

= 1st Brigade Combat Team , 10th Mountain Division (United States) =

The 1st Brigade Combat Team , 10th Mountain Division is an infantry brigade combat team of the United States Army based at Fort Drum , New York . It is a subordinate unit of the 10th Mountain Division .

Formed as the 10th Mountain Division 's original headquarters company , the brigade traces its lineage through the division 's fight through Italy in World War II and afterwards , as it commanded a training division and then an infantry division which briefly deployed to Europe .

1st Brigade was reactivated 11 April 1986 at Fort Drum , New York . The 1st Brigade is the Command and Control Headquarters for Task Force Warrior , consisting of its organic battalions 1 ? 32nd Infantry , 1 ? 87th Infantry , and 2 ? 22nd Infantry . The principal units that have been assigned to TF Warrior during Division Ready Brigade missions , off post deployments , and major exercises have been the 3 ? 6th Field Artillery , 10th Forward Support Battalion , A / 3 @-@ 62nd Air Defense Artillery , A / 41st Engineer , A / 110th Military Intelligence , A / 10th Signal Battalion , and 1st PLT / 10th Military Police Battalion .

1st Brigade and its elements saw numerous deployments to contingencies around the world in the 1990s . With the War on Terrorism the brigade has seen multiple deployments to Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom and to Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom .

= = Organization = =

The 1st Brigade Combat Team is a subordinate unit of the 10th Mountain Division , however its modular nature means it is capable of operating independently of the division 's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion .

The brigade consists of six subordinate battalions ; its combat element consists of two infantry battalions , the 1st Battalion , 87th Infantry Regiment and the 2nd Battalion , 22nd Infantry Regiment . The 1st Squadron , 71st Cavalry Regiment provides armored reconnaissance services to the Brigade Combat Team , while the 3rd Battalion , 6th Field Artillery Regiment provides field artillery support . The brigade 's Headquarters and command services are provided by 1st Brigade Combat Team , 10th Mountain Division Special Troops Battalion . All supporting services for the brigade are provided by the 10th Brigade Support Battalion . All of these battalions are located at Fort Drum with most of the rest of the 10th Mountain Division .

= = History = =

On 13 February 1985 , the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) was reactivated at Fort Drum , New York . In accordance with the Reorganization Objective Army Divisions plan , the division was no longer centered around regiments , instead two brigades were activated under the division . The 1st Brigade , 10th Mountain Division was activated at Fort Drum while the 2nd Brigade , 10th Mountain Division was activated at Fort Benning , moving to Fort Drum in 1988 . The division was also assigned a round @-@ out brigade from the Army National Guard , the 27th Infantry Brigade . The division was specially designed as a light infantry division able to rapidly deploy . Equipment design was oriented toward reduced size and weight for reasons of both strategic and tactical mobility . The division also received a distinctive unit insignia .

Hurricane Andrew struck South Florida on 24 August 1992 , killing 13 people , leaving another 250 @,@ 000 homeless and causing damages in excess of 20 billion dollars . On 27 September 1992 , the 10th Mountain Division assumed responsibility for Hurricane Andrew disaster relief as Task Force Mountain . Division soldiers set up relief camps , distributed food , clothing , medical necessities and building supplies , as well as helping to rebuild homes and clear debris . The last of the 6 @,@ 000 division soldiers to deployed to Florida returned home in October 1992 .

= = = Operation Restore Hope = = =

On 3 December 1993 , the division headquarters was designated as the headquarters for all Army Forces (ARFOR) of the Unified Task Force (UNITAF) for Operation Restore Hope . Major General Steven L. Arnold , the division Commander , was named Army Forces commander . The 10th Mountain Division ' s mission was to secure major cities and roads to provide safe passage of relief supplies to the Somali population suffering from the effects of the Somali Civil War . Due to 10th Mountain Division efforts , humanitarian agencies declared an end to the food emergency and factional fighting decreased . When Task Force Ranger and the SAR team were pinned down during a raid in what later became known as the Battle of Mogadishu , 10th Mountain units provided infantry for the UN quick reaction force sent to rescue them . The 10th had 2 soldiers killed in the fighting , which was the longest sustained firefight by regular US Army forces since the Vietnam War . The division began a gradual reduction of forces in Somalia in February 1993 , until the last soldiers of the 2nd Battalion , 22nd Infantry returned to the United States in March 1994 .

= = = Operation Uphold Democracy = = =

The division formed the nucleus of the Multinational Force Haiti (MNF Haiti) and Joint Task Force 190 (JTF 190) in Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy . More than 8 @, @ 600 of the division ' s troops deployed during this operation . On 19 September 1994 , the 1st Brigade conducted the Army ' s first air assault from an aircraft carrier . This force consisted of 54 helicopters and almost 2 @, @ 000 soldiers . They occupied the Port @- @ au @- @ Prince International Airport . This was the largest Army air operation conducted from a carrier since the Doolittle Raid in World War II .

The division ' s mission was to create a secure and stable environment so the government of Haitian President Jean @- @ Bertrand Aristide could be reestablished and democratic elections held . After this was accomplished , the 10th Mountain Division handed over control of the MNF @- @ Haiti to the 25th Infantry Division on 15 January 1995 . The Division redeployed the last of its soldiers who served in Haiti by 31 January 1995 .

= = = War on Terrorism = = =

In late 2001 , following the 11 September 2001 attacks , elements of the division , including its special troops battalion and the 1 @- @ 87th Infantry , deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom . These forces remained in the country until mid @- @ 2002 , fighting to secure remote areas of the country and participating in prominent operations such as Operation Anaconda , the Fall of Mazar @- @ i @- @ Sharif , and the Battle of Qala @- @ i @- @ Jangi . The division also participated in fighting in the Shahi Khot Valley in 2002 . Upon the return of the battalions , they were welcomed home and praised by President Bush .

In 2003 , the division ' s headquarters , along with the 1st Brigade , returned to Afghanistan . During that time , they operated in the frontier regions of the country such as Paktika Province , going places previously untouched by the war in search of Taliban and Al @- @ Qaeda forces . Fighting in several small @- @ scale conflicts such as Operation Avalanche , Operation Mountain Resolve , and Operation Mountain Viper , the division maintained a strategy of small units moving through remote regions of the country to interact directly with the population and drive out insurgents . The 1st Brigade also undertook a number of humanitarian missions .

= = = Reorganization and recent deployments = = =

Upon the return of the division headquarters and 1st Brigade , the 10th Mountain Division began the process of transformation into a modular division . On 16 September 2004 , the division headquarters finished its transformation . The 1st Brigade became the 1st Brigade Combat Team , while the 3rd Brigade Combat Team , 10th Mountain Division was activated for the first time . In January 2005 , the 4th Brigade Combat Team , 10th Mountain Division was activated at Fort Polk , Louisiana .

The 1st Brigade Combat Team and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team deployed to Iraq in the fall of

2009 , as a part of the 2009 ? 2010 rotation to Iraq .

1st Brigade Combat Team was scheduled for a third deployment , returning to Iraq in fall of 2009 , but the deployment was canceled on 16 October 2009 . The brigade deployed in Afghanistan in 2010) and returned to garrison in early 2011 .

= = Honors = =

The 1st Brigade , 10th Mountain Division earned two campaign streamers in World War II and two campaign streamers in the War on Terrorism for a total of four campaign streamers and two unit decorations in its operational history . Note that some of the brigade 's battalions received more or fewer decorations depending on their individual deployments .

= = = Unit decorations = = =

= = = Campaign streamers = = =