

## TED HECK



Ted Heck's ramrod straight military posture was a familiar sight to attendees at Snow Sports Museum Hall of Fame events. For years Ted was a vital board member, handling museum public relations. He also served as the first Master of Ceremonies at Hall of Fame installations.

Before retirement, Ted enjoyed a dynamic career in Public Relations. He focused on the food industry and followed his roots in Pennsylvania, where he grew up, a son of Bethlehem. Ted excelled in sports and launched an active second career as an award winning ski writer, known and respected by readers of Allentown and Harrisburg area newspapers.



As a young man, Ted was tested on the frozen battlefields of France in World War II. But it wasn't until a post-war billet in Germany at the age of 24 that he was introduced to skiing. He never looked back. For the next 70 years, Ted lived and breathed a life on the slopes from the teaching trails of Spring Mountain in Pennsylvania to the Alpine Heights of Europe, Ted skied it all. And wrote about all of it. It earned him the highly prized 2014 "Mitch Kaplan Award" presented by the North American Ski Journalists Association.

Ted also gained recognition in the world of skiing and riding as editor of the Blue Book of European Ski Areas, and as the author of numerous magazine articles that trumpeted the virtues of skiing the trails of Pennsylvania.

As a member of the Eastern Ski Writers Association and the North American Ski Journalists Association, Ted entered and won his share of writer's races. His obsession with the sport was summed up by a colleague who offered an explanation for Ted arriving late to a luncheon at Camelback Mountain, where he had won a highly competitive race. "You know how it goes with Ted. Make a turn and drag the trophy. Make a turn and drag the trophy. Takes ages to get down the mountain"

Sadly our friend and colleague passed away last November at the age of 94. He is posthumously being inducted into the Pennsylvania Snow Sports Museum Hall of Fame - Class of 2017.



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