When the Chapter adopted the “Fightin’ 1st Platoon of B Co,” then later the 1st Platoon “Black Hawk Co,” 2nd Brigade, 87th Regiment, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI), we made a commitment to provide these troops with items hard to come by and desperately needed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Elsie Acciavadi, a “Friend of the 10th” and close friend of the Chapter’s Sam Morrison (86-HQ-3) heard of our commitment and immediately enlisted members of her Eastchester ladies club and the Eastchester American Legion Auxiliary to support this effort. In addition to the many items they sent to the troops throughout the year, Elsie and her friends collected, wrapped and shipped Christmas toys and clothing to the children and families at Ft. Drum.

At our luncheon in December, Jay Charles, President of the Chapter, presented Elsie with a Meritorious Service Award for her generosity and dedication to the support of the men and women of the 10th Mtn. Div. (LI).

On Wednesday, February 13th, Elsie lost her private battle with cancer. The members of the WWII 10th Mtn. Div., Descendants and 10th Mtn. Div. (LI) and all who knew her mourn the passing of this wonderful lady.

—William E. Best (86-B)
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mike Plummer (10th Mountain Division LI)

Your Association’s Executive Committee (EXCOM) held its first meeting in Watertown, NY, on 1 March 2008. During that meeting we reviewed a draft of the Association’s Strategic Plan and produced a final draft for your review and comment. When finally approved by the Board of Directors, our plan will spell out our Strategic Direction and the strategies we will pursue to shape our future.

The following are our membership numbers through 1 Feb 2008:

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10th Mt. Div (LI) membership has increased from 269 on 1 Jan 2007 to 840 1 Feb 2008. Efforts continue at Fort Drum to “enlist” active duty soldiers. At the March EXCOM we formed a marketing committee. They will be responsible for developing our national advertisement campaign to attract 10th Mt. Div. (LI) alumni. I have also asked the Chapter Presidents to launch similar campaigns in their geographical areas. The truth is that if we don’t capture some of the 150,000 alumni and get them involved at the Chapter level, the Association will never achieve its full potential.

In order to afford the costs of the marketing campaign, I have decided to reduce expenditures at the National level as much as possible. One area where I am already saving money is by reducing the quality of the paper our Blizzard is printed on. In the past it cost $10,000 for each of the three issues we send out. In the current format the cost has been reduced to at least half. I believe that at some time in the future our Blizzard will be all delivered electronically, complete with text, pictures and video clips, because that is how 90% of those under-40 get their news (although since I’m slightly older, I personally like the feel of paper in one hand and a mug of coffee in the other).

The Descendants have requested that they have the lead in developing a list of all 10th Mtn. Div. monuments/memorials and their locations. I have provided them with all the information I had collected.

The Descendants Organization will be in charge of all future trips to Italy. Val Rios and Steve Coffey will be providing information on the next visit regularly (see Desc. Insert). There is new interest in the DUKW search. A committee headed up by Steve Coffey with John Duffy, John Imbrie, Gerry Nash, Brett Planeuf (he led two expeditions in Lake Gärda), Tim McCrusty (US Naval Surface Warfare Center point of contact with the Navy underwater search team), Val Rios and myself.

I would like to give you a quick update on activities in your Division, some of which appears at greater length elsewhere in this issue:

A. Currently the 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT) and 4th BCT are in Iraq (about 7,000 soldiers). They are serving 15-month tours and are performing magnificently; 3/17

B. In May, 2008, Division HQs (1,000 soldiers) will deploy to Iraq and the 10th Combat AVN BDE and 10th Sustainment Brigade will follow in the Fall. Div HQ will replace 3ID in South Baghdad for a 15-month tour. I expect 3D BCT to deploy to Iraq in early 2009 followed by 2nd BCT later in the year.

