



Dr. Walter Larkin

Walt Larkin is a very special person in the world of snowsports. He has been recognized for generously sharing his medical expertise with National Ski Patrol members across Pennsylvania. Beyond Ski Patrol, Walt has distinguished himself as a gifted ski area mechanic, a strong financial supporter and leader of historic Spring Mountain, a great trainer of countless ski patrollers as well as an active role in the growth of the Pennsylvania SnowSports Museum. For many years Walt has served as the chairperson of the PA SnowSports Museum Hall of Fame Nominating Committee.



Walt has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the National Ski Patrol, Spring Mountain operations and Spring Mountain Ski Patrol for almost five decades. He received the Leadership Commendation Award from the NSP in recognition for his service as an Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) Instructor and Instructor Trainer. Walt's duties in those roles have influenced patrollers all over Pennsylvania and beyond. More than 100 OEC instructors have earned their certifications under Walt's leadership.

Walt served his country well in the US Army as a medic and later earned his medical degree as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. It inevitably led to his role as Medical Advisor of the Eastern PA Region of the NSP where he now serves as Medical Advisor Emeritus.

Walt's dedication to snowsports has been all-encompassing. He became a pivotal figure in the drive to save an iconic gem of Pennsylvania ski history, Spring Mountain. He invested resources and time to become a part owner of the landmark mountain. Working alongside partners Rick and Gayle Buckman, Walt contributed to the revival of one of our unique small "Teaching Mountains" that fuel the ranks of life-long skiers. He was quick to recognize that the loss of Spring Mountain would be a major loss to the snowsports industry including the thousands of outdoor enthusiasts who learn to ski and snowboard there annually and related operations including local ski shops and destination ski areas throughout the east.

True love of skiing and his helping hand for fellow winter sports seekers has distinguished Walt as a major benefactor in the snowsports community and a worthy Hall of Fame inductee.

