

10th Mountain Division (LI)

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10th Mountain Division commemorates heritage in Colorado mountains

Soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division (LI) will conduct ski and alpine training in support of Mountain Legacy, Feb. 18-24, at Camp Hale and Vail, Colorado. Mountain Legacy is an annual event that commemorates the 10th Mountain Division Soldiers who served and trained at Camp Hale, Colorado, in preparation for combat operations during World War II.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Riva Ridge in the Italian Apennines. On the evening of February 18, 1945 10th Mountain Division Soldiers ascended the treacherous, ice-covered slopes of Riva Ridge. Mountain Soldiers defended their hard-won position for five grueling days, facing off against 100,000 German troops, ultimately liberating the Po River Valley which led to the liberation of Italy during WWII.

Mountain Legacy honors the deep-rooted history and legacy of our Mountain Soldiers, who continue to embody the spirit of resilience and pride. Maj. Gen. Scott Naumann, 10th Mountain Division (LI) commanding general and Command Sgt. Maj. Brett Johnson, division senior enlisted adviser, will be in attendance.

Mountain Legacy events are open to the public; however, some events may only be available to lift-ticket holders.

- Hale to Vail 25-mile cross country ski trek at Camp Hale Nova Guides and Vail Village, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m.
- 50th Anniversary 10th Mountain Descendants Ski Daze at Ski Cooper, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m.
- Tennessee Pass Memorial Ceremony at Ski Cooper, Feb. 21 at 2:30 p.m.
- Vail Torchlight Parade at Vail Village, Feb. 22 at 5:45 p.m.
- Ski Trooper Cup at Vail Village, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

The 10th Mountain Division is an active-duty Army unit located at Fort Drum, New York. Much like the Soldiers who trained at Camp Hale, our Soldiers today remain physically skilled and mentally tough, capable of training in any environment.

More information regarding the current 10th Mountain Division and our Legacy Day coverage can be found here: <u>DVIDS - 10th Mountain Division (dvidshub.net)</u> <u>DVIDS - D-Series Winter Challenge 2024 and Mountain Legacy 2024 (dvidshub.net)</u> <u>https://www.army.mil/article/263318/around_and_about_fort_drum_winter_maneuvers</u>

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