

The Liaison



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10th Mountain not Fort Drum's Only Resident

There's more to Fort Drum than the mighty 10th Mountain Division. Also occupying the vast post are several tenant units, including:

2nd Brigade (Patriots) - 78th Division (Training Support) –The brigade is a multi-component brigade composed of active Army, active Guard and Reserves, Army Reserve and Army National Guard personnel. Headquartered at Fort Drum, the Patriot Brigade is a TDA unit, roughly 1,000-soldiers strong, composed of nine subordinate training support battalions located on Fort Drum, in Syracuse, Fort Dix, and at the Devens Reserve Training Area in Massachusetts.

The Patriot brigade provides training assistance and support to 461 reserve component units throughout New York, New Jersey and New England, mobilization support, and military support to civil authorities. In 2002, the Patriot Brigade mobilized over 9,000 Army Reservists and National Guard personnel deployed in support of operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, among others.

U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers, Fort Drum Resident Office: The unit is responsible for all programs and projects of the New York District of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in northern New York, primarily the military construction program at Fort Drum.

The office serves Fort Drum, but also the former Griffiss Air Force Base, the former Seneca Army Depot, and Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. Additionally, it is assigned Environmental Protection Agency Superfund and civil work projects, and property interests of the Department of Defense.

Defense Logistics Agency: The Defense Logistics Agency provides supplies and services to U.S. military forces worldwide. The agency

manages over 4 million consumable items used by the military, DoD civil agencies and foreign governments.

Activities include the Readiness Support Office, Bldg. 124, which provides customer assistance to the 10th Mountain Division (LI) in matters relating to readiness support; the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, Bldg. 1350, which provides assistance and disposal services to the division, DoD and other authorized customers; and the Document Automation and Production Service which provides printing, copying, scanning, imaging, document conversion, CD-ROM and web services for DoD.



Defense Security Service: Defense Security Service conducts clearance investigations of military and civilian personnel in order to obtain security clearances. It investigates to complete clearance investigations for military and civilian personnel assigned to the 10th Mountain Division (LI) and Fort Drum. The DSS provides information related to counterintelligence to those with the military and civilians assigned to the Fort Drum area.

Logistics Assistance Office: Functioning as part of Army Materiel Command's Field Support Center, the Logistics Assistance Office provides deployable advice and training to the 10th Mountain Division (LI) and all other active,

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FY 2002
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Since its inception, the FDRLO has remained steadfastly committed to its mission of fostering effective communication, understanding and support as our military and civilian communities address issues of mutual concern. Maintaining a high quality and productive relationship with our Fort Drum neighbors is, of course, a mission that is never “done”; it is a commitment that requires dedication and continual nurturing by all involved.

And every so often, we get important feedback on how our relationship as military and civilian neighbors is doing up here in the North Country. Most recently that occurred as members of the FDRLO and the Northern New York/ Fort Drum Chapter of AUSA gathered in Washington for the Annual Meeting of AUSA. Over and over again, we heard a consistent and very pleasing message -

***Fort Drum and the North Country
enjoy a relationship that is
unsurpassed. The connections
between the larger community and
Fort Drum are without equal.***

For members of these two organizations who work hand in hand to build an enduring and quality relationship with soldiers,

their families and Fort Drum itself, these oft repeated comments from current and former leaders of the 10th Mountain Division, civilian leaders from other installations and AUSA’s leadership itself were music to our ears.

More importantly, these observations serve as inspiration for all of us to remain diligent and to seek to address every challenge and capture every opportunity to further strengthen the positive qualitative and quantitative difference that Fort Drum and those who serve there make on life in the North Country.

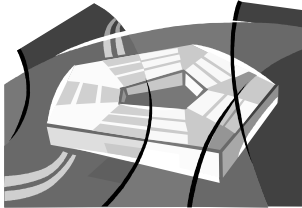
One look at FDRLO’s current agenda of work hopefully makes clear the value we place on strengthening our long-term relationship. Through our Drum 2020 initiative, we are directly addressing the challenge presented by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round . FDRLO’s Housing Task Force continues to work closely with Fort Drum and those who will provide the solution to the military-wide housing privatization initiative known as RCI. And, working closely with Fort Drum and local, state and federal officials, FDRLO continually seeks to enhance Fort Drum’s training capabilities and overall military value.

It’s work worthy of the name and as always, we welcome your active support!

DRUM 2020 UPDATE

Local Group Visits Pentagon and Congress

FDRLO and DRUM 2020 representatives recently traveled to Washington DC for meetings with officials from the Department of Defense, U.S. Army and Congressional staff.



