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1. Helped pay for and gifted to the 10th Mountain Div Military Mountaineers Statue and the 9-11 Memorial.

2. Purchased and donated 14 granite pedestals to the 10th Mountain Div for use by division and its subordinate units in building memorials.

3. Purchases and erects plaques on the Fort Drum “Heroes Walk” honoring the memories and names of our 10th Mountain Div soldiers who are KIA or die in a Combat Theater.

4. Presents a bronze flag holder and flag to the families of each 10th Mountain Div KIA at the monthly Memorial Services on Fort Drum.

5. Provides our 10th Mountain Div Wounded Warriors at DOD and VA Hospitals a “Support Pac” consisting of a 10th Mountain Div logo backpack with the following items inside: an NFL-quality 10th Mountain Div football jersey; 10th Mountain Div logo hat, t-shirt and bathrobe; and tear-away sweats.

6. Established and annually awards the 10th Mountain Div (Light) Scholarship Fund. To date we have awarded thirty-one $5,000 scholarships to 10th Mountain Div (Light) veterans and/or immediate family members with the intent to award another five during the summer of 2013.

7. Sponsors the Off the Beat’n Path Gift Shop (OTBP), Heritage Center, Building 10502, South Riva Ridge Loop, Fort Drum. 60% of the OTBP profits above operating costs are allocated to the Association’s 10th Mountain Div Wounded Warriors and 10th Mountain Div (Light) Scholarship funds. The remaining 40% are allocated by the OBPG Council to charitable and welfare projects of their choice that is in support of the Fort Drum Community.

8. Established and operates the 10th Mountain Div Memorial Brick program in which individuals can place an engraved brick on the Fort Drum “Heroes Walk” in memory of a comrade or family member with all profits going directly to the 10th Mountain Div (Light) Scholarship Fund.
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9. Conducts annual “Strongest Warrior Competition” at the Fairground YMCA, Watertown, NY to support the Association’s 10th Mountain Div (Light) scholarship and Wounded Warrior programs. The 2012 event garnered 40 participants and contributed nearly $12,000 to these great programs.

10. Supports local chapter visits to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Brooke Army Medical Center to provide 10th Mountain Div gifts to our Wounded Warriors.

11. Supported the SFC Roy Mitchell “Homes for Our Troops”. SFC Mitchell was severely injured on November 23, 2003 in Afghanistan. “Homes for Our Troops” presented a beautiful new home to Roy and his family in Carthage, NY on March 13, 2010 that allows him to move freely and become more independent.

12. Funds the National Disabled Veterans Winter and Mountain Sports Clinics that supports the 10th Mountain Div Wounded Warriors.

13. Provides mini-10th Mountain Div Military Mountaineers Statue to the 10th Mountain Div Soldier and NCO of the year.

14. Provides financial support for ceremonies to support the "Mountain of Toys" annual Christmas and other Soldier/Family events.

15. Working with "Operation Support Our Troops to present a special handicapped van to a former 10th Mountain Div Wounded Warrior, Edward Guldin.

16. Supports the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Adopt a 10th Mountain Div Platoon Program through its 20 nationwide chapters.

17. Supports the annual US/Canada St. Lawrence Cup Golf Tournament.

18. Conducts National Reunions (last one held in July 2010 at Fort Drum and the next one will be in Alexandria, VA 11-14 October 2013).

To join and support all of these great programs, please visit www.10thmtndivassoc.org