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Right: Three 10th Mountain Division soldiers cross-country ski above Camp Hale, Colorado, in February 1944.

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HISTORIC DRUM

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Left: A High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS), assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Brigade, fires at Summit Strike 2026. Hosted by the 10th Mountain Division (LI) at Fort Drum, this joint, combined, multi-domain live-fire exercise showcases the Division's ability to adapt and excel operational environments enhancing interoperability and readiness. U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Carolyn Dodge

Right: Soldiers unload Howitzer shells during Summit Strike exercises this week. U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Oshon Trowbridge



TRAINING TIME

Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 10th Mountain Division Artillery, fired M119A3 Howitzers during the Summit Strike rehearsal at the Fort Drum training area on Monday and the live training exercise Tuesday.

Summit Strike integrates air, land, and cyber capabilities and demonstrates the 10th Mountain Division's ability to adapt and excel in complex operational environments.



Above: Staff Sgt. Christopher Heath, a tactical unmanned aircraft systems specialist for Foxtrot Company, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, conducts a preflight check for UAS on Monday at Fort Drum. U.S. Army photo by Spc. Isaiah Mount



Soldiers prepare a M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) to fire in a training exercise for Summit Strike on Tuesday. U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Carolyn Dodge

ON THIS DAY



Volunteers from the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) pump up runners during the Boston Marathon "Shadow Run" at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan on April 18, 2014. More than 500 service members and civilians deployed to Afghanistan competed in the only sanctioned Boston Marathon overseas. U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Kap Kim/Combined Joint Task Force-10 Public Affairs

Advocate Drum working to update its strategic plan

Public input sought

WATERTOWN — Advocate Drum, also known as the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization, is seeking public input as it updates its strategic plan.

The organization held a listening session at Jefferson Community College Thursday.

Advocate Drum works to enhance Fort Drum's military value while protecting and strengthening its economic and cultural impact across the region and New York state.

"Several times over the years, the organization has successfully led local efforts to defend Fort Drum from major cuts that would have devastated the area," said David J. Zembiec, chair of the board of directors. "Directly or indirectly, Fort Drum supports approximately

23,000 jobs on and off the installation, representing more than 20% of wage earners across Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. The Fort Drum population's impact has contributed to the region's workforce and the growth of our schools, hospitals, airports and overall quality of life."

The listening session was facilitated by Dr. Richard Halpin, a former executive director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County.

Halpin previously taught sociology at Jefferson Community College and served as director of the college's Center for Community Studies. He has facilitated strategic planning sessions for numerous organizations.

Unable to attend Thursday's session? You can still email input to office@fdrlro.org.