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ADVOCATE DRUM WELCOMES A NEW DIRECTOR

Welcome Edward "Fritz" Keel, Advocate Drum's new Executive Director. On May 14th, the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization Board of Directors announced that Edward "Fritz" Keel will serve as its Executive Director, effective June 4, 2018.

The Board is excited to have Fritz on the FDRLO team. His leadership, communication, and relationship building skills, along with his enthusiasm make him the right person to serve in this position.

Mr. Keel is a 25 year veteran of the United States Army and a native of Lawrence, Kansas. In December 1992, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve and upon graduation from the University of Kansas in May 1998, was commissioned as a Field Artillery Second Lieutenant through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

In 2003, Fritz was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery, 10th Mountain Division (LI), Fort Drum, New York. He served as the Battalion Intelligence Officer, Battalion Fire Support Officer for 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry, and as the Commander of Alpha Battery, 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery. During his first tour at Fort Drum, he deployed twice, to Afghanistan as well as to Iraq.

Fritz returned to Fort Drum and the North Country in 2015 to establish and re-activate the 10th Mountain Division Artillery (DIVARTY) Headquarters, serving as the Deputy Commander. He was instrumental in establishing the Division's standards for Artillery unit certification and in training the DIVARTY Headquarters to support two Warfighter Exercises.

Fritz and his wife Yanneth, live in Sackets Harbor and have seven children between them. They are active in community events, school projects and church groups. Fritz volunteers as a coach for the Sackets Harbor T-Ball team and enjoys woodworking, home improvement projects, and restoring his classic Mercedes.

My challenge to our membership – is to reach out, invite Fritz to your place of business, or out for a cup of coffee. Share your story; help him come to understand how you and your business interface with Fort Drum, and the Soldiers and Families of the 10th Mountain Division. This kind of understanding will help him foster more effective communication with the installation, our local community, and our State and Federal elected officials. The Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization is your voice to Advocate Drum.

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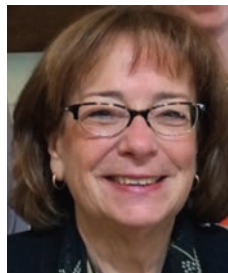
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**Chair's Corner**

By: Mary M. Corriveau

Spring is always a time for making plans; looking toward the future. It is also a time of change. I need not look any farther than my email inbox to know that Fort Drum's leadership is in the middle of its annual Change of Command season. For all of us this means it's a time of farewells to leaders we have come to know and respect, and a time to welcome new leaders to our North Country community.

This June will bring some of these same opportunities to Advocate Drum. First we welcome our new Executive Director Edward "Fritz" Keel to the team. He brings with him 25 years of military experience and he also understands and believes in the mission of Advocate Drum and will be a strong advocate for the community, Fort Drum and the Soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division. He brings fresh ideas, a new perspective, enthusiasm and a new energy to our team.

At our June 7th Annual Meeting we will also have an opportunity to elect a new leadership team to the Board of Directors. I can tell you that after four years as the FDRLO Chair, it is an incredible honor to be asked and elected to serve as an officer of this great organization. I am excited to have strong leaders like Tom Carman, Maureen Cean, Dave Zembiec and Kevin Jordan willing to take the helm of this organization for the next two years and ask that the membership support their nominations and future initiatives.

Where we choose to spend our time and energy says a lot about who we are as individuals. For the past four years I've enjoyed the privilege of standing shoulder to shoulder with an incredible team of professionals from this community who have volunteered and supported every initiative this organization has undertaken. All we've ever had to do was ask, and people from across the community raised their hands to support our FDRLO, because they believe in what we do, Advocate Drum.

This community should never forget that it took our combined efforts in 2015 to save the 10th Mountain Division from the devastating cuts proposed by the Army. Our community response was not only breathtaking, it was effective! With over 30,000 petition signatures, hundreds of letters of support, strong backing of our political leadership led by Congresswoman Stefanik, and the biggest rally this community has ever held. But the most amazing part was the testimony presented by our community members at the listening session. Each of them described their personal interactions with Soldiers and their Families; together they presented a comprehensive testament to the many ways having our military living in our community makes the North Country a better home for us all. They told their stories from the heart, and the Army clearly got the message.

Thank you for choosing to spend your time and energy to Advocate Drum and the Soldiers and Families of the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum.

I ♥ DRUM*Mary*



10th Mountain Division Oversees and End of an Era

On 30 April 2018, the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command headquarters (CJFLCC), transferred authorities for the final time. The Commander of the 10th Mountain Division, MG Walter E. Piatt, cased the CJFLCC colors as a symbolic gesture, acknowledging the end of major combat operations in Iraq. CJFLCC controlled all ground force operations in Iraq, liberating more than 4.5 million Iraqis subjugated by ISIS.

Four years ago, the security situation in Iraq had deteriorated with the Iraqi cities of Mosul and Tikrit falling in rapid succession to ISIS aggressors. In June 2014, United States Army Central Command was designated as the Joint Forces Land Component Command (JFLCC), which was the first operational headquarters since the departure of U.S. forces from Iraq in 2011. By September of 2014, other nations joined the fight against ISIS and the headquarters was re-designated the CJFLCC. The Iraqi Army, Federal Police, and Border Police partnered with the CJFLCC, and conducted an aggressive campaign of both ground and air operations to combat ISIS.

