digital force protection, machine-gun theory, anti-tank warfare, hoist training, demolition, small-unit tactics, mission planning and more. The training took place over four different locations in western South Dakota.



A U.S. Army South Dakota National Guardsman is strapped into a skid litter after receiving a simulated injury during their culmination mission of a two-week training exercise provided by Green Berets from 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), on West Camp Rapid, South Dakota, Sept. 25, 2025. The full-mission profile tested everything the Guardsmen had learned over the two weeks, including mission planning, infiltration, land navigation, small unit tactics, radio operations, tactical combat casualty care, raiding and exfiltration. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rhianna Ballenger)



A U.S. Army South Dakota National Guardsman prepares his M240 to provide supporting fire during a small unit tactics class by Green Berets from 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), at West Camp Rapid, Sept. 23, 2025. Over the course of two weeks, 10th SFG(A) Green Berets trained South Dakota National Guardsmen from across the state in fundamental warrior skills, including tactical combat casualty care, land navigation, combat marksmanship, small unit tactics, mission planning, digital force protection, hoist training and more. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rhianna Ballenger)

Spc. Matthew Husfeldt, an engineer with the 842nd Engineer Construction Company, 109th Engineer Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, listed Combat Life Saver as his favorite class of the course. He's also a civilian police officer.

"CLS was an awesome class," Husfeldt said. "It is going to help out if I'm ever in that situation; I feel a lot more confident that I could actually save somebody's life."

Other training, including hoist operations, involved strapping a simulated casualty into a skid and hoisting it into a hovering UH-60 Black Hawk overhead. It's useful in scenarios where it would be unsafe for a MEDEVAC to land. Digital force protection taught students how to protect themselves from the ever-transforming cyber domain. In the demolition block of instruction, students learned how to set an explosive charge effectively and listened to a lecture on the current state of explosives in the war in Europe. Small-unit tactics training took place over different days, ranging from how to move as a squad to how to conduct an ambush or raid as a platoon.

"My favorite thing was small-unit tactics because it was the hardest," Sandness said. "The 34 of us had never worked together, and now we had to function as a platoon; it was fun because it was incredibly rewarding, and it was rewarding because it was hard."

Nearly two weeks of specialized classes led to the ultimate test: a full-mission profile (FMP). The event brought all their learned skills together for a comprehensive field exercise.

The 10th SFG SFOD-A developed the program, mirroring it from a portion of their own training. This method enabled students to immerse themselves and fully absorb the knowledge, serving as an introduction to new ideas and a refresher on warrior skills. "The way the program of instruction is created, the first few days are all individual soldier skills, and then we get into small-unit tactics and more collective training for the guys," said the 10th SFG(A) SFOD-A's team sergeant. "And then we culminate it at the end with the FMP Rolling Thunder."

The group conducted two FMPs over 48 hours. The SDNG Soldiers were responsible for completing them from start to finish, beginning with mission planning overnight, moving to their objective rally point, infiltrating to their final assault positions, and conducting an ambush or raid.

Sobolev said he was way out of his comfort zone during the FMP, but it was where he learned the most, both from his own actions and from the instructors. It had a deeper level of execution and realism than the training he had in the past.

"We actually put all our gear on, went out in the middle of the night and were stressed-out and hungry," Sobolev said, "we were like 'oh, we're actually doing this.'"

After putting on all their gear, the platoon of SDNG Soldiers moved out of the gully and quietly took up their positions in the assault line. Their security support was already in place, waiting for the signal to engage. Once everyone was in position, the platoon leader sent a radio call, and the M240 machine guns opened fire. Following a shift in fire, the line of assaulters emerged from the trees, aggressively engaging the OPFOR on the road down the hill.

After a successful assault, the team conducted safety checks, performed searches and clearings, and treated two simulated casualties they had sustained during the operation. Everyone then returned to the rally point. The Green Berets observed from the sidelines, carefully noting any flaws in the execution.

"The full mission profiles are essentially the culmination of this whole course," said the 10th SFG(A) SFOD-A's team sergeant. "To see random strangers from all across South Dakota show up on day one, and then come out to the FMPs and be able to do a platoon ambush and a platoon raid successfully, based on the real-world things that we're seeing out of [EUROPE] and our current large-scale combat operations, I would say is hugely successful."

A significant portion of the instruction focused on current conflicts, particularly in Europe. Implementing present-day information creates a more lethal warfighter for today's climate.

"That's what we as an Army are leading forward in training for," said the 10th SFG(A) SFOD-A's team sergeant. "The days of GWOT (Global War on Terrorism) are over. Some principles still apply in LSCO (Large Scale Combat Operations); however, LSCO is a very different fight."

Husfeldt plans to bring what he learned back to his SDNG unit and create several classes to give to his peers, helping pass along the knowledge he gained to the rest of the force. "This is also hugely beneficial for us as an ODA," said the 10th SFG(A) SFOD-A's team sergeant. "We get just as much, if not more, out of it than they do; it's a great opportunity to continue to train our own United States individuals who are motivated and want to be there."

