

AHEC presents: US premier of documentary: Black Hawk Down - The Untold Story -- sponsored by AHC Foundation

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Soldiers of Task Force 2-14 were deployed to Somalia to support United Nations humanitarian operations in 1993. Black Hawk Down: The Untold Story will be premiered for the military-civilian community at Army Heritage & Education Center, Mon, Oct. 15

Black Hawk Down: The Untold Story is a feature-length documentary film highlighting the heroic actions of the Soldiers from Task Force 2-14, 10th Mountain Division.

On Monday, October 15, at 7:15 p.m., **Black Hawk Down: The Untold Story** will be presented, free to the public, at the Army Heritage and Education Center, home of the Army's military archives and military history research.

These Soldiers, who were deployed to Somalia to support United Nations humanitarian operations, demonstrated extraordinary courage, skill, and discipline as they fought their way through the streets of Mogadishu, and into a "baited ambush" to rescue the 99 men from Task Force Ranger—special operations troops who were surrounded by more than 1,000 well-armed hostile forces.

This film describes the role that Task Force 2-14 played in the rescue of the 99 Rangers and Delta operators. Task Force 2-14 comprised 341 Soldiers from 10th Mountain Division. 16 Rangers. and 8 Delta operators — not how

it was portrayed in the film and in several books, said retired Air Force Col. Randall Larsen, director and executive producer. This new interpretation of the 18 hour battle is why the documentary is called "the untold story."

This documentary film is based on numerous written accounts from participants, command post logs, official after-action reports, and interviews with more than 30 soldiers involved in the battle, including:

- all senior commanders, many NCOs, and enlisted men from TF 2-14
- senior Delta operator in the battle
- liaison officer between TF Ranger to TF 2-14
- commander of the special operations helicopters
- 10th Mountain Division Assistant Commander

The documentary adds an interpretation to this complex story: All U. S. forces who fought on and above the streets of Mogadishu on October 3-4, 1993 were heroes.

"After 25 years, the soldiers from 10th Mountain Division deserve to have their story told," said Larsen.

The documentary in its pre-final form will be shown at Fort Drum, Oct. 3, according to AHC Foundation director Mike Perry.

The documentary premier at the Army Heritage and Education Center is sponsored by the Army Heritage Center Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that, with donated support, funds the construction of USAHEC's public components, for post-construction transfer to the Army; and support educational programs at USAHEC.