C. Some road names on post are going to change to honor veterans since 1985 from Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Existing name: Will become

Second Street W .......................... Euphrates River Valley Rd
North Country Lane ...................... Korengal Valley Blvd
Pearl Street .............................. Pech River Road
Fourth Street E ......................... Tigris River Valley Rd
North Memorial .......................... Iraqi Freedom Drive
South Memorial .......................... Enduring Freedom Drive
St. Lawrence Ave ....................... Restore Hope Ave

D. The Fort Drum installation is experiencing a significant boom in construction — al-

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A few years ago, the 10th Mountain Division was reactivated. The designation “Light Infantry” was appended to the original name to explain that this would be a unique body of soldiers in the modern Army, with limited heavy equipment and therefore more ready than any others at that time to respond fastest to critical situations. And so the term 10th Mountain Division (LI) came into being as something new, although Association historians will tell you that there was a time early in the Division’s formation when it was officially the 10th Mountain Division Light (LI) Scholarship Fund.

At about the same time, I began to hear soldiers in our newcomers at what had until then been primarily a summer training ground for National Guard and Reserve units. And what I heard to any greeting, or a charge to action was the enthusiastic response, “Hooah!”

Now, being a reporter at the time, and curious when it comes to things military, among others, I decided to pursue this word which still raises warning flags for Spell Checker. The search led to the Institute of Military Heraldry, where a staff member and I spent a lengthy phone conversation tracing the origin of Hooah (along with the beginnings of the yellow ribbon—but that’s another story). As the daughter of an officer of the 1st Cavalry Division (my loyalties lie in several directions), I was delighted to learn that it’s quite likely the word originated when, indeed, the main means of transportation for the military was on horseback—or, in the case of 10th Mountain, muleback. Simply enough, if you want to stop, you shout “Whoa!” And if you stretch out the word, it could conceivably become today’s “Hooah!” Eventually, the word became more commonly used for encouragement; just listen to John Wayne in one of his Westerns when he shouts orders to the troops as they leave Fort Laramie.

All this is by way of saying that the military is like life—new things happen, but often we learn they’re grounded in the old. And that makes them traditions, and that makes them stronger because then we know that others have gone before and been through what we have, and we’re not alone.

So as the Blizzard gets under way with some of us new on the job, it’s reassuring to know we can turn to experienced readers and find answers, while at the same time sharing those experiences which are new to us with those who’ve gone before. The “horse power” (or mulepower) in the stable may be under the hood of a HumVee or a Black Hawk these days, but it’s still what gets us where we need to go.

And a little encouragement always helps, including a hearty “Hooah!”

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT, CONTINUED**

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most $300M this fiscal year alone and another $350M in the current appropriations bill. The bulk of construction is in barracks and headquarters for our new 3rd BCT, new family housing, and HQs for new separate Battalions (7th Engineers, 63rd Ordnance, and 91st Military Police). This year we will complete a significant expansion of Wheeler Sack Army Airfield’s living and working complex, the PX, and a less-significant expansion of the commissary. New child care facilities and a major expansion of the Main Post Chapel are also included.

E. There will be a Centennial Celebration for Ft. Drum the last week of June, 2008. It will build on existing Mountain Fest with a significant air show. All of you and your Chapter members are invited to attend.

F. To date the Division has had 135 KIA and over 1350 WIA. Two soldiers remain MIA in Iraq. The current unit in the battlespace where they were captured continues to follow those involved. You can support them and their families by supporting the 10th Mountain Division (LI) Scholarship Fund.

G. A dedicated Battalion, the 3rd of the 85 Mountain Infantry Regt (Prov), replaces and expands capability of the Medical Hold unit many of you will recall reading about (Blizzard #3, 2007). There are over 350 wounded and injured soldiers in this “Warriors in Transition” unit. The unit provides world class admin and medical support to the soldiers as they heal and transition from active duty. You can support them by supporting the Wounded Warrior Fund.

H. The 86th Combat Infantry Brigade (MT) has been re-activated as part of our Reserve Components.

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**10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION RESOURCE CENTER BOOK DRIVE FOR CAMP HALE WAS HEADED BY DENVER LIBRARY**

Dennis Hagen

The 10th Mountain Division Resource Center agreement between the Denver Public Library and the 10th Mountain Division Foundation was signed almost exactly 20 years ago on October 14, 1987. However, it turns out that the Denver Public Library’s friendship and interactions with the Division goes back a lot further.