Projecting a 47% increase in attendance, the SDNG plans to enroll 50 Soldiers in the following training iteration. The commitment establishes a powerful, lasting initiative by 10th SFG(A) to enhance readiness and sustain long-term training for both active duty and National Guard Soldiers.

"As SOF, we're force multipliers," said the 10th SFG(A) SFOD-A's team sergeant. "We train individuals, and then those individuals go to train other individuals."



A U.S. Army South Dakota National Guardsman fires at a 300-meter target with instruction from a 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Green Beret while zeroing his M4 carbine on West Camp Rapid, South Dakota, Sept. 12, 2025. 10th SFG(A) trained South Dakota National Guardsmen from across the state over the course of two weeks on their fundamental warrior skills including tactical combat casualty care, land navigation, combat marksmanship skills, small unit tactics, mission planning, digital force protection, hoist training and more. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rhianna Ballenger)





An Operator with 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) conducts convoy security during a joint training exercise with Polish and British Special Forces in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 03, 2025. The exercise consisted of the teams converging on the objective, capturing or killing a high-value target, and executing sensitive site exploitation. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. David Cordova)

A photograph of two soldiers in camouflage uniforms and caps. One soldier is kneeling in the foreground, adjusting a piece of electronic equipment mounted on a tripod. The other soldier stands behind him, looking on. They are on a rooftop or elevated position, with a vast, flat landscape and a clear sky at sunset or sunrise in the background. The text is overlaid in the bottom right corner.

**10TH SFG(A)
SPECIAL OPERATIONS
ROBOTICS DETACHMENT
PREPARES FOR C-UAS TESTING**

STORY BY SSG LUIS SOLORIO

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLA.

–The Special Operations Robotics Detachment (SORD) with 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) participated in Falcon Peak 25-2—a North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) experiment to test Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UAS) capabilities against mass drone threats in Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, from Sept. 8 to Sept. 18, 2025

Falcon Peak 25-2 aimed to evaluate base defense capabilities and enhance joint force readiness by simulating increasing threats from Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). Green Berets and Soldiers assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), specifically the Special Operations Response Detachment (SORD) team, collaborated with drone operators from the 4th Infantry Division and a U.S. Air Force unit from the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron to form the “Red Team.” These military experts acted as adversaries, utilizing various drones to test the defenses and identify weaknesses in Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UAS) technology.

“Exercises like Falcon Peak are about training as we fight,” said the SORD team sergeant. “By replicating realistic and evolving threats, we help identify vulnerabilities in current systems and inform future solutions for the joint force.”

SORD achieved a highly realistic adversarial role by utilizing both commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) and modified commercial off-the-shelf (M-COTS) systems. The strategy reflects the low-cost and rapidly evolving threats seen in contemporary conflicts abroad. Drawing on extensive European domain experience, the 10th SFG(A) team applied crucial lessons from actual counter-drone operations to strengthen military cooperation and drive innovation.



Hunting drones staged on a runway during Falcon Peak 25.2, September 11, 2025. The drones were employed to intercept and neutralize opposing force unmanned aerial systems during the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command counter-unmanned aerial systems experiment. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt Luis Solorio)



A Soldier assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Special Operations Robotics Detachment prepares a fixed-wing drone during Falcon Peak 25.2, September 12, 2025. The North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command experiment evaluated counter-unmanned aerial systems capabilities against mass-incursion threats. (U.S. Army photo by Luis Solorio)

Drones are now easy for the public to get and are part of modern warfare. Using readily available technology is key to accurately testing threats. The SORD team successfully broke through simulated defenses, ensuring that C-UAS are developed using real enemy capabilities rather than just theory. Hands-on testing helps the U.S. and its partners stay agile and keep a competitive edge against low-cost threats.

The continuous cycle of testing and immediate adaptation is vital for military modernization. Serving as a high-fidelity adversary, the SORD team directly informs defense purchasing. They show leaders exactly where current anti-drone systems fail against realistic, low-cost swarm attacks. This dedication to hands-on data ensures that military funds are spent on building the most effective and resilient C-UAS to protect personnel and assets.

"The 10th SFG(A) red air team helps us to understand the weaknesses and the deficiencies of C-UAS and allows us to adapt and prepare for the battlefield rapidly," said Maj. Jeffrey Ivas, Advanced Technological Operations Company Commander. "The SORD team employs a variety of systems to help further prepare against realistic enemy threats in the electronic warfare environment."

Falcon Peak 25-2 highlighted the importance of multi-domain training in the era of great competition. Participation underscored 10th SFG(A)'s mission to prepare and deliver combat-ready units capable of competing in short and large-scale combat operations.

