Media Advisory

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Fort Drum Public Affairs

Fort Drum names outdoor track in honor of former 10th Mountain Division Soldier and Nike co-founder

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – Fort Drum will honor the life and legacy of former 10th Mountain Division (LI) Soldier and Nike co-founder Bill Bowerman during this year’s Mountainfest events.

Before his storied career coaching at the University of Oregon, shaping Olympic athletes and revolutionizing the running shoe industry, Bill Bowerman served as commander of the 1st Battalion, 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment, while deployed to Italy during WWII. Bowerman orchestrated the surrender of 4,000 German troops near the end of the campaign and was honorably discharged following his service.

Fort Drum’s outdoor track and field will be named in Bowerman’s honor during a memorialization ceremony on Monday, Aug. 29.

Media interested in covering the event should be at the Media Operations Center on NYS Rt. 26 no later than 8:20 a.m. on Aug. 29.

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