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10th Mountain Division Commander to speak to Fort Jackson Basic Combat Training Graduation Ceremony

Fort Drum, NY – Maj. Gen. (P) Milford H. Beagle Jr., Commander, 10th Mountain Division (LI) will speak to the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 165th Infantry Brigade graduation ceremony on July 28, 2022, on Hilton Field, Fort Jackson, South Carolina from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

In May, Beagle sat next to what he called “a nice young man” on a flight back to Fort Drum from Germany. The young man at the time was recruit Tyrese Melvin on his way to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for Basic Combat Training.

Beagle, the former Commanding General, U.S. Army Training Center & Fort Jackson, had lots of advice for Recruit Melvin. Later, he tweeted about their interaction saying, “Interesting flight from Germany! Nice young man sits next to me. Niceties exchanges. He asks “Are you in the military?” (Not sure what gave me away (hat emoji)) I asked the same, he said “I’m reporting to @fortjackson. Let’s just say … this is best prepared trainee ever (Laughing emoji).”

Haley Britzkey, a reporter for Task and Purpose contacted Beagle and wrote a story about the exchange. She asked Beagle if he would be interested in going to see Melvin graduate. “If it works,” Beagle said, “I’ll definitely get there.”

https://taskandpurpose.com/news/army-soldier-general-beagle-mentor/

Brig. Gen. Patrick R. Michaelis, Commanding General, U.S. Army Training Center & Fort Jackson, upon reading the article, reached out to invite Beagle to speak at the Basic Combat Training Graduation Ceremony.

"One of the things I get to do while traveling is to meet current or former members of the Army. In this case it was a future Soldier going to Fort Jackson for basic training. I am excited to be invited back to Fort Jackson and to speak at graduation. I hope to speak with the Soldier and his family to see if my advice was helpful," Beagle said.

It worked out well with Beagle’s schedule. A live stream of the event will be on Facebook live on the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment Facebook Page.

https://www.facebook.com/339INBN/

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