"This experiment ensures our C-UAS platform is not only tested but refined," said a SORD team member. "Ultimately, it's about ensuring deterrence holds and if not, that we prevail."

10TH SFG (A) TRIVIA

Did You Know, During the late 1980s 10th SFG (A) spearheaded the M25 development project to better equip its sniper support and the Special Operations Target Interdiction Course (SOTIC). The M25, an enhanced M14 variant, remains a notable example of a unit identifying a specific operational need and driving the development of specialized equipment to meet it.



Various unmanned aerial systems rest on the ground during Falcon Peak 25.2, September. 10, 2025. The North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command counter-unmanned aerial systems experiment tested installation defense capabilities against mass-incursion threats, with 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Special Operations Robotics Detachment serving as the opposing force. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt Luis Solorio)



Operators assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) plan the next movement during a Special Operations Mountain Warfare training event at Eleven Mile Reservoir, Colorado, Sept. 11, 2025. The training brought together Operators from across the Special Operations Command to teach enablers various rock-climbing techniques. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alec Brueggemann)







**FROM 88 DAYS TO 24 HOURS:
CAPT. KENEALLY PHELAN EARNS
LT. GEN. WEINSTEIN AWARD FOR
GAME-CHANGING MILITARY
INTELLIGENCE INNOVATION**

STORY BY SSG MICHAEL WOOD

FORT CARSON, COLO.

– Capt. Keneally Phelan, Director of Intelligence with 4th Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), was named the 2025 recipient of the Lt. Gen. Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence at a ceremony held on Fort Carson, CO, Oct. 30, 2025. She is the first “Original” from the 10th SFG(A) to receive the award, which recognizes exceptional leadership and commitment within the Military Intelligence (MI) Corps.

The Weinstein Award was established in 2007 to honor Lt. Gen. Tom Weinstein, known as the “Father of Modern Military Intelligence.” His innovative vision transformed Army Intelligence, shaping its structure, doctrine, and capabilities—particularly the principles of Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield (IPB), which remain crucial today.

To win the award, candidates must go through a thorough selection process. A board of at least five senior officers reviews the nominations. They evaluate each candidate based on their leadership and contributions to military intelligence in the past year.

Col. Nathanael E. Joslyn, Commander of 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), praised Phelan for her outstanding accomplishments during the ceremony. He highlighted how her leadership enabled her team to become the first under Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR) to gain authority to release intelligence reports. This innovation dramatically shortened the time needed for intelligence production from 88 days to less than 24 hours.



Capt. Keneally Phelan, Director of Intelligence with 4th Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Halee Weinstein and Mila Masur, pose for a group photo after an award ceremony held on the 10th SFG(A) compound in Fort Carson, Colorado, October 30, 2025. Phelan was awarded with the Lt. Gen. Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence for her dedication and contributions to the Military Intelligence Corps. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Luis Solorio)



"Your efforts didn't just improve operations," Joslyn added. "They made up an incredible 98 percent of SOCEUR's total intelligence output; that's a clear reflection of your dedication and drive to make a real difference."

Phelan also improved intelligence training while working on TROJAN ARCHER (TA), the top validation exercise for Counterintelligence (CI) and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) agents in Special Operations. She developed a new Tier IV Training Manual for TA, which helped accelerate the career progression of 91 personnel in the 10th SFG(A) and ensured that skilled intelligence professionals were available more quickly.

Her model proved to be so effective that the 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) plans to adopt and expand it for the 2026 TROJAN ARCHER exercise. This decision solidifies her legacy as a key driver of change within the Intelligence community.

"Your work embodies everything Lieutenant General Weinstein stood for," Joslyn said. "Vision, innovation and commitment to excellence."

Phelan used her acceptance speech to express her gratitude to her team. She emphasized that her success was a group effort and credited them for their support.



From left, Col. Nathanael Joslyn, Commander of 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Capt. Keneally Phelan, Director of Intelligence with 4th Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Halee Weinstein and Mila Masur, pose for a group photo during an award ceremony held on the 10th SFG(A) Compound, Fort Carson, Colorado, October 30, 2025. The award ceremony recognized Phelan's accomplishments and contributions to the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corp and awarded her with the Lt. Gen. Sidney Weinstein Award for Excellence. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Luis Solorio)



"Those accomplishments are not my own," Phelan said. "They are a testament to teamwork, collaboration, and shared purpose with some of the hardest workers I've ever met."

The award was presented by Lt. Gen. Weinstein's daughters, Mila Masur and Halee Weinstein. It recognizes Phelan's leadership, professional skills, and commitment to the values of Duty, Honor, and Country—all of which were integral to their father's 33-year military career.

"I am really excited that another woman won the award," said Masur. "My dad was a feminist, and it is really exciting when women are recognized."



