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## February 2021

**Welcome to the 10th Mountain Division Foundation news!** We will send updates on what's happening with our programs and partners every quarter. We're looking forward to telling stories of the 10th. If you know people to feature or events to add, please let us know.

**A HUGE thank you** to everyone who supported us this past year, especially our 10th Mountain legacy families and 10th Mountain license plate holders. Wish we could thank you all in person...We would love to hear from you, so please drop us a note.

**The view from my office** in the National Center for Ski Associations Building (when I'm there and not "officing" from home) gives me a glimpse of the glorious distant mountains. May we all enjoy some time outdoors this season.

***Sempre Avanti,***  
Amy Dougherty, Editor

## NEWS



### Get Your 10th Mountain Ski Gear

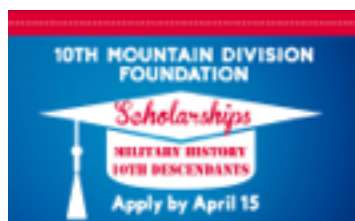
Winter equipment [deals and discounts](#) up to 30% are available through our outdoor industry partners. To help raise funds and promote the 10th Mountain legacy, the Foundation has established partnerships with select companies:

[Icelantic 10th Mountain Nomad skis](#)

[Weston 10th Mountain splitboard](#)

[Deviation Ski and Snowboard Works skis](#)

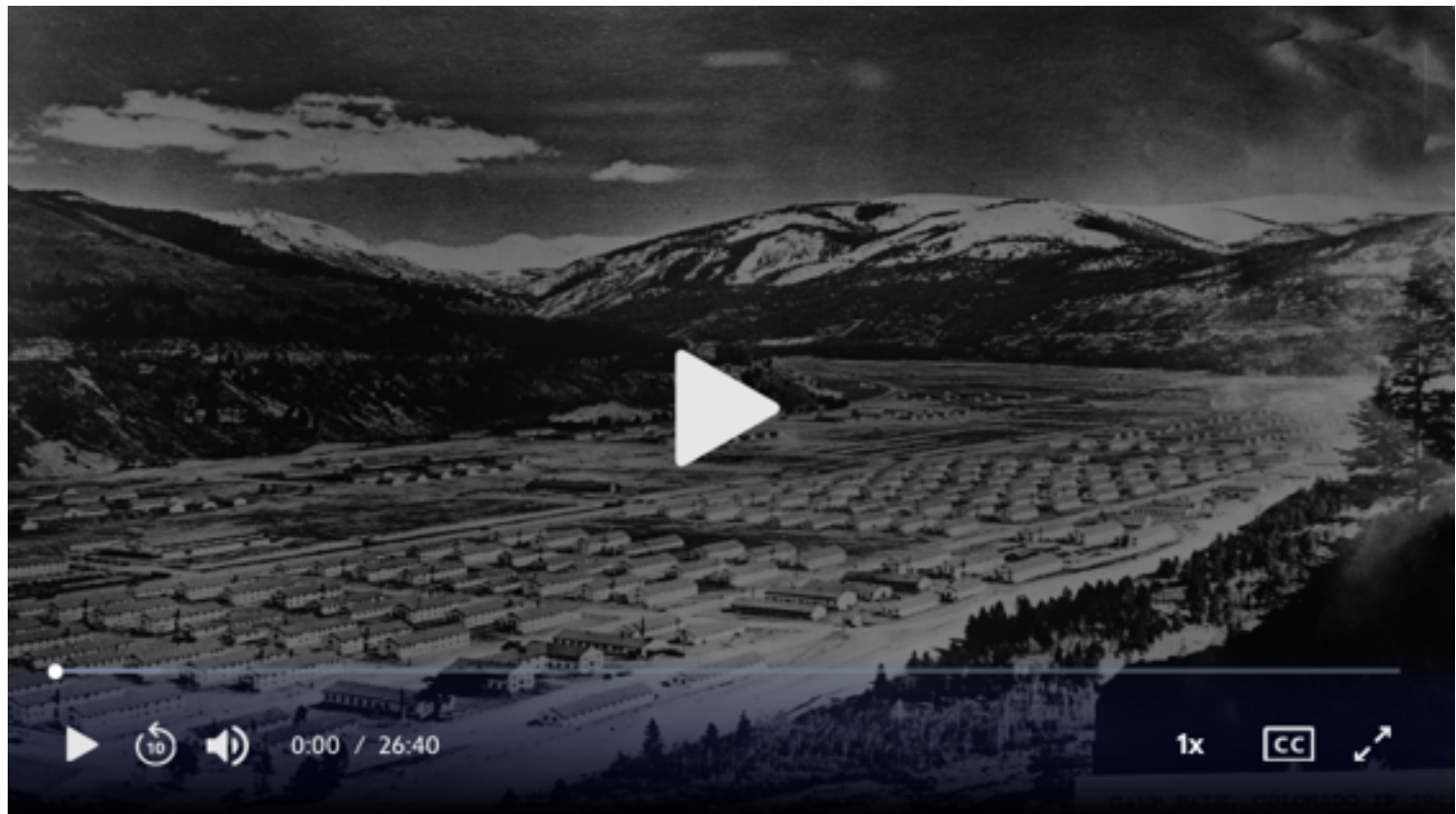
[Powder Point ski pants](#)



