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10th Mountain Division will commemorate Battle of Mogadishu

Fort Drum, N.Y. – The 10th Mountain Division (LI) will host the Mogadishu Mile and wreath-laying ceremony on Friday, Sept. 29, to honor veterans who served in Somalia during the Battle of Mogadishu.

This is the 30th anniversary of the battle widely known as the “Black Hawk Down incident,” where Soldiers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 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.

Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division (LI) will commemorate this conflict by running a mile in full combat protective equipment, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony.

This event honors the heroism, legacy and sacrifice of 10th Mountain Division (LI) Soldiers who served in Somalia.

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Media interested in attending this event must RSVP by 4 p.m. Sept. 28, and be at the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum parking lot at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29.

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