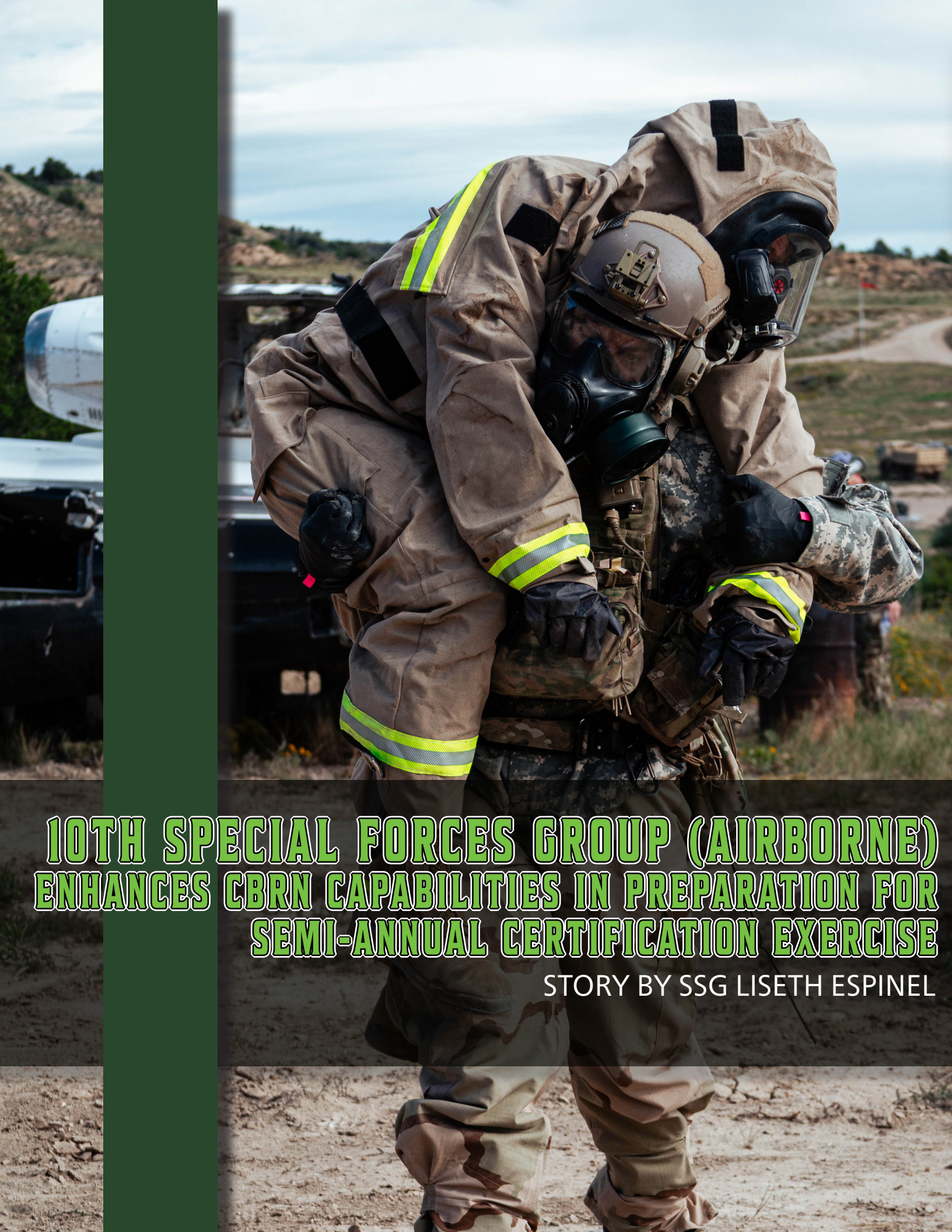
10TH SFG (A) TRIVIA

Did You Know, The 17th Commander of 10th SFG (A), Col. Paris D. Davis, earned the Medal of Honor for a 19-hour battle in Vietnam where—despite multiple wounds—he repeatedly braved enemy fire to save his Soldiers and refused evacuation until all were safe. His heroism is now honored at the National Museum of the U.S. Army and aboard the USS Yorktown in the Medal of Honor Society's exhibit.





U.S. Army Green Berets assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) practice buddy- breathing procedures during dive training at Fort Carson, Colorado, Nov. 5, 2025. The exercise prepared the team for the 2025 U.S. Army Special Operations Command Best Combat Diver Competition. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Rhianna Ballenger)



10TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE) ENHANCES CBRN CAPABILITIES IN PREPARATION FOR SEMI-ANNUAL CERTIFICATION EXERCISE

STORY BY SSG LISETH ESPINEL

FORT CARSON, COLO.

– Soldiers with the 82nd Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Company, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), are refining their skills during the company certification process in preparation for the upcoming semi-annual CBRN certification exercise at Fort Carson, Colorado, Sept. 11, 2025.

CBRN training is essential for the responsiveness of special forces operations units, where members are constantly operating in high-risk and unpredictable environments. Reinforcing the Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth's message of how training is crucial to remain the strongest and most lethal force in the world.

