

Media Advisory

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10th Mountain Division Hosts Mogadishu Mile to Honor Veterans Who Served in Somalia

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – The 10th Mountain Division will host a community run, wreath laying ceremony, and a veteran meet and greet for the Mogadishu Mile, honoring veterans who served in Somalia at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 3.

This year marks 32 years since the Battle of Mogadishu, more widely known as the ‘Black Hawk Down Incident’. Soldiers assigned to 2-14 Infantry Battalion and 1-87 Infantry Battalion deployed to Somalia as a quick reaction force in support of Task Force Ranger. During the exfiltration of the operation, Soldiers were required to move on foot during intense conflict and under enemy fire; this became known as the Mogadishu Mile.

10th Mountain Division Soldiers will commemorate this conflict by running a mile in full combat protective equipment while transporting mock casualties. Afterward, there will be a wreath laying ceremony along with a Veteran family and friends meet and greet followed by a 1:00 p.m. award ceremony. The Mogadishu Mile honors the heroism, legacy, and sacrifice of 10th Mountain Division Soldiers who served in Somalia.

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Media interested in attending this event must RSVP by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1 and be at the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum parking lot at 05:45 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 3.

For further information regarding this advisory, contact Sgt. First Class Travis Fontane at travis.j.fontane.mil@army.mil or (719) 243-4625.