

Media Advisory

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10th Mountain Division Public Affairs

Finnish General Addresses His New Role as Deputy Commanding General of Interoperability

FORT DRUM, N.Y. – Local media outlets are invited to spend 30 minutes with Brigadier General Matti Honko from the Finnish Defense Forces to hear him provide his thoughts as he steps into the role of the inaugural Deputy Commanding General of Interoperability of the 10th Mountain Division (LI). Media will have the opportunity to ask questions in a round table setting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, in the McLane Conference Room of Hays Hall on Fort Drum, NY.

Brig. Gen. Honko previously served in the Finnish Defense Forces as Commander of the Guard Jaeger Regiment, Chief of Staff of the Pori Brigade and Commander of the Jaeger Artillery Regiment of the Armored Brigade and in the Finnish Ministry of Defense as Military Assistant to the Permanent Secretary.

As the Deputy Commanding General of Interoperability, Brig. Gen. Honko will be an advisor to the commander of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (LI). Brig. Gen. Honko's appointment is part of the Military Personnel Exchange Programme of Finland and the United States and reflects the deep relationship of trust between Finland and the United States.

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Media interested in covering this event should RSVP by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 and be at the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum parking lot on NYS Route 26 no later than 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11.

To RSVP or for further information regarding this advisory, please contact Capt. Kendall Woodard at [Kendall.m.woodard.mil@army.mil](mailto:Kendall.m.woodard.mil@army.mil) or 509-981-0723.