"We are seeing commanders across the Army shift towards understanding that CBRN is a real threat and that many of the units out there are not prepared for it," said Capt. Dylan Tossavainen, commander of the 82nd CBRN Company, 10th SFG (A).

The training was designed to enhance operational readiness, deter the use of weapons of mass destruction, and strengthen Soldier lethality and survivability.

"In the 10th Special Forces Group, we are training our subject matter experts to exploit CBRN targets, understand threats so that we can keep everyone else safe, and we are looking at how the enemy is going to utilize CBRN agents on a potential battlefield," said Tossavainen. "CBRN is essential in large-scale combat operations and can be something that causes a massive detriment to the mission."



Soldiers with the 82nd Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Company, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) train for their semi-annual certification exercise at Fort Carson, Colorado, Sept. 11, 2025. 10th SFG (A) reinforces its CBRN capabilities through constant training for semi-annual certification, enhancing mission readiness, Soldier lethality and survivability, and ensuring a rapid response to any CBRN threat. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Liseth Espinel)



10TH SFG (A) TRIVIA

During Operation RESTORE HOPE in Somalia in 1992-93, 10th Group deployed a Coalition Support Team (CST) consisting of four SFOD-A's to support the 1st Belgian Para-Commando Battalion. In addition to supporting the Para-Commandos, the CST assisted the 10th Mountain Division and provided security for meetings with Somali leaders. Following the ethnic conflict in Rwanda, 10th Group deployed to Entebbe airfield, Uganda. The group assisted the displaced people's return to home.



Soldiers with the 82nd Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Company, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment and 1st Battalion, 68th Armor regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division conduct Medical Evacuation training in preparation for the CBRN semi-annual certification exercise at Fort Carson, Colorado, Sept. 11, 2025. MEDEVAC training is essential in CBRN training because it assesses the team's capabilities to ensure a rapid and coordinated evacuation of contaminated or injured personnel, not only in life-threatening situations, but in the prevention of further exposure in hazardous environments. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Liseth Espinel)

During the scenario, the CBRN Soldiers assisted the casualties by removing their outer clothing and placing them into clearly marked, sealed containment bags to ensure safe disposal. This process helped eliminate external contamination. After the clothing removal, they medically evacuated them and guided them toward medical assistance.

The upcoming semi-annual certification exercise will assess the unit's readiness and capability to respond to and defend against CBRN threats in specific operational environments. The training focused not only on fundamental knowledge of CBRN agents, hazards, and protective measures, but also on advanced defense skills, including equipment detection, preventive measures, and thorough decontamination techniques.

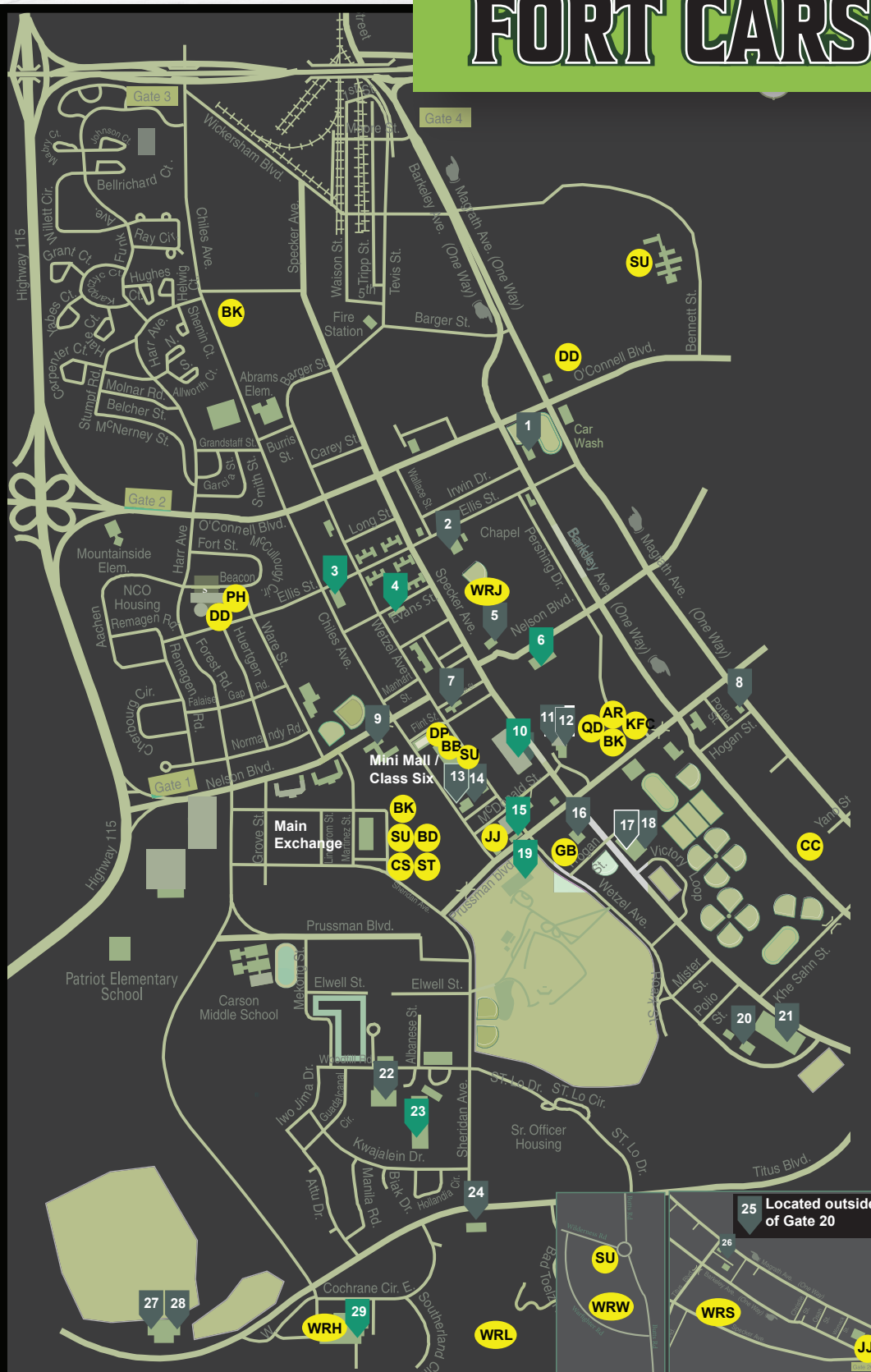
"We conduct traditional CBRN tasks, which include decontamination of personnel or vehicles," said Staff Sgt. Gerardo Flores, CBRN operations noncommissioned officer in charge of the 82nd CBRN Co., 10th SFG (A). "We specialize in supporting the teams and conducting special operations in sensitive site exploitations. Additionally, we have capabilities to confirm or deny the presence of chemical warfare agents (CWA), biological warfare agents (BWA), and identify radiological isotopes."