Recently, we discovered a newspaper article in the Denver Post dated January 24, 1943. The article headline enthusiastically proclaims “Drive Seeking Pile of Books for Soldiers.” According to the article, the 1943 campaign to obtain thousands of books for the Army camps of Colorado was well underway, with over 500 books already sent to the “Pando ski troop camp” for “the entertainment and instruction of the ski troops stationed there.”

Miss May Wood Wigginton, assistant librarian at the Denver Public Library who headed the book drive, reported that a total of 53,000 books had been donated in 1942. She anticipated exceeding this number for 1943. To set a good example for the book drive, Miss Wigginton reported that she donated a book of Shakespeare plays, “the most cherished gift she had received for Christmas.”

Miss Wigginton cautioned, “Only good books are wanted.” She said that best-seller types of books were the most popular with service men. Technical books, published since 1935, were in second place followed by books describing the places where American soldiers were then fighting.

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**FORT DRUM HERITAGE CENTER MEANS MORE ROOM FOR HISTORY**

Kent A. Bolke, Curator

April 19, 2008, will mark the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Fort Drum Heritage Center. The Heritage Center houses the USO, Off the Beatin’ Path Gifts which is sponsored by the Fort Drum Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division, and the 10th Mountain Division & Fort Drum Historical Collection.

The Historical Collection is not new to the Post, but its location in the Heritage Center is. Previously, the Collection was housed in a World War II temporary barracks that had grown much too small to adequately display the history of Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division.

Unlike the affiliated organizations in Colorado which have a primary focus of the 10th Mountain Division’s history in World War II, the Fort Drum location addresses the Division’s history from its inception to current operations. The reason for the Historical Collection being located at Fort Drum is that today’s soldiers can learn from their past. As soldiers scale mountains in Afghanistan via foot or helicopter, they can draw on the lessons learned in World War II.

The Historical Collection is funded by the US Army for the purpose of training soldiers, but this does not mean funds are unlimited. With a struggling economy and two overseas campaigns being fought, funding for the Historical Collection is limited. Even with the struggles of funding, we have grown since our opening just one year ago. A new display of uniforms will be completed soon. Our Cobra helicopter was moved from its original location on South Post to the Heritage Center with help from the Division’s Combat Aviation Brigade. A display showcasing the basic infantry weapons has been finished and a temporary display of the first 100 years of Fort Drum’s history has been placed on exhibit.

Still more is coming. Currently, an Eagle Scout is planning to construct an exhibit to help teach those with memorabilia at home how to either preserve or donate it to an appropriate institution. Work is underway with the post Cultural Resources Branch to develop a display to help soldiers protect items of cultural interest while deployed and thus help win hearts and minds.

The most ambitious project is the construction of an exhibit surrounding our M29 “Weasel” showing it at work at Camp Hale. Already a display has been built showing a HMMWV (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) on the streets of Baghdad. However, all the items provided for this display were, at the time, in current use and readily available. The other advantage of the display is that the sand used holds up well in the museum’s climate control; placing our Weasel in the snow will prove to be much harder! A preliminary quote of $80,000 has been offered for construction, but as the Historical Collection gets either time or money, never both, we will have to spend some more time to make this one work.
IFMS XXII CONGRESS

John Duffy (86-HQ-2)

The International Federation of Mountain Soldiers (IFMS) XXII Congress meeting was held in Poland for three days starting on September 18, 2007. A United States delegation of fifteen was led by Chief Delegate Bert Anger (86-B). The delegates arranged with our Return to Italy tour company InterTrav to visit Poland for the Congress and Italy for the dedication of an exhibit for the 10th Mountain Division. At the completion of the IFMS Congress the delegates returned to Rome, where they picked up a few more 10th people and then traveled Tuscany for one week with an overnight stay in the Hill Town prior to the opening ceremony at Torbole on Lake Garda for the 10th Mountain Division exhibit. Our host for the Torbole visit was the mayor and the hosts for the exhibit on the September 30th visit were Mr. and Mrs. Gianfranco Del Santo (Associate).

The Congress attendees came from eight nations and numbered close to 100. Our host, the Polish delegation, arranged for delegates to stay at a Polish mountain ski resort. The program was very interesting with lectures and visits to various military installations. A special memorial service was conducted at a cemetery adjacent to a local high school that was dedicated to Pope Paul II, who as a boy was educated in the school. The IFMS business session was conducted at a Boy Scout headquarters which also had a very interesting program for the delegates.

