Spring 2022 | President's Letter

Greeting's Fellow 10th Mountain Descendants and Friends,

The descendants have had an active winter. First, I would like to welcome two new chapter directors; Ellen McWade, Rocky Mountain Chapter, granddaughter, Gordan McWade "Tiny" 87-HQ-3 and Robert Linscott, New England Chapter, son of Donald Linscott 86-G. We are excited to welcome them and grateful to have these two dedicated folks take on this important role. I look forward to working with them and know they will be a great asset to their chapters. If you would be interested in participating on their committees to help plan events or do educational presentations, please contact them at emcwade@gmail.com or ralinscott@comcast.net

Some fun winter events took place including the **47th Annual Ski-In, in Colorado**, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Chapter, which included a memorable day at Ski Cooper, viewing of "Mission: Mt. Mangart," skiing at Copper Mountain, Vail and Breckenridge as well as a presentation about the 10th put on by the Leadville 3rd grade class. What an excellent job they did! Two New England Chapter TMDD ski teams, "Team 87-I" and "Sempre Avanti" competed for the "10th Mountain Division Cup" at Cranmore Mountain Resort, North Conway, N.H. for the New England Ski Museum's 25th annual Hannes Schneider Meister Cup. Fun was had by all who attended these events. Hope to see *you* next year!

Legacy Days at Vail was held over Presidents Day weekend with lots of events. What an honor that Vail puts on this spectacular event every year to honor the legacy of the 10 Mountain Division. There were even soldiers who came out from Ft. Drum! A special thanks to Jeff Wiles and all the folks who made this wonderful event possible.

The 10th Mountain Division Descendants family has lost a dear friend, **Col. Mike Plummer.** Mike was a great supporter of the Descendants' organization since we first met him and his wife Miriam, at the 2001 St. Louis reunion. He will be missed.

The Education Committee has the K-12 Program up and running. You should have received an email about it. If not, check out our website at https://10thmtndivdesc.org to learn more. This is a great opportunity for our young 10th Mountain descendants and friends to get involved and learn more about the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division. Some have signed up already!

We are pleased to announce that around seven hundred folks have signed up for a TMDD membership so far. It's not too late if you haven't yet done so. *Everyone* is welcome to join including WWII and 10th (Li) Descendants, Veterans and Friends. Just go to our website, it's easy to sign up!

A new four-part miniseries on the 10th Mountain Division in WWII is in development in *Italy*. Please help support this special and meaningful endeavor being put on by our Italian friends. Here's the link to learn more. https://10thmountainfoundation.org/new-italy-documentary-series-features-wwii-10th-mountain-division/

We were disappointed to have had to cancel the Italy trip. The logistics with Covid were becoming quite daunting. We're going to try again for 2023, fingers crossed, so stay tuned!
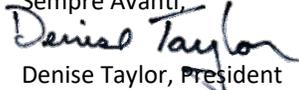
The Tenth Mountain Division Foundation is looking for folks interested in volunteering for a variety of different committees. Your Foundation is Forever! So, if you're interested in making a difference, please contact: Nancy Kramer, President, n.kramer@10thmdf.org or Amy Dougherty, Administrative Director, amy10thmdf@gmail.com

In case you weren't aware, 10th Mountain Division soldiers from Ft. Drum were deployed to Europe in February. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them"
- John F. Kennedy

Remember, "Your Voice Matters" so please reach out with any thoughts or comments. I love hearing from you!

Sempre Avanti,

Denise Taylor, President