## Scholarships Available for 10th Soldiers and Families

[Apply by April 15](#) for 10th Mountain Division Foundation support for undergraduate and graduate academic studies up to \$5,000. Additional scholarships are available for graduate-level study in military history related to the 10th Mountain Division.

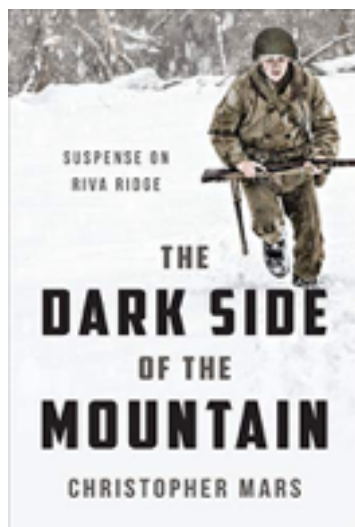
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Camp Hale, Colorado

## Camp Hale Featured on Rocky Mountain PBS Program

Rocky Mountain PBS' Colorado Experience Series in November featured the compelling story of Camp Hale, the historic training grounds of the 10th Mountain Division. See it on the [RMPBS website](#). (26:40)



## New Book on 10th Mountain History

Looking for a winter book? Check out new historical fiction "[The Dark Side of the Mountain](#)" by Christopher Mars, about a WWII 10th Mountain Division infantryman's adventurous journey. It's free on Kindle until Dec. 2021.



## Freebie! Here's Your Chance to Win 10th Mountain Gear

Like our newsletter on [Facebook](#) for a chance to win this cool 10th Mountain hat. A winner will be chosen at random. Stay tuned for more chances to win freebies throughout the year.

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## Meet Our 2020 Grant Partners

Last year, the Foundation awarded \$60,688 in grants and scholarships. 2020 proved to be a very challenging year for our program partners across the country. Yet many did complete programs and have, through tenacity and innovation, found ways to raise awareness and execute outdoor events. Congrats to you all!

*10th Mountain Division Hut Association--10th Mountain Division National Association--10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.--10th Mountain Division Living History Display Group--History Colorado--Friends of Denver Public Library--Colorado Ski and Snowsports Museum--Ski Heritage Museum-Whitefish Mountain--PSIA/AASI The Snow Pros--Cañon City JROTC--Deviation Ski and Snowboard Works--Weston Backcountry--Icelantic--Vail Resorts and the Town of Vail--NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School)--STRIDE Wounded Warrior SnowFest--Move United Warfighter Winter Sports Program*

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## Apply For a Partnership Grant

The 10th Mountain Foundation offers grants and financial support for these areas of interest: Collections and Public Resources, Monuments and Memorials, Scholarship & Education, and Outdoor Experience. Partnership applications are accepted on a year-round basis. Budget approval for programs and projects for the upcoming year are reviewed and voted on at the Annual Meeting in October.