This was the first time for the Polish Delegation to host a Congress. They did an outstanding job and everyone was pleased with the social and business program and the food was delicious. The National Association of the 10th Mountain Division which is the United States delegation totaled 15 persons. The delegation was represented by veterans Jim Bray (87-K), Bill Cruickshank (86-C), Dick Dirkes (86-E), Gerry Nash (605-A) and Harvey Wieprecht (86-F) and their family members. The Polish delegation sent the attached correspondence expressing their appreciation for conducting the Congress in their country.

The 2008 XXIII Congress will meet next September in the Spanish Pyrenees Mountains.

Letter received from a group of secondary and vocational schools named Heroes of Monte Cassino, Italy in Lubieri, Poland, 30 October 2007

Mr. Jaime Coll, IFMS Secretary General “The 22nd IFMS Congress Delegates”

On behalf of the whole community of Group of Secondary and Vocational schools named: Heroes of Mount Cassino (ITALY) in Lubieri, I would like to thank all the participants of the 22nd IFMS Congress for honoring our school with their presence. It was a great honour to welcome the guests from the USA, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Slovenia and Spain. This meeting will stay in our memories for a long time and we hope to meet you in Lubieri once again.

Our contacts with Karpatyczyc as well as the celebration of the 22nd IFMS Congress have become an inspiration to make an exposition. It is devoted to the Mountain Soldiers and can be seen in our school’s Chamber of Memories. There are many exhibits and souvenirs but we hope to obtain many more. We also count on your kindness.

I enclose a souvenir, which is a DVD with photographs taken during the celebrations in our school. I hope you find yourselves in the photos and have nice time watching them.

Best Wishes
Maria Szczepaniec, School Director

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Representing the U.S. at the International Federation of Mountain Skiers Congress, left, Bert Anger (86-B), Bill Cruickshank (86-C) and John Duffy (86-HQ-2).

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TALES FROM THE VETS:
A STORY FROM JOHN JAY

Warren Asa (86-G)

John Jay was a Captain when the 10th Mountain was first formed at Ft. Lewis, WA. All Army officers at that time were expected to sit a good horse so they would look grand at parades and such where they appeared on horseback. However, many new officers, and especially the skiers and rock climbers from the 10th, were not proficient in this area. The answer was that the Army in its great wisdom, had them come to the corral late each afternoon to study equitation. The following is, as best I can remember, a story as written by Capt. Jay.

“Before mounting, we were told that falling off one’s mount was considered bad form and thus must be avoided. If perchance we did take a fall we were to note in our log book that the horse had shied and bucked me off.”

“After the third fall, John was out of excuses, so he simply wrote ‘Caught an Edge’.

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I noted in my log ‘Fall caused by contact with another rider’.

“My second fall happened so fast I had no recollection of the cause. So I noted in my log book that the horse had shied and bucked me off.”

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FAMILIES OF MISSING SOLDIERS APPRECIATE SUPPORT

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Jimenez, father of Alex Jimenez. The reunion was very good. I just know we had hoped it would be under much happier circumstances that we all could have shared.

Arriving at the gym for the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Mike Oates met us at the door. I so wanted to thank him for the effort put forth on this year’s POW / MIA National Recognition Day poster and the letter that accompanied it. The ceremony was profound. You all deserve our nation’s respect and gratitude. But what a price paid: the heartache, the anguish, being away from and gratitude. But what a price paid: the

recognition creating crib accessories and decorations.

Hans Hopf (86-C) began his time with the 10th Mountain Division at Camp Hale, in 1944. He’s resumed relations with the Division at the Meadow Ridge retirement community in Redding, Connecticut.

“What makes this enterprise unusual,” contributor Hopf writes, “is the fact that none of us knew of the others (two actually met for the first time just three days ago by coincidence), we moved here either because we lived in the area or have children or grandchildren living nearby, or both. I became the catalyst only because I have lived here the longest (6+ years) and learned about the others by word of mouth and then seeking them out.”

