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FALL 2022 PRESIDENTS LETTER

Greetings Fellow 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Descendants and Friends,

As fall is upon us, we are gearing up for the upcoming 2023 membership drive. If you didn't request to receive this electronically in the survey we sent out a few months ago, you will be receiving it by mail. Everyone should have it by mid-November. There's a box on the membership form you can check to receive correspondence by email should you choose. We are working toward a rolling membership in the future. There are just a couple things to work out before we roll it out.

We are excited to announce that we have an educational series starting in October called "Zoom with the 10<sup>th</sup>". Education is one of the cornerstones of our organization. You will receive an email to let you know what talks are in the pipeline and how to join in. Some will be on Zoom and some through Google. They both work the same. Here's the starting line up so mark your calendars.

October 26<sup>th</sup>- How to Research a WWII 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Soldier-Keli Schmid, Archivist, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Resource Center. Keli will identify resources available at the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Resource Center at the Denver Public Library as well as other online resources. The zoom call will start at 6PM. Here's the link: <https://www.denverlibrary.org/event/navigating-archives-10th-mountain-division-soldiers?language=en>

November 9<sup>th</sup>- Overview of the Winter War-Christian Beckwith-Christian will talk about effects on the formation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Division and roles of the US Army, National Ski Patrol and the American Alpine Club in the division's inception.

December 14<sup>th</sup>- Modern 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division History-Sepp Scanlin, Former Museum Director, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and Ft. Drum Museum.

We are partnering with Christian Beckwith for his Podcast, Ninety Pound Rucksack. Ninety-Pound Rucksack is a new, monthly podcast about the 10th Mountain Division. The podcast is hosted by Beckwith, the former editor of The American Alpine Journal and founding editor of Alpinist Magazine, and features an advisory board of the Division's foremost experts. Beckwith plans to tell the story of the 10th over 18 episodes. Check out <http://www.christianbeckwith.com> for Episode 0, which details the podcast's genesis. Episode 1, on The Winter War, is scheduled for release later this month.

Another focus of the Descendants organization is volunteering. We have folks in our chapters who go out and give talks to various organizations, visit Veterans, etc. A really nice volunteer opportunity coming up soon is Wreaths Across America where you go to designated cemeteries and lay wreaths to honor those from the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts. This year it is on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We've had several chapters as well as individuals who have participated in the past, so if your chapter isn't participating this year, sign up yourself with your family. It is a truly a rewarding experience. For more info go to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

Heads up for the 2023 Ski-In in Colorado! The dates are as follows: February 22-February 28 with the main event, Cooper Hill Daze on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Vail has moved Legacy Days to 2/25 -26, hosting a great weekend that honors the 10<sup>th</sup>. More to come!

Let's remember, our soldiers and Veteran's selfless service to our nation is a debt that cannot be repaid. However, let us do our best to honor them each and every day!

Sempre Avanti!

Denise Taylor, President

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