Greetings fellow 10th Mountain Division Descendants and Friends!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these trying times. While we have the opportunity, why not gain or refresh our knowledge of the 10th Mountain Division or specifically your Veteran? Please allow me to suggest a couple of fun, entertaining activities we can engage in by ourselves or with our loved ones, right in the comfort of our homes:

Let's catch up with that great 10th Mountain Division book or DVD we already have home or can easily access via that magical invention known as the internet. A couple of familiar titles come to mind...

- The Last Ridge: The Epic Story of America's First Mountain Soldiers | McKay Jenkins, Author
  - e-book, hard cover, and paperback editions are available. Published in 2007.
  - Available on DVD and online via various streaming platforms. This one is very special: It was directed, written and produced by one of our own, Abbie Kealy, proud Associate Member of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc., niece of 10th Mountain soldier Stuart E Abbot (86th INF/Unit L, Killed in Action).

A virtual visit to 10th Mountain Division Resource Center. You may even learn and discover interesting facts about your 10th Mountain Veteran! The online version features a digital photo gallery and name lookup index. To start your visit, head over to: https://tinyurl.com/ttrgkar

Calling all elementary school kids: Your artwork could be starred in a movie! Here is a meaningful, cool project that you could have fun working on: Olympic Gold Medalist Mikaela Shiffrin and professional freeride skier, Chris Anthony, have teamed up to host the Chris Anthony Youth Project Art Contest for Kids. They are looking for artwork that embraces the spirit of the 10th Mountain Division. Here’s how Mr. Anthony recently described this project:

"I’m excited to introduce our newer generations to American and World History through the story of the 10th Mountain Division, America’s first military ski troop. Their story is amazing as well as entertaining. Their direct link to the sport and history of skiing provides the opportunity to bring history into our youth’s life in a creative and entertaining way. During this time of social separation, while students are doing most of their schoolwork from home, I wanted to take this opportunity of using the 10th story as a teachable moment. I presented the idea of an art contest to Mikaela Shiffrin, who immediately loved it. For students to submit and complete the art project, they will have to do a bit of studying about the 10th Mountain Division: who, when, where and why the 10th has such a unique place, not only American History but in our hearts and souls. As an incentive, we’ll be selecting the top 10 works of art and place them into “Mission Mt. Mangart”, an educational documentary about the 10th Mountain Division I have been working on. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to engage with their kids through a fun, research project, while they share quality time together.

For more information, visit: https://tinyurl.com/rm5srxh

As you may have heard, the "Italy 2020" trip has been postponed. Certainly, a major bummer, as I know we were all looking forward to this event. Further details will be forthcoming as we gain a better understanding of the worldwide impact of this pandemic. Of utmost importance is the safety of our group as well as our Italian friends. We look forward to next year!

We continue to grow our membership! Many folks have taken advantage of the convenience of signing up or renewing online. We are seeing brand new members as well as folks who haven't been members for a few years along with those who have been with us every year for some time. Thank you for your support and generosity. It's not too late to join. Just go to our website and join or renew now!

Once again, I ask you to please let me know of what gatherings or causes would be of interest to you, and welcome your comments and suggestions: YOUR VOICE MATTERS! Stay Well!

Respectfully,

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