Here are their stories.

Fred Bering (87-1): Grew up in Stuttgart, Germany, came to the US in 1938. At the outbreak of WWII, volunteered for the “ski troops” but had to wait because of its narrow tracks. Served until March 1943. Trained at Camp Hale and Camp Swift until accepted to OCS in Ft. Benning, GA, in August 1944. Commissioned a “Mountain-trained” officer, eventually served as a postal officer in Saipan and Guam. Discharged in August 1946 with rank of 1st Lt. Volunteered for inactive reserve status, recalled in November 1950 and served as intelligence and reconnaissance platoon leader of the 27th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

John Sachs (87-B, 87-HQ 3rd Bn): Grew up in Vienna, Austria, came to US in 1940, leaving behind his parents whom he saw for the last time in Prague. Lived in New York, NY, was drafted, sent to Ft. Bragg, NC and then transferred in December 1941 to Ft. Lewis, WA, and assigned to 87-B and then to 5-2, 87-HQ 3rd BN where he remained via Camp Hale, Kiska, Camp Hale, Camp Swift, Italy, and the Yugoslav side of Slovenia. Discharged in Camp Carson, CO, with rank of Sgt. Lived in Westport, CT.

Ted Streeter (87-C): Grew up in Great Neck, NY. Volunteered on recommendation of Minnie Dale. Assigned to 87th in Ft. Lewis, WA, May 1942. Rejoined with same company via Camp Hale, Kiska, Camp Hale, Camp Swift, Camp Lewis, and eventually in apartments, and found each other by word of mouth and the fame of the 10th. Unusual? Perhaps, but what a remarkable story! told here in their words. “What makes this enterprise unusual,”

Hans Hopf began his time at the Meadow Ridge retirement community in Redding, CT, last year—and may again in 2008.”
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Neal Yorker (87-L) remembers those who came home, and those who didn’t
Reminiscing at Reunion, left, Joy Dirkes (86-E), Laura Dean (86-K), Cathy Chapman (86-HQ-1,-F), Grace Yank (85-K), and Ann Hagerman (86-SVC).

Richard (Dick) Over (110-Sig), flanked by Frontier Airlines’ “Penguins” left, Matt Swann, Dennis Malone, Curtis Terry, Dan Testa.

John Gordon (Associate), Frank Romano (86-K)

Lyle Munson (86-A)
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION (LI) TAPS

Howell, PFC George Howell, 24, ((87-1, 2-14 INF, 1st BCT), December 21, 2007, Riyadh, Iraq*. He is survived by his wife Kristen, daughter and son of Prunedale, CA—a third child is due in July—and his mother of Watsonville, CA. A native of Salinas, CA, he worked installing hardwood floors before entering the Army in April 2007; completed basic, advanced individual training at Ft. Benning, GA. Several awards and decorations. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery; he had been in Iraq for one month.

Pratt, SGT Austin D., 22, (HQ & HQ Co, 30-2, 4th BCT), December 15, 2007, Balad, Iraq+. He is survived by his parents of Cadet, MO. Joined the Army in May 2004, completed basic and advanced individual training, Ft. Benning, GA. In March 2007 completed 4-month deployment to Afghanistan. Completed Air Assault course in 2006. Several awards and decorations.

Smith, PVT Daren Allen, 19, (Alpha Trp, 3rd SQDN, 89th Cav SQDN, 4th BCT), December 13, 2007, Baghdad, Iraq+. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Helena, MT, father, Bozeman, MT, and numerous great-aunts & great-uncles, and aunts & uncles. Joined the Army in March 2007, attended basic and advanced individual training at Ft. Knox, KY. Assigned to 10th Mountain Division (LI) at Ft. Polk, LA, August 2007. Several awards and decorations.

* Combat-related; + Non-Combat-related

LAKE PLACID REACHES OUT TO IRAQ’S CHILDREN

Capt. Drew Lyons (2-22 Inf.)

KIRKUK, Iraq - Soldiers with the 10th Mountain Division’s 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, have made winning the hearts and minds of Iraqi citizens one of their main efforts since their arrival to the Kirkuk area of northern Iraq in September, 2007.