The visit was very positive and the FDRLO is better prepared for the Base Closure Round as a result. The DC visitors were briefed on joint training, environmental issues, housing privatization, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), the

Objective Force, and Installation Management.

The meetings helped clarify how these issues will factor into the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army's approach to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process. The day concluded with a meeting with Congressman Joel Hefley and Congressman John McHugh.

Congressman Hefley chairs the House Subcommittee on Readiness, which oversees military construction and the BRAC process. Congressman Hefley has not only visited Fort Drum, but supported Congressman McHugh's efforts to secure additional funding for military construction projects at the installation.

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Clough Named Director of Operations

FDRLO Has New Office Location

Peter S. Clough has been named Director of Operations for Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization. Mr. Clough served as the FDRLO research analyst for the last eighteen months. He and Kathleen B. Mastellon, FDRLO's Administrative Assistant, have operated from separate office locations since early in 2002.

FDRLO now has a new office location, in Suite 406 at 200 Washington Street, Watertown, the former Key Bank Building.

In a statement released at the September board meeting, Dr. John W. Deans, chair of the FDRLO stated,

FDRLO was organized as a volunteer - membership based - organization. It continues as such today. As we continue down this road to BRAC 2005, our tempo and activities continue to increase. The board anticipated this increased activity early in 2002 when we acquired full time staffing. Today Peter and

Kathy continue to work with the FDRLO board, executive committee and our task forces - both DRUM 2020 and Housing - to ensure that future prospects for both Fort Drum and for the North Country are bright.

In his new position, Mr. Clough will continue to work closely with DRUM 2020 and the Housing Task Force and FDRLO's BRAC consultants. He will also provide day-to-day continuity and planning oversight for the organization.

Mrs. Mastellon continues to oversee all financial aspects of the organization, provides administrative support to the board and committees, maintains the FDRLO web site and prepares the quarterly newsletter in addition to providing other promotional and administrative support.

For more information on FDRLO, contact the office at (315) 836-1531 or visit our web site at www.fdrlo.org.

Tenant Units at Ft. Drum (Continued)

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Reserve and National Guard units in the Northeast. LAO representatives help train individuals and units, covering equipment, design, integrated logistics support, operations, transportation, maintenance, supply support, modification, disposal of materiel, and the effectiveness of logistical support and management systems. The LAO is also prepared to deploy to support units conducting contingency and/or disaster relief operations. It connects units to various other AMC entities on post.

Trial Defense Service: The Trial Defense Service provides defense counsel service for 10th Mountain Division (LI), Fort Drum, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and other active-duty soldiers in New York and New England. Attorneys represent soldiers at courts-martial, Article 32 hearings, and before pretrial confinement. They also represent soldiers at administrative boards and counsel them on adverse actions, formal Article 15s, and military justice concerns.

The TDS field office is a tenant activity supervised by the Senior Defense Counsel, subordinate to USATDS Region 1, and is distinct from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

1215th GSU - Detachment 1: This detachment supports the installation during contingency operations, as well as command

and control of subordinate units assigned or attached in peacetime, working to ensure Army Reserve and National Guard units are prepared to do their jobs.

Company B, 342nd Forward Support Battalion (NYANG): This unit provides maintenance support to the 42nd Infantry Division based in Troy, N.Y.

Detachment 1, Company A, 152nd Engineer Battalion (NYARNG): An assault and obstacle platoon in a combat engineer battalion, Detachment 1 also stands by to assist local communities in any emergency situation as determined by the governor of New York.

NYARNG MATES-NY: The Mobilization and Training Equipment Site accounts for, maintains, repairs and issues select equipment to numerous Army National Guard units yearly for pre-mobilization training.

Noncommissioned Officers Academy: The Noncommissioned Officers Academy: The NCO Academy staff and cadre are dedicated to training future leaders during a 30-day live-in environment. Each soldier trains, performs and is evaluated against standards set by the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. After each graduation, about 120 soldiers return to their units as better persons, soldiers, and most of all as leaders for today's fighting force.

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Contracting Impact in Tri-County Area: \$38,225,389

Fort Drum is a major customer for construction companies and suppliers of goods and services in Northern New York State.

Of the 262 construction contracts awarded in FY02, companies in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties received 85 contracts totaling \$8,181,350.

During the same period, Fort Drum awarded 2,111 supplies and service contracts. Of these, 635 contracts worth \$11,887,481 were awarded to tri-county businesses.

Purchases on government Visa cards and checks are limited transactions under \$2,500 each

Of the more than \$24 million in purchases made through IMPAC (International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card) and Accommodation checks program it is estimated that 75% of the purchases or \$18,156,558 was kept in the local area.