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## Grant Partner



## 10th Mountain Division Huts Are Open This Season

The beloved Colorado [10th Mountain Huts](#) are open this season, with a few restrictions. If you haven't enjoyed this unique outdoor experience, maybe this is your year. Huts are funded in part by Colorado license plate holders through purchases of [10th Mountain license plates](#).

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## Grant Partner

**Ski Instructor Grants Awarded to Soldiers and**





## Vets

Four grants for up to \$950 were awarded in December to active soldiers and veterans who have a passion for snow riding and a desire to extend their mountain training. Our partnership with the Professional Ski Instructors of America and American Association of Snowboard Instructors (PSIA/AASI) funds two certification grants annually. Applications will be accepted again in the fall.

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## FEATURES



### 1SG Alexis Sprakties, 10th Mountain Division Band

#### Granddaughter of Honorary 10th Member Buzz Bainbridge

Band member Alexis Sprakties grew up hearing her Grandpa's war stories and meeting his friends from the 10th Mountain Division. As an officer in the Navy, he served in all theaters during WWII, and supported 10th Mountain Division Operations.

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### Thousand Islands Winery

#### Supporting the 10th Mountain Division Since 2003

While Maj. Stephen (Steve) Conaway was stationed at Fort Drum, NY, he discovered the Saint Lawrence River and the Thousand Islands Region. "The Saint Lawrence River reminded me of the rivers in Germany," Steve recalled from his five-year tour outside the continental U.S.

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## EVENTS

Check out upcoming events on our [website](#)





Memorial Day 2020 (14:46)

## Mark Your Calendar for Memorial Day May 31

Our Memorial Day ceremony is second to none, and while only a few of us gathered at Tennessee Pass, CO, last year, it was still a great event. Enjoy this [video](#) on our YouTube channel from last year's ceremony featuring photos from past events. Find more details closer to the event in the next newsletter and on our [website](#).

## No Vail Parades, Legacy Weekend or Ski-In Events This Year

[Vail Legacy Weekend](#) and parades honor the history of the 10th Mountain Division. See details from [2020 events](#) and plan to attend next year. Virtual events are continuing at the [Colorado Snowsports Museum](#).



Ski-In Week is a great series of events hosted by the [10th Mountain Division Descendants](#) the last weekend in February in Colorado, but there are no official activities this year. Please enjoy your time on the slopes at Vail, Copper Mountain, Breckenridge and Ski Cooper. We'll look forward to gathering next year!

## WAYS TO HELP

## Thank You, Donors and Volunteers!

Thank you to our generous donors, partners and volunteers who kept us moving forward through 2020. We appreciate the many ways you support the Foundation and the legacy of the 10th.

[Volunteer for a committee or a program team](#)

[Join a 10th Mountain group](#)

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## Did You Know You Can Submit 10th Mountain Materials for Archiving?

Our partnership with the [10th Mountain Division Resource Center](#) ensures your personal collection of documents, letters or photographs will be preserved and accessible at the Denver Public Library. Email [Keli Schmid](#) for details.



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## Easy Ways to Support Our Foundation

Make Amazon purchases through [AmazonSmile](#)

Donate to [Colorado Gives](#) in December and year-round

Planned giving through wills and trusts

Donate anytime on our website at [10thMountainFoundation.org](#)

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## STAY CONNECTED

### 10th Mountain Organizations



#### 10th Mountain Division (LI)

With its beginning in WWII at Camp Hale in 1944, the modern 10th Mountain Division Lt. was reactivated in 1985 at Fort Drum, NY. Today the 10th has been the most deployed unit in the U.S. Army.

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#### 10th Mountain Division Descendants

TMDD preserves and enhances the legacy of the WWII 10th Mountain Division and connects its members, their families and their descendants.

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## 10th Mountain Division National Association

The National Association provides support to soldiers, veterans, families and descendants, maintains the 10th Mountain patch legacy and keeps 10th Mountain organizations connected.

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## 10th Mountain Division Foundation

The Foundation honors the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division through veteran, outdoors, history and memorial programs.

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## [10th Mountain Division Foundation](#)

### Our Mission

*The mission of the 10th Mountain Division Foundation is to honor and perpetuate the legacy of the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division past, present, and future by doing **good works** that exemplify the ideals by which they lived.*

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