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tional and the Ft Drum Chapter.

Mike and Gil both believe that this monument will be a fitting tribute to the men and women of the Division who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms. The committee plans to unveil the monument in July, 2016.

Susan Grant Raymond of Boulder, CO, has been commissioned to create the bronze reliefs for the monument. Susan has a long history with the Association and sculpted the "Military Mountaineer" statue in 1991 depicting a WWII era 10th soldier using a rope to assist a climbing 10th soldier outfitted in modern gear.

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TENTH SOLDIER TAKES HISTORIC ARMY COMMAND

Paul Grondahl, "Albany Times Union," May 30, 2015



CAPT Marjana Mair Bidwell

Growing up in Arbor Hill, U.S. Army Capt. Marjana Mair Bidwell wrote an essay about World War I hero Henry Johnson of Albany. She had learned about Johnson's battlefield valor from her mentor, John Howe, an African-American Vietnam War veter-

an from Albany who became Johnson's tireless champion.

On June 2, 2015, Bidwell, 31, became the first woman to take command of a company in the 200-year history of the Third U.S. Infantry Reg-

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FOREVER ITALY!

John Russell (10th Mtn Div [LI], Ret.)

"Forever Italy!" That was our rallying cry 70 years after the 10th Mountain Division fought a decisive campaign in northern Italy to break through the German Gothic Line in winter and spring of 1945.

From June 16-25, 120 descendants, active duty Light Infantry members, Light Infantry veterans, and 5 World War II veterans descended on Florence and points north to retrace the steps of the "Hill Battles" as far north as beautiful Lake Garda.

Numerous hill towns were visited where we spent time with villagers young and old, rededicated monuments from previous visits and dedicated a new monument atop Mt. Terminale above the village

of Iola. Unique to this event was a group of Alpini (Italian Mountain Soldiers) including WWII veterans, who sang the Italian national anthem following our singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Six active-duty "Muleskinners" from the 10th Sustainment Command accompanied the trip for several days, participating in ceremonies at the Florence American Cemetery, climbing Riva Ridge and Mt. Belvedere, and enjoying the village hospitality. Upon return to Ft Drum they will write a study for presentation to the commanding general regarding lessons learned and logistics observations.