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10th Mountain Division Announces Leadership Change

Fort Drum, NY - Maj. Gen. Brian J. Mennes, Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division, relieved Col. J.T. Eldridge, Commander, 1st Brigade Combat Team, on Wednesday, April 28, due to a loss in trust in his ability to command after an investigation stemming from allegations of misconduct.

“We have full confidence in our Soldiers who are trained and ready to meet any mission. We hold our leaders accountable for their actions,” said Mennes.

Maj. Gen. Mennes met with 1st Brigade Combat Team Soldiers and leaders to provide them an update on the relief and transition of command.

Lt. Col. Dwight F. Towler, Commander, 10th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, is assuming command responsibility in the interim.

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