

Paul C. Kitchen

Paul Kitchen has devoted much of his life to serving the 10th Mountain Division Association, advancing the sport of skiing, and serving as a volunteer in his community.

A member of the association's Delaware River Valley Chapter since its formation in 1955, he is a past president of the chapter. He is currently secretary of the national association; in 1998 he received the association's Distinguished Service Award.



Paul was 10 years old when he got the ski bug. During his years at Episcopal Preparatory School he skied regularly in New Hampshire, on a rope tow at Page Hill, and on the trails of Cranmore and Cannon Mountain. In the Poconos his favorite venues were Hazzard Hill, Split Rock and Big Boulder.

After serving with the “soldiers of the summit” he participated in many reunions and special events of the 10th's association, including an annual Ski Day at Camelback and their yearly ski trip to Keystone in Colorado. A special event of this reunion is a revisit to Cooper Hill, where the division trained. This excursion includes a memorial service for the more than 900 men who lost their lives serving their country in this prestigious unit.

Paul is an avid recreational skier who is still seen often in the Poconos, the American west and Europe. He has conducted tours for OFOS, the Old folks of Skiing, and skis with his daughters, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Retired after 35 years with the Container Corporation of America, Paul lives in Erdenheim with this wife Dorothy. He does volunteer work at Chestnut Hill Hospital and St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

