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10th Mountain Division Holds D-Series Winter Challenge 2023

Fort Drum, NY – The 10th Mountain Division will hold the D-Series Winter Challenge 2023 on Jan. 18-19, 2023, to enhance the Division’s alpine skills, physical fitness, mental toughness, competitive spirit, and link to unit history.

The competition has been held annually since 2018 to commemorate the hardships and trials the original 10th Light Division (Alpine) Soldiers went through to prepare for combat. The name “D-Series” is a reference to the culminating winter training event that the Soldiers of the 10th Light Division (Alpine) went through in March-April 1944 to prepare for combat in the mountains of Italy.

More than 550, nine-Soldier teams across the Fort Drum installation and 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, stationed at Fort Polk, La., will compete in a nine-mile ruck movement with graded stations along the way that are winter-focused and designed to test proficiency and knowledge. The events consist of a stress shoot, medically treating a hypothermic casualty, installing tire chains on a military vehicle, a ski challenge, knot tying, rappelling, a weapons station, employing Ahkio sleds as a member of a squad, and finishing with a history test on the D-Series.

Drivers on Fort Drum must be alert for Soldiers crossing roads. Bomporto Bridge will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 19. Please use Munns Corner Road or Gas Alley Gate.

Media interested in covering the D-Series Winter Challenge 2023 on Wednesday, Jan. 18, must be at the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum parking lot on Route 26 no later than 8:30 a.m. An RSVP is requested by 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17.

To RSVP or for further information regarding this advisory, contact LTC Josh Jacques at 315-772-7634 or email josh.t.jacques.mil@army.mil.