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10th Mountain Life features soldier shoutouts, photos of Fort Drum events, memories from post and more.

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Right: Farmers reading auction notices of farms in the Pine Camp expansion area at an auction of the Ingalls farm near Antwerp in August 1941. Pine Camp, now Fort Drum, was selected by the Army for a major expansion during World War II, with the addition of 75,000 acres of land. National Archives



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# 10TH MOUNTAIN LIFE



## WELCOME HOME



Above: U.S. Army soldiers assigned to the 3-10 General Support Aviation Battalion-Medical, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, reunite with family members during a welcome home ceremony at Fort Drum on Feb. 6. The soldiers returned from a six-month deployment in support of Joint Task Force-Southern Border, where they conducted aviation missions and troop transport in difficult to reach environments. U.S. Army photos by Spc. Mason Nichols



Spc. Nicholas Lule

Photo courtesy of the 10th Mountain Division

## SOLDIER OF THE MONTH

Spc. Nicholas Lule is our 10th Mountain Division's soldier of the month. He is a Carpentry and Masonry Specialist with the 41st Engineer Battalion. He was selected to represent the Division at the Mexican Border Defense Medal Ceremony at the White House. SPC Lule was selected for his steadfast professionalism and hard work during the 642nd Engineer Company's deployment in support of Joint Task Force-Southern Border. He has continued his stellar performance during re-deployment operations. This rising leader will undoubtedly continue to excel and represent his formation with professionalism and distinction.

### HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE YOUR JOB?

I would define my job as physical for needing to handle all the materials and tools and knowing how to handle them for the site of construction to complete the mission. It would also be mental for the amount of prep work that is needed before we arrive to the job site. The amount of time and precision for it being

**NAME:** Nicholas Eliel Lule  
**AGE:** 20  
**RANK:** Specialist  
**HOMETOWN:** Dallas, Texas  
**YEARS IN SERVICE:** 2

completed is fatiguing but we say mentally strong to complete the mission and ensure our work stay strong for years to come.

### WHAT MAKES FORT DRUM HOME?

What makes Fort Drum home to me is the community of soldiers that take care of one another on the installation. I would add the nature and surroundings of Fort Drum which makes it such a beautiful place and gives you a welcoming feeling as well. Lastly, are the memories that you would be able to make at Fort Drum, whether that be with the soldiers you work with or go out and explore the surrounding areas.

*Soldier of the Month is a collaboration with the Fort Drum Garrison Public Affairs Office.*