The 10th SFG (A) CBRN teams train with realistic scenarios, simulating conventional enemy forces, to build a more lethal and prepared force capable of responding to any CBRN threats during today's operational environment.

NEWCOMERS INFORMATION



FORT CARSON MAP



1. McKibben Fitness Center, 526-2597, Bldg. 1160
2. Outdoor Pool, 526-4456, Bldg. 1231
3. ACS Center / Soldier & Family Assistance Center (SFAC), 526-4590, Bldg. 1201
4. Housing Services Office (HSO), Bldg. 1525, 526-2323
5. Nelson Indoor Pool, 526-3107, Bldg. 1446
6. Replacement Center (In-Processing), 526-6961, Bldg. 1456
7. Grant Library, 526-2350, Bldg. 1528
8. Garcia Fitness Center, 526-3944, Bldg. 1856
9. Soldiers Memorial Chapel, 526-5229, Bldg. 6333
10. Mountain Post Soldier Center, Bldg. 1525
11. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS), 524-0126, Bldg. 1532
12. Leisure Travel Services (The HUB), 526-5366, Bldg. 1532
13. T&M's Pro Shop, 526-5542, Bldg. 1511
14. Strike Zone Snack Bar & Grill, 526-5542, Bldg. 1511
15. Child & Youth Services (CYS) Parent Central & School Liason Office (SLO), Bldg. 5939, 526-1101 or 526-8220
16. Special Events Center, 524-1163, Bldg. 1829
17. Ivy Fitness Center, 526-2706, Bldg. 1925
- Intramural Sports, 526-3972
18. Ivy Indoor Pool, 526-4093, Bldg. 1925
19. Commissary, 503-8300, Bldg. 1800
20. Auto Skills Center, 526-2147, Bldg. 2427
21. Outdoor Recreation Complex, 896-6196, Bldg. 2429
- Adventure Programs, 526-3907,
- Equipment Checkout Center & RV Storage, 526-3907 and 526-1993
- Mountain Post Outfitters, 526-9723
22. Elkhorn Catering & Conference Center, 576-6646, Bldg. 7300
23. Candlewood Suites, Bldg. 7222, 374-9158
24. ACS Annex (Family Nurturing Center), 526-4590, Bldg. 7492
25. Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex (located outside Gate 20), 526-4122, Bldg. 7800
26. Waller Fitness Center, 526-2742, Bldg. 2357
27. Mulligan's Snack Bar & Grill, 526-4122, Bldg. 7800
28. Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course, 526-4102, Bldg. 7800
29. Evans Army Community Hospital, 526-7000, Bldg. 7500

