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Subject: 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Scholarship Fund

To: Potential Donors,

It is the time of the year to begin your gift giving planning for 2016. Please consider a tax deductible gift to the National Association of the 10 Mountain Division, a 501(c)(19) organization, for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mt. Div. (Light) Scholarship Fund.

As you know, the 10th Mt. Div. was reactivated in Feb 1985 and since that time has been the most deployed division in the United States Army. By design and by hard won reputation, the division will remain extremely active in the years ahead.

Here is the problem ... the bi-laws of the 10th Mt. Div. Foundation Scholarship Fund do not allow for current members of the 10th Mt. Div. to be eligible for scholarship monies that have been collected and invested over the last 45 years. Rightfully, the original World War II Veterans who donated the money want it to go to their descendants.

This leaves the 10th Mt. Div. (Light) without a ready source of funds for scholarships like the rest of the Army's active duty divisions have. This is an unfortunate situation that has created an unintended inequity for those who serve America in the 10th Mt. Div.

In order to begin to correct this inequity, the Fort Drum Chapter formed a fund raising committee in 2006 to raise \$5 Million so we can provide our soldiers and their family member's annual scholarships from a self perpetuating fund. The selection criteria are currently weighted in favor of family members of those KIA but, as more funds become available, broader criteria will be used to increase our selection base. In 2007 we awarded five \$5,000 scholarships to 10<sup>th</sup> Mt. Div. Soldiers and their Family Members. Since that time we have awarded 51 more.

Our goal is to award fifty \$5,000 scholarships annually. This is achievable with your support. With over 300 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Soldiers Killed in Action and over 2800 seriously Wounded in Action the need is now and growing.

All scholarship monies will be administered through the Northern New York Community Foundation, Inc. who has a long time record of impeccable financial stewardship and a 501(c)(3) status.

The purpose of this correspondence is to ask you and other friends of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mt. Div. you may know to become personally involved and assist us in shortening a possible ten year fund raising campaign. We need your donation and your help in identifying and contacting potential donors whom may be willing to make a donation or bequeath.

Donations should be made out to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mt. Div. (Light) Scholarship Fund. Please mail your check to:

Northern New York Community Foundation  
HSBC Building, Suite 400  
120 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601

Or, if you would prefer to use a credit card go to: [www.10thmtndivassoc.org](http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org) Once your check has been processed you will receive a confirmation of receipt and the income tax information you need to deduct your tax-deductible gift. If you wish to donate stocks or property, please call Mr. Rande Richardson 315 782 7110 and he will advise you on how to maximize the tax benefits of your tax-deductible gift.

If you want more information on the National Association of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Inc. or the Northern New York Community Foundation, please visit their web sites ([www.10thmtndivassoc.org](http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org) or [www.nnycf.org](http://www.nnycf.org)). If you have other questions, please contact me at [mike.plummer@10thmtndivassoc.org](mailto:mike.plummer@10thmtndivassoc.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

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