Successful offensive and defensive operations resulted in saving innocent Yazidi victims trapped on Sinjar Mountain, recaptured Mosul and Haditha Dams, and prevented the fall of Baghdad and Kirkuk. Iraqi Security Forces with the support from CJFLCC continued to make progress by liberating Ramadi, Fallujah and pushing ISIS out of the Euphrates River Valley. By July 2017, following the liberation of Mosul, CJFLCC's support to ISF changed focus from combat operations to training and building partner capacity within the Iraqi Security Forces.

This transition made it necessary to streamline the Coalition Forces command structure to best support Iraq and to ensure the lasting defeat of ISIS. Furthermore, The CJFLCC deactivation ceremony demonstrates the maturation of the partnership between Coalition Forces and Iraq, which will continue to develop under the headquarters of Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR). Although the CJFLCC no longer exists as an independent organization, the 10th Mountain Division will continue to support and train its Iraqi partners under CJTF-OIR until conditions are met to ensure enduring stability within Iraq.



(Left to Right) 10th MTN DIV CSM Samul Roark and 10th MTN DIV CDR, MG Walter Piatt casing the CJFLCC Colors



Fort Drum's Economic Impact: WHERE THE JOBS ARE

Fort Drum's 2017 economic impact on Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties totaled \$1.7 billion, and accounted for 11.6% of the region's Gross Domestic Product. That's big! But let's translate that into numbers that mean something to the average citizen and local official—jobs and tax revenue.

In addition to the 18,832 military and civilian personnel directly employed at Fort Drum in 2017 (making it the largest single-site employer in New York State) Fort Drum related activity indirectly supported an additional 5,622 civilian jobs in the general regional economy. Those are jobs not on Fort Drum, but that exist off-post because of Fort Drum. Together, those 24,454 Fort Drum related jobs account for nearly one quarter (22%) of the region's wage earners. 22,866 of those job holders reside in Jefferson County; 1,104 in Lewis; 232 in St. Lawrence; and 252 outside the Tri-County area. Those are significant numbers when you think about the success a community feels when it gains a new business employing 20 people.

When it comes to the additional 5,622 off-post jobs supported by Fort Drum, we also have a good idea of how those jobs are distributed across 20 different industry sectors and occupations. By industry sector, the top five categories are health care and social services, followed by educational

services, retail trade, real estate, and food and accommodations. The top 5 occupations are office and administrative, education and training, healthcare practitioners, sales, and healthcare support. See bar charts in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

Fort Drum related economic activity also generates \$205 million in revenue to the region's local governments and school districts, thereby reducing the burden on local tax payers. New York gains \$201 million in state tax revenue from Fort Drum's presence.

FDRLO arrived at the above numbers through an economic impact model developed by the Economic Development Research Group, Boston, MA. Although Fort Drum annually reports its direct spending in various categories, we must account for the additional economic activity that spending generates and the jobs that spending supports in order for us to understand its true economic impact. The model therefore takes into consideration that different categories of spending have different multiplier effects in the local economy. Those impacts include the off-post jobs and business income stimulated by Fort Drum's spending, and the re-spending of that income on consumer purchases and additional business sales in the region. The full report is available on FDRLO's website at: <https://bit.ly/2lqHFXy>

Figure 1: Indirect & Induced Job Impact by Industry in Tri-County Region in Fiscal Year 2017

