



THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE 10TH MOUNTAIN PATCH

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The 10th Mountain Division honors the fallen with a wreath-laying ceremony hosted by Brig. Gen. Gregory Anderson, the Deputy Commanding General-Support and Sergeant Major Michael Burns, at Memorial Park on Fort Drum, New York for Memorial Day weekend May 23, 2019.





OUR LEGACY



Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis, a Staten Island, New York native who served as an Infantryman with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment at Forward Operating Base Ghazni, Afghanistan, came under a complex enemy attack involving vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, suicide vests, indirect fire, and small arms fire on August 28, 2013.

Staff Sergeant Ollis ordered his fellow Soldiers to the safety of a bunker and, after accounting for them, checked for casualties before moving toward the enemy force which had penetrated the perimeter of the forward operating base.



Staff Sergeant Ollis located a Coalition Forces Officer and together they moved toward the point of attack armed only with their rifles. Upon reaching the attack point, they linked up with other friendly forces and began a coordinated effort to repel the enemy from the airfield and adjacent buildings. While under continuous small arms, indirect, and rocket propelled grenade fires, Staff Sergeant Ollis and his comrades moved with accurate and effective fire.

While in contact, an insurgent came around a corner and immediately began engaging them with small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Ollis positioned himself between the insurgent and the Coalition Forces Officer who had been wounded in both legs and was unable to walk.

Staff Sergeant Ollis fired on the insurgent and incapacitated him, but as he approached the insurgent, the insurgent's suicide vest detonated mortally wounding him.



SSG MICHAEL OLLIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS PRESENTATION



Gen. James C. McConville, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, posthumously presents the Distinguished Service Cross to Kimberly Loschiavo and Robert Ollis, the sister and father of Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis, on Staten Island, New York, June 8, 2019. Michael Ollis was previously awarded the Silver Star for shielding a Polish army lieutenant from a suicide bomber. His award was upgraded to better reflect his sacrifice.



Robert Ollis, the father of Michael Ollis, speaks with Gen. James C. McConville, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, inside the Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis VFW Post on Staten Island, New York on June 8, 2019.



Karol Cierpica, the Polish army officer who Michael Ollis gave his life for, walks next to Robert Ollis, the father of Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis on Staten Island, New York, June 8, 2019.

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2019



Lt. Col. Eric Harrelson, the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion commander, and Heather Harrelson, his wife, pay tribute to fallen Soldiers during a wreath-laying ceremony at Memorial Park on Fort Drum, New York, May 23, 2019.

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Rodriguez, an infantryman assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, places a pair of combat boots on a pedestal during a battlefield cross ceremony at the Central Louisiana Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Day Program in Leesville, Louisiana, May 27, 2019.



Soldiers assigned to Headquarters and Special Troops Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade marched during a Memorial Day Parade in Antwerp, New York, May 27, 2019.





WARFIGHTER COMMAND-POST EXERCISE



The division staff conducts operations on a simulated battlefield using digital and real-world role-playing scenarios in order to test, validate and improve division staff systems to prepare for future missions and deployments.

“The Warfighter Exercise was a great opportunity for the Division staff,” said Col. Brian P. Sullivan, the Chief of Staff for the 10th Mountain Division. “Though we worked hard to prepare, the complexity of the WFX fight quickly exposed holes in our swing. The coaching we received from the MCTP team enabled us to quickly improve. We are a much better staff now than we were at the beginning of June.”



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Pvt. 1st Class Eric Baukol, from 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team throws the RQ-11 Raven, an unmanned aerial vehicle, into the air during Raven Certification Training on Fort Drum, New York, May 29, 2019.



Staff Sgt. Kephart (left) and Private 1st Class Dalton (right), with 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, pose with a young, local child during the Country Kickoff to Summer celebration held in Alexandria Bay, New York, May 26, 2019.



Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team low crawl through the mud during a Spur Ride on Fort Drum, New York, May 16, 2019.



(above) Leaders from 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment hone their demolition skills during a Demolition Development Course in Afghanistan, May 28, 2019.

(below) Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment pose for a photo after participating in a Memorial Day workout in honor of the fallen, May 27, 2019.



