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10th Mountain Division Soldiers Return Home from Djibouti Deployment

Fort Drum, NY – Approximately 100 Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) returned home from a six-month deployment in Djibouti, where they served as the East Africa Response Force (EARF) in support of the Regionally Aligned Force mission in Africa.

Along with the EARF assignment, the Soldiers conducted multiple civil affairs missions, to include teaching English classes at a local university and partnering with a host nation orphanage.

“These Soldiers were prepared to operate for a crisis that never emerged because our adversaries understood the lethal deterrent option from the 10th Mountain Division,” said Col. Shane Morgan, 1st Brigade Combat Team commander. “Mountain Warriors, you’ve answered the call and you’ve done your duty. You made every 10th Mountain veteran, your fellow Soldiers, Families, loved ones and our nation very proud.”

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