



Italia 1945-2020

Dear 10th Mountain Family and Friends,

On behalf of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc., I would like to invite you to attend the ***Italia 1945-2020*** trip. This is a special year as it is the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII. We've arranged a pre-trip to Normandy to experience the invasion beaches and inland drop zones, as well a short visit to Paris. This will be followed by the main trip that will retrace the Division's combat and post-war route through Italy and beyond. We will visit Tuscany to include the American Cemetery and Memorial near Florence to pay respect to the 326 10th Mountain Division soldiers interred there. It is a sobering experience that reminds us of the sacrifices made for our freedom. We then move on to the Hill Towns, Po Valley, Lake Garda, Slovenia, Austria and finish in Munich. We've included the post-war sites in the Main Trip in recognition of the Division's complete role in Italy during the war. We recognize this may add time and expense that some may not want to incur. To accommodate everyone, there are options offered to structure a trip that suits their schedule. As always, Intertrav will work directly with anyone wishing to 'bailout' at a specific juncture if necessary.

Many of you have been on one or several return trips, and we would love to have you join us again to commemorate this important anniversary. If you have never been on one of these trips, now is the time to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to travel the combat route of the 10th Mountain Division and follow in the footsteps of our soldiers from 75 years ago. Many of the areas have changed very little. You will see homes where soldiers were bivouacked, or remnants of foxholes where your 10th Mountain soldier may have been. We will climb Mount Belvedere starting with a dedication of benches that have been donated by descendants and friends that will be placed along the trail up the mountain. You will take in the incredible view from the top across to Riva Ridge and overlooking the villages below.

As members of the 10th Mountain family, we can honor the legacy of our 10th Mountain Veterans by going on this amazing trip and keeping the special tradition of friendship with our Italian friends alive.

Please read the enclosed brochure for details of the itinerary and options. This trip is not to be missed and I look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

Denise Taylor

President, 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.