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Thirty Soldiers from across the 3rd Brigade Combat Team participate in a Basic Combatives Course taught by Staff Sgt. Shelly Anderson on Fort Polk, Louisiana, May 25, 2019.

“The willingness to close in with the enemy is a defining characteristic of a warrior,” said Staff Sgt. Shelly Anderson.

(below) Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team train on basic combatives techniques, May 25, 2019.





The DIVARTY Radar platoon conducts circuit PT with local reporter Briana Smith from Syracuse Spectrum News on Fort Drum, New York, May 17, 2019.

Col. Jason Williams, the DIVARTY commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Miguel Quiros, the DIVARTY senior listed advisor, along with 1st Lt. Donald Herron, the radar platoon leader, and Staff Sgt. Matthew Allen, the Q-53 Radar Section Chief, were all featured on the Syracuse Spectrum News morning show during several LIVE broadcast segments that showed Central and Northern New York how Mountain Thunder Soldiers start their day.



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Soldiers assigned to 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade conduct a Spur Ride on Fort Drum, New York, May 16, 2019. Sixty-nine Soldiers from across the brigade received their Silver Spurs after conducting a tactical ruck march, operating in a chemical, nuclear, biological and radioactive (CBRN) training environment and conducting a casualty evacuation (CASEVAC) drill, among other tasks.

Spur Rides reinforce cavalry traditions and bolster the unit's esprit de corps.





(left) Soldiers from 543rd Composite Supply Company conduct training on treating a casualty, June 13, 2019. These tasks included how to perform care under fire, how to properly assess a casualty, and how to move a casualty with proper lifts.

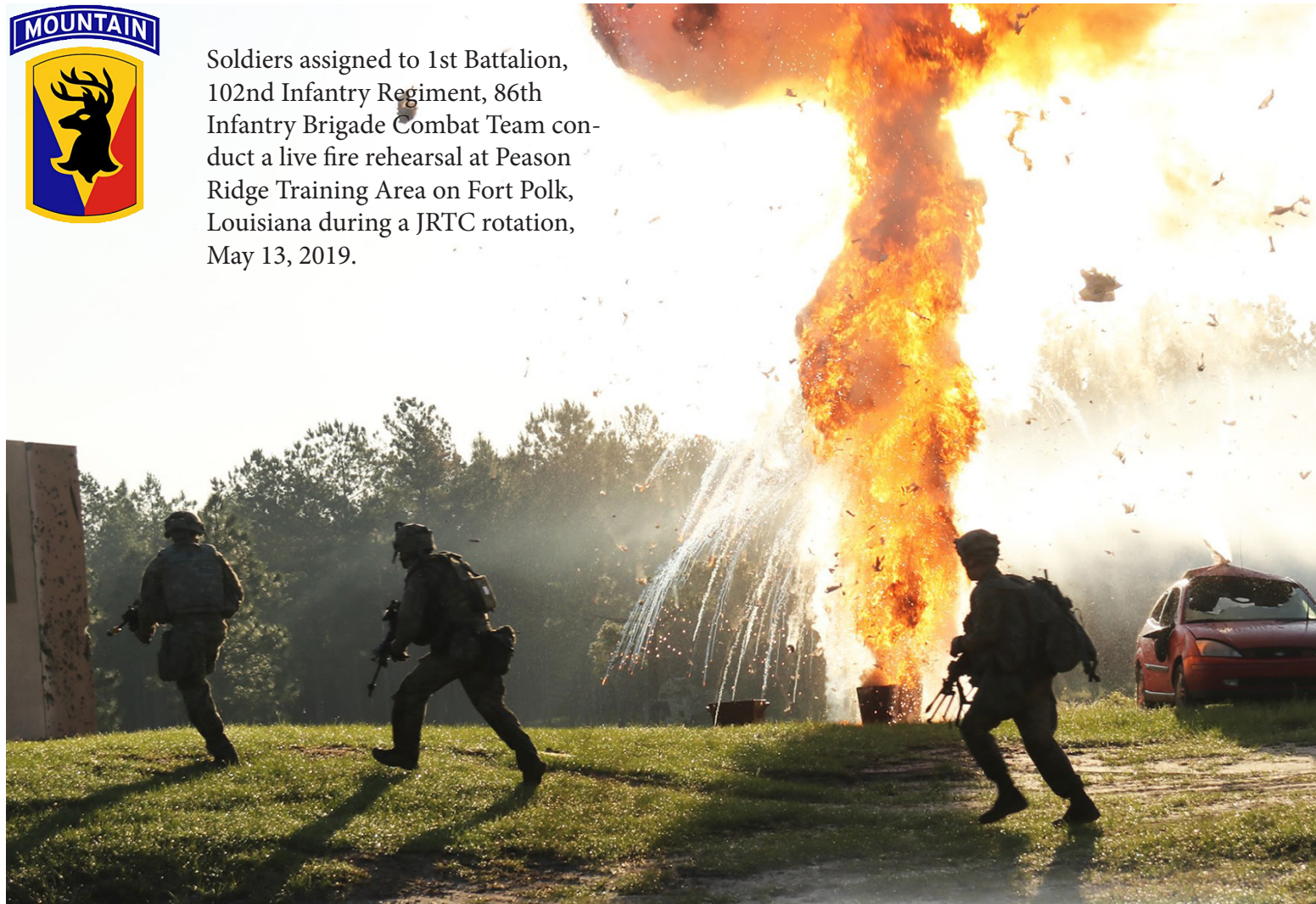
(below) 510th Human Resources Company Soldiers conduct a day and night defense live fire exercise at Fort Drum, New York on May 13th through May 17th, 2019.