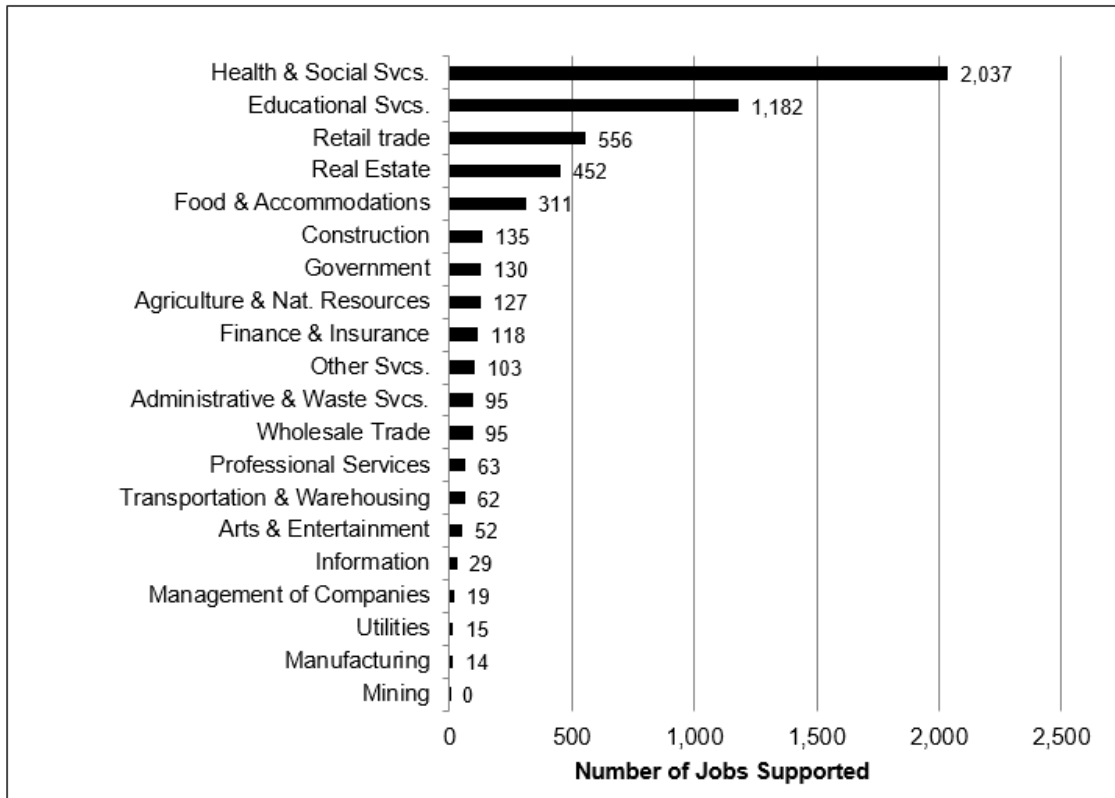


Figure 2: Indirect & Induced Job Impact by Occupation in Tri-County Region in Fiscal Year 2017



Advocate Drum and AUSA Host

BUSINESS *After Hours*



Local BAH attendees wearing Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) bomb suits

on demonstrations and shared information on everything from archeology to weapons. What an incredible event! Keep your eyes on our calendar, as we look forward to hosting this event again next year.

Soldiers demonstrating combative skills and grappling techniques



Advocate Drum's Vice-Chair Receives MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN AWARD

Tom Carman, Vice-Chair of Advocate Drum and President/CEO of Samaritan Medical Center, receives the Man of the Mountain award in April 2018. Pictured from left: BG Patrick Donahoe, Division Commanding General for Readiness; Tom Carman; and Eric Wagenaar, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, Fort Drum.

Congratulations Tom!





Welcome new members to our team!

Individuals

Mary Adair
Steve Bradley
Patrick Donegan
Fred Gentner
Davina Harris

Robert Hagemann
Orrin MacMurray
Joseph McLaughlin
John O'Driscoll

Corporate

Aubertine and Currier, PLLC
Lewis County General Hospital
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Enhanced Memberships

Jefferson County – Enduring Member
Development Authority of the North Country – to Leadership Level
National Grid – Supporting Level
T. Urling Walker – to Corporate Level
City of Watertown – to Supporting Level
Taylor Concrete – to Supporting Level

Did You Know?

Fast Facts About Fort Drum and the North Country

Fort Drum is a Department of the Army designated Regional Collective Training Center that provides full-spectrum training and base operations support to all the service branches, 11 states and parts of Canada.

Fort Drum has a Joint Air-Guard Range which provides training opportunities that integrate Close Air Support with maneuver live fires.

Fort Drum is a premier training facility and the 10th Mountain Division is the training partner of choice for New York, Ohio, Vermont, New Jersey, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Hampshire and Massachusetts Reserve and National Guard Units.

A Horse Named Riva Ridge

In 1972 a horse named Riva Ridge became a champion in horse racing. Taking the 1972 Kentucky Derby, Riva Ridge's career would go on to last 10 years. In 1998 he was inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. Riva and his sire were owned and bred by the Meadow Stable of Christopher Chenery in Doswell, Virginia. Riva Ridge's name came from Chenery's daughter Penny and her husband, John Tweedy, honoring their favorite ski run at Vail, Colorado.

Tweedy had trained with the U.S. Army's Tenth Mountain Division in Colorado in 1943.



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FDRLO Supporting Member Spotlight:



WWTI ABC 50/Nexstar has been a member of Advocate Drum/FDRLO since 1999. Vice President/General Manager David J. Males feels that Advocate Drum/The FDRLO is a critical voice to support the military in our community. "We all have so much vested in the military, it's important for all agencies at the local, state and federal level that we do not take support for granted"

WWTI ABC 50 is just one of several businesses that has been able to take advantage of the economic plus created by Fort Drum and move to a new and modern facility in downtown Watertown. April 1, 2018 completed a nearly 2-year process in moving to our new facility in downtown Watertown. WWTI ABC 50/Nexstar is now housed in the facility formally know as Top of The Square. The station now occupies approximately 7,500 square feet of the top floor of the structure with another 4,000 square feet in the basement. The station has also nearly doubled its staff size and has added space with in this build out to keep adding to our continued growth plans in the future.

"This would not have happened without a huge financial commitment by our owners, The Nexstar Media group, added Males. He went on further to state that ownership of Nexstar is fully aware of the significance that military has not only in NNY, but also in our region, the state and the federal landscape. Males concluded "I am confident that our move to historic downtown Watertown continues to be a sign of good things to come"