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| AR Arby's, Bldg. 1534 | GB Green Beans Coffee, Bldg. 1827 | WRJ Warrior Restaurant - James R. Wolf, Bldg. 1444 |
| BB Brisket Brothers, Bldg. 1510 | JJ Jimmy Johns, Bldg. 1515, 3600 | WRL Warrior Restaurant - LaRoche, Bldg. 7481 |
| BK Burger King, Bldg. 510, 1534, 6110 | KFC Kentucky Fried Chicken, Bldg. 1533 | WRS Warrior Restaurant - Robert R. Stack, Bldg. 2330 |
| BD Bun-D, Bldg. 6110 | PH Pizza Hut, Bldg. 5940 | WRW Warrior Restaurant - Warfighter, Bldg. 9439 |
| CC Carson Café, Bldg. 2061 | ST Starbucks, Bldg. 6110, 7305 | |
| CS Charleys Steakery, Bldg. 6110 | SU Subway, Bldg. 900, 1510, 6110 | |
| DD Dunkin' Donuts, Bldg. 980, 5940 | QD QDOBA, Bldg. 1534 | |
| DP Domino's Pizza, Bldg. 1510 | WRH Warrior Restaurant - Hospital, Bldg. 7500 | |

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719-756-6027

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AER:

719-526-4783

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719-526-4084/8294

ACS:

719-526-5807

ROBINSON CLINIC:

719-526-7772

EVANS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL:

719-526-7000

DENTAL:

719-526-2200/2201

TEMPORARY LODGING:

719-526-4832

HOUSING OFFICE:

719-579-1606

ID/CAC CARD OFFICE:

719-524-3704

FAMILY READINESS CENTER:

719-526-5199

CHAPLAIN:

719-271-9311

TRAVEL OFFICE:

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DPW:

719-526-5345

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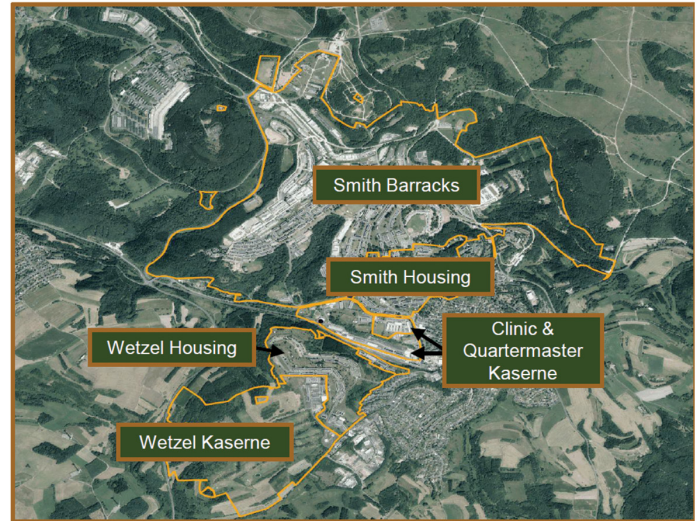
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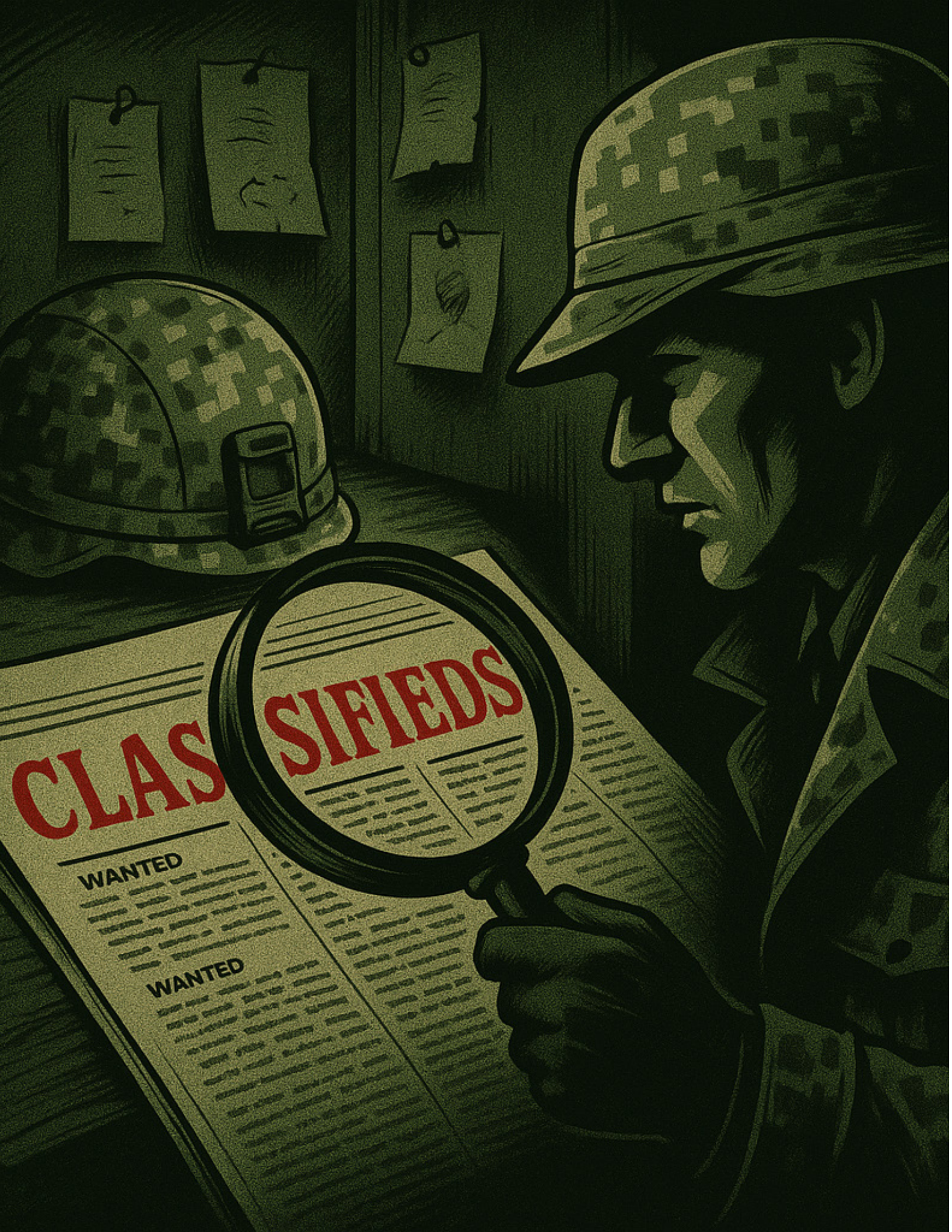
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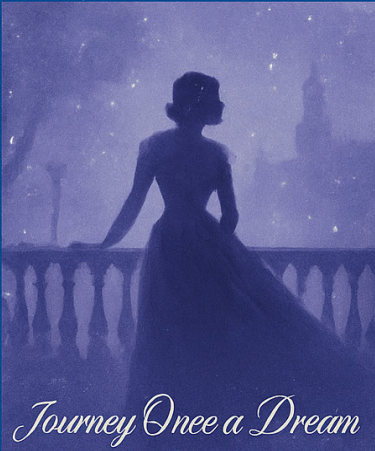
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Inside the kit:

- Snow Camouflage Wrapping Paper — makes your gifts disappear... literally.
- Jolly NVGs — because Santa sees in the dark, and now you can too.

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- Ranger-Tab-Strength Gingerbread — built tough.
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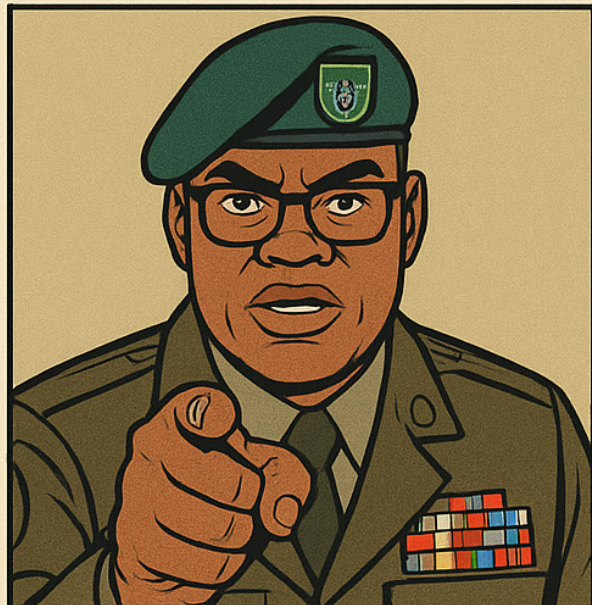
ONLY SANTA HAS A MAGICAL
VEHICLE - DON'T DRINK AND
DRIVE.



SANTA DOESN'T DO PLASTER
CAST. CHRISTMAS IS BEST
ENJOYED AT HOME,
NOT IN A HOSPITAL.



IT'S FUNNY HOW RED, WHITE,
AND BLUE STAND FOR FREEDOM
UNLESS THEY ARE FLASHING
BEHIND YOU.



ASK YOURSELF, WOULD AN IDIOT
DO THAT? AND IF THE ANSWER
IS YES, DO NOT DO THAT THING.

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As we approach the holiday season, I invite your attention to the following excerpts from the Thanksgiving Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. While leading a divided nation during the Civil War, he keenly understood the necessity of humility and gratitude and hoped these two elements would restore the nation in peace. I pray we too can be encouraged by his challenge to give thanks to God and live in peace with our fellow Americans. -

"The year...has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God."

"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, ... It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People."

"And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings... and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union." - President Abraham Lincoln 1863

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