When friends and family of the deployed soldiers learned of the unit’s effort to provide local Iraqi schools with much-needed supplies, they began a donation drive within their communities—eventually accumulating six large boxes of school supplies which they shipped to the 2-22 Inf. soldiers.

The soldiers were also able to acquire brand new desks, and almost 200 backpacks—which they filled with the school supplies from family and friends. “The whole effort was amazing. I told my family back home what our intent was, and the response was overwhelming as they began to help any way they could,” said 1Lt. Sean Kane, D Co. 2-22 Inf.—whose family in Lake Placid, NY, initiated the donations. The soldiers conducted the humanitarian aid mission in the village of Amushabi, just outside the city of Kirkuk.

Many Iraqi school children go without basic school supplies; even pencils and paper are hard to come by. The Amushabi school children, ranging from ages 5 to 11, were thrilled to receive the backpacks, supplies and desks. “It was very rewarding to see their faces light up with excitement,” Kane said. “I am thankful to have had a part in doing something nice for these kids.”

The mission, which was conducted along with Iraqi Security Forces, is an ongoing example of how Coalition Forces are determined to help the Iraqi people. “The people in this area seem to believe that we have their best interests in mind,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Folckemer, a Schenectady, NY, native with 2-22 Inf. “The people take note of these humanitarian aid missions, and they are thankful for our efforts.”

(Courtesy Ft. Drum Public Affairs Office)
Big decision, try to go to Antiques Roadshow in Baltimore, or the Tenth Mountain Picnic. For those of you not familiar with Antiques Roadshow on PBS, it is a top-rated program on antiques and collectibles, and they give free appraisals. Gene and I watch it on TV and decided to go downtown for the experience, since it only comes to Baltimore every ten years.

After bantering ideas with friends, we took a basket, a watercolor, some toys and, you guessed it, my father’s Tenth Mountain memorabilia. My dad, John Pollock, was in the unit since 1942. So I packed up Dad’s Bronze Star, his cap and, you guessed it, my father’s Tenth Light soldiers, keep those mementos. Display and enjoy them. Write down where the pictures were taken, and the stories that are relevant to your experiences. Or donate the items to the Denver Public Library or the Colorado Historical Society, or another museum of your choice. Your memories are valuable and make these pictures come alive. The stories make it more meaningful to your descendants and students of American and World history. Oral histories are great, too.

So, sorry I missed the picnic (again). Maybe next year?
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MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND
Pam Pikla (Desc. 10AT-A)

Once again this year, a motley crew invaded the home of Pat and Frank Thornton in Philadelphia over the weekend of January 18-20th. Yes, it was a home invasion, but of a different sort. The purpose of this weekend was to eat, drink, and socialize . . . but mostly we had a job to do.

Sharon and Madeleine Ahrens (Rodman Ahrens 85-C), Barbara Catterall (Joseph Croke 85-G), Don Perkins (Ruso Perkins 87-I), Will Niebles (our computer wizard), and Pam Pikla (Hassell Vass 10AT-A) arrived Friday night, while Mary Brock and Sally Zeigenfuss (James Gilmore 85-HQ-3) came on Saturday morning to help with the work. Last, but of course not least, we can’t forget Frank and Pat (a.k.a. the Barefoot Contessa) Thornton to round out the work group.

We printed membership cards, folded letters, stuffed, labeled and sealed envelopes. We currently have 756 paid members. Also, due to a lot of campaigning at the Denver Reunion, quite a few people have forwarded names and addresses of descendants to be added into the database. We now have over 3,700 names in our database, which makes for a very large pool from which to recruit new members.

You can find a membership application at www.10thmtndivdesc.org. Just click on Descendant Application Form.

Val Rios (Desc. 87-I)

In February, Chapters throughout the country celebrated Riva Ridge/Mt. Belvedere Day, commemorating the 10th Mtn. Div.'s unprecedented and successful assault of Riva Ridge and ensuing Belvedere Offensive. Locally, I had the privilege to attend the Sierra Nevada Chapter luncheon in Monterey along with my Dad and a dozen other Chapter veterans. Together with descendents, spouses, and widows, we were able to gather once again to commemorate those heroic actions some 63 years earlier.

