

The History of the Ram's Head Device



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The Military Mountaineer Badge, commonly known as the Ram's Head Device, is a representation of a dall ram head, approximately one inch square.

In the 1950s, the United States Army Mountain and Cold Weather Training Command at Fort Carson and Camp Hale, Colorado adopted the Ram's Head Device as the badge worn by their cadre. The badge marked an individual as an expert in mountain warfare.

In 1983, the Vermont Army National Guard Mountain Warfare School was established in Jericho, Vermont. The Ram's Head Device was adopted as the Military Mountaineer Badge denoting successful completion of the Basic Military Mountaineer Course and awarding of the Skill Qualification Identifier – E "Military Mountaineer." In 2003 the Vermont Army Mountain Warfare School became the United States Army Mountain Warfare School.

The Army Mountain Warfare School continues to award the Ram's Head Device to soldiers who complete the Basic Military Mountaineer Course. The Ram's Head was chosen in recognition of the sacrifices our mountain soldiers made during World War II and the proud tradition of the United States Army's past mountain warfare training institutions.