



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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SENATOR WALCZYK CELEBRATES FORT DRUM DAY IN THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE

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Today, Senator Mark Walczyk proudly observes Fort Drum Day, an annual event dedicated to honoring the significant contributions of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division stationed at Fort Drum. This day serves to express our gratitude to military personnel and their families while highlighting the vital relationship between the military and the local community.

“Fort Drum is not just a military base; it is the heartbeat of our community and a cornerstone of our region’s economy. The motto of Fort Drum, ‘Climb to Glory,’ perfectly captures the tenacity of the 10th Mountain Division soldiers who train relentlessly to defend our freedoms around the globe. Their commitment embodies our State motto, Excelsior—ever upward. I am honored to host Fort Drum Day to ensure that my fellow Senators and legislators throughout New York recognize the crucial role that Fort Drum plays in our community and our economy. Today, we celebrate the unwavering dedication of our military personnel and their families,” said Senator Walczyk.

Fort Drum Day features welcoming soldiers in the Senate chamber, along with interactive displays and demonstrations that illuminate the mission and significance of the 10th Mountain Division. Nestled in Jefferson County, Fort Drum is a key employer in the North Country, creating thousands of civilian jobs and supporting tens of thousands more in the surrounding region, contributing an astonishing \$2.5 billion to the local economy.

“On Fort Drum Day, we stand united in our appreciation for the brave men and women of the 10th

Mountain Division. Their courage and commitment inspire us all, and we must continue to support them and their families in every way possible.”