I have been to Mt. Belvedere and I have seen Riva Ridge. I am very familiar with the terrain. Now, as I looked around the room at these 80- and 90-year-old men, I closed my eyes and imagined them as young soldiers about to embark upon their baptism of fire in February, 1945. I have heard many of their stories, where they were and what they did on each of those two days. It’s funny, but many of these men have a difficult time remembering events from earlier in the morning, but ask them what they did or where they were on February 18/19, 1945, and they can tell you in detail every hour of that two-day ordeal. So I closed my eyes for a few minutes and imagined . . .

Hero is not a word they would use to describe themselves. Most reserve that word for their fallen brothers who would not return home. Yet as I opened my eyes and looked at each of these thirteen veterans, I could not help — as you do — but see each of them as a hero.

Our time together is limited. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our heroes at an ever too fast pace. We must do all that we can to help our 10th veterans, spouses, and widows, attend their local Chapter events. Please contact your local Chapter Director and ask how you can help! Our time together is limited.

I also want to mention that I was able to attend the Memorial Service for Pfc. George J. Howell, a member of the 10th Light, 87th Regiment, 1st Brigade, who was killed in Iraq, December 21, 2007. The service was held February 17, near Monterey. I had the opportunity to speak with Kristen, his widow, and when I told her that I was representing the 10th Mtn. Div., she was extremely appreciative. She thought that I had come from Ft. Drum but when I told her that I only came from Fresno, she was no less appreciative. I could tell that having a representative from the 10th attend the service meant so much to her. It was an honor being there and representing 10th Mtn. Div. Desc. Inc!

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THE LAST RIDGE REVIEWED

Following are excerpts from a review of Abbie Kealy’s documentary on the 10th Mountain Division by Morten Lund, in the September 2007 issue of Skiing Heritage magazine.

“This excellent DVD is the best film documentary yet on the 10th Mountain Division in WWII, truly getting inside one of the most heroic divisions in American military history. That the 10th Mountain Division had an unequaled postwar impact on the sport of skiing makes this film doubly worth watching. Any history recorded from 10th Mountain veterans now will soon be irreplaceable as the number of survivors dwindles. It is heartwarming, then, that The Last Ridge does such a magnificent job of covering the 10th Mountain’s campaign – four months of startling success and grievous casualties in Italy’s Apennines.

“Once in Italy, the 10th Mountain Division proceeded to meld into one tough fighting unit and to rack up one of the finest division combat records in the history of the United States Army. The men did not let up until the Italian campaign ended in May, 1945, when peace was declared in Europe. The film does a particularly good job of depicting the devastatingly difficult and deadly campaign, interweaving action shots with at least a hundred soldiers’ sometimes laconic, sometimes heart-rending commentaries on camera and in letters home, plumbing the depths of fear and courage, of desperation and elation and craziness evoked in this division’s war.

“The 10th was quickly recognized as an elite division by the surprised Germans – American soldiers who advanced steadily despite the infliction of enough casualties to crumble the morale of an ordinary outfit.

“To its everlasting credit, The Last Ridge recaptures the feeling of the Italian campaign, building quietly, without the gloss of herosics, an atmosphere that gradually became emotionally intense, conveying at gut level the deadly determination of soldiers believing they all shared the grim task of holding in their hands the future of their nation.”

The Last Ridge DVD is a one-hour film produced by Abbie Kealy in conjunction with WXXI, WPBS, and American Public Television. Visit www.lastridge.com to order the DVD and to view behind-the-scenes material including the soldiers’ diaries and letters.

Colleen McCarthy (Desc. 616-A), Bob Yank (85-K) enjoy lunch at Ski Cooper.

Family portrait features Vic Eklund (86-I0), (since deceased – see Taps, p. 15), son Vic Jr. (Desc.)

Dave Christie (Desc. 85-F) with new National President Mike Plummer (10th LT) and his wife Mirian at Denver Reunion.

Dick Powers (87-B, C, D) talks with Christopher Doucette (Desc. Arthur D. Doucette (dec.) 87-HQ-3) at the Living History Display Group camp site in front of the Marriott.
ARