10th Organizations in Partnership for the Year Ahead

In February, the 10th Mountain Descendant’s Annual Ski-In, the Vail Legacy Days celebration and Army Winter Training at Camp Hale happened over the course of a week in Colorado. I likened it to a family reunion. Cooper Day and the Serpentine Ski Down, the Trooper Race and Parade at Vail, and Fort Drum soldiers learning the history and ropes (literally) of alpine training on the landscape of our country’s newest National Historical Monument. All of this epitomized what our common 10th family ideals and values; honor, service, camaraderie and legacy of the love of the mountains and outdoors. Sometimes we can overlook an opportunity to acknowledge that we are “family,” yet it was a mainstay of the WWII 10th Mountain Division. And is evidenced in sister organizations and was as a clear, intrinsic trait of the 10th Mountain Division (LI) soldiers we met during this family week.

As this 2023 new year began, the 10th Mountain Division Foundation leadership took up a goal to work cooperatively with the 10th Mountain Division National Association and Descendants organizations to increase engagement with 10th Mountain Division (LI) Command. Sharing our individual organization’s values and purpose statements in preparation for meeting with Commanding General Anderson in January, our common ideals of honor and service, along with common goals; to curate and preserve the history and legacy of the entire Division, while supporting our veterans, active duty soldiers and their families shown through. For many, this common thread should have seemed obvious - after all we all share the 10th Mountain Division patch. But - it took this collective exercise to raise awareness and solidify these “family” values and goals. During the conversation with General Anderson and his leadership staff, there was a clear commitment to continue intentional and consistent engagement, cooperation and collaboration with and among the entire 10th family. This commitment, along with an invitation to participate in other family reunion like events such as the upcoming Tennessee Pass Memorial Day ceremony on May 29 in Colorado, Descendant’s Return to Italy Trip and Fort Drum 10th Mountain Division Mountainfest in New York in June will not just be about how we gather as family to celebrate the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division, but how we come together to advance our common ideals and goals!

Sempre Avanti!

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