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Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry Regiment, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team conduct a live fire rehearsal at Peason Ridge Training Area on Fort Polk, Louisiana during a JRTC rotation, May 13, 2019.



Soldiers assigned to 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment engage opposing forces during a JRTC rotation at Fort Polk, Louisiana, May 13, 2019.





BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION



Soldiers from across the division participated in the annual 10th Mountain 2019 Best Warrior Competition. The competition put Soldiers through a ruck march, obstacle course, water confidence course, M4 and M249 marksmanship ranges, an Army Physical Fitness Test and a board.

Congratulations to Cpl. Noah Slabaugh and Spc. Joel Boulden from 91st Military Police Battalion, 16th Military Police Brigade for winning the annual 10th Mountain 2019 Best Warrior Competition.



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10TH MOUNTAIN AND FORT DRUM DAY



10th Mountain Division participated in the annual 10th Mountain and Fort Drum Day held in the state capitol building at Albany, New York, May 14, 2019. The event, held by Senator Patricia A. Ritchie, R-Havelton for the last seven years, is intended to highlight the contributions of Soldiers from the division.

During the event, Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes held an address in the Senate Chamber, the 10th Mountain Division Band performed and many displays were set up highlighting Soldier's jobs and equipment.

"For the past seven years, 10th Mountain and Fort Drum has helped introduce my colleagues from across the state to so many of the heroes who are fighting on the front lines for our freedom," said Sen. Patty Ritchie.





ARMED FORCES DAY



Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division and Barbara Weber participate in the 65th annual Armed Forces Day Parade held on Washington Street in Watertown, New York to demonstrate the bonds and camaraderie Fort Drum has with the North Country community, May 19, 2019



The parade also recognized the North Country's inclusion into the 2019 Class of Great American Defense Communities, selected by the Association of Defense Communities last year. This inclusion recognizes the overall support the region has provided to service members and military families.

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MOUNTAIN SALUTE



(left) Maj. Gen. Brian Mennes awards Brig. Gen. Gregory Anderson the Legion of Merit for his service and dedication to the men and women of the 10th Mountain Division.

(below) Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Roark, Brig. Gen. Gregory Anderson and Maj. Gen. Brian Mennes pose for a photo with Brig. Gen. Anderson's family on Fort Drum, New York, May 28 2019





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1st Brigade Combat Team

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/1BCT10MTN/>
-  Twitter: <https://twitter.com/1BCT10MTN>

2nd Brigade Combat Team

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3rd Brigade Combat Team

-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNPatriots/>
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10th Sustainment Brigade

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-  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMTNDIVARTY/>

86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team - Mountain

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

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