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Equipment Concentration Site #1: (ECS #1) is a large concentration of stored USAR equipment and a maintenance support facility, situated on approximately 25 acres of USAR-controlled property. Its mission is to ensure USAR equipment is ready for mobilization and training needs.

174th Fighter Wing: The 174th Fighter Wing, Detachment 1 Air-to-Ground Range (NYARNG), Syracuse, is a full-time detachment that operates an air-to-ground gunnery range. The range provides year-round close air support training to aircrew members. It also acts as a single point of contact at Fort Drum for Air National Guard flying operations, supports other active duty and Reserve component flying units, acts as a focal point for Close Air Support and Joint Air Attack Team operations, and provides the coordination and scheduling required between Army units requesting CAS/JAAT and the Air National Guard tactical flying units providing those assets.

Aircraft often seen flying over and using the range on a regular basis are the F-16s from the 174th Fighter Wing, Syracuse, and the 158th Fighter Wing, Burlington, Vt., and A-10s from the 103rd Fighter Wing, Hartford, Conn., and the 104th Fighter Wing, Springfield, Mass.

Adding an extra dimension to Army training, the importance of this range at Fort Drum has increased immeasurably in support of the 10th Mountain Division (LI).

725th Ordnance Company (EOD): The 725th Ordnance Company (EOD) provides routine and emergency support to military installations, operations and exercises, and to federal and civilian authorities within 46 counties of New York and all of Vermont. It's responsible for neutralizing and/or disposing of ordnance and improvised explosives. The 725th provides technical help to civilian and Federal authorities on disposal, transportation and storage of hazardous explosives.

The company also supports units including the U.S. Secret Service, Department of State and Department of Defense for VIP visits, offers classes on bomb search-and-threat techniques and ordnance recognition. The 725th also trains for possible world-wide deployments.

95th Maintenance Company, ATST-10: A detachment of the 95th Maintenance Company from Redstone Arsenal, Ala., the 95th Maintenance Company, ATST-10 is a tenant unit attached to the 710th Main Support

Battalion here. This unit provides calibration and repair support for all Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) to the 10th Mountain Division (LI), other non-divisional units, and garrison support activities.

Members are prepared to deploy for all contingencies to provide calibration and repair support during staging and combat operations, and are responsible for maintaining organic calibration measurement standards traceable through the Army Calibration Support System to the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

62nd Military Police Detachment (CID): A unit of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, the 62nd MP Detachment is responsible for investigating all felony crimes in which the Army has an interest. In addition to its basic mission, the 62nd also provides felony crime investigative support to field commanders, to include general crimes against persons or property, economic crime, and counter-drug operation. The CID command supports the Army in peacetime and in war; its soldier-agents learn and maintain battlefield survival skills to meet these requirements.

27th Public Affairs Detachment: The 27th Public Affairs Detachment is a deployable, eight-member public affairs team supporting the 10th Mountain Division (LI). Members support the post newspaper, the *Fort Drum Blizzard*, as well as television productions. The Forces Command unit deploys either separately or with the division's maneuver and support units in worldwide contingencies to provide public affairs support.

20th Air Support Operations Squadron: Members of the 20th ASOS work to integrate Air Force capabilities and assets into the scheme of fire and maneuver for the 10th Mountain Division (LI) commander. These blue-suitors, in a sea of green, see them selves as motivated, combat-ready Air Force professionals highly trained and equipped to carry out their mission at Fort Drum.

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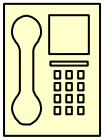


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**Parcel Post: Nov 13
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& Cards: Dec 11**

FDRLO MISSION

To foster effective communication, understanding and mutual support by serving as the primary point of coordination for resolution of those issues which transcend the specific interests of the military and civilian communities of the Fort Drum region.

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“Big” Soldiers share with Local “Littles”

The following are excerpts from a recent email from a deployed Fort Drum soldier who has shared his time with a “little” through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jefferson County. He was asked to comment on what a soldier might bring to the program and what one might gain from participating as a Big Brother/Sister.

I think we bring a sense of pride in what we do and in our country, which is very important during these times. We also open up the base to the community so it's not such a mystery to them. (My little) and I use the facilities like the pools and basketball courts on a regular basis ... There are so many kids waiting to be matched, BBBS did an excellent job in selecting a little that fit my personality. I have really enjoyed the time I have spent with (my little) and I think if people give it a chance they will enjoy the time they spend with their little.

Mary Ellen Gingerich, Executive Director of BBBS, reports that BBBS has a partnership with MWR to provide mentoring support to military families both on and off post. However, they are currently in need of an on post volunteer who can assist with enrolling, matching and providing support for BBBS at MWR on post. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in helping out, contact Mrs. Gingerich at 782-2699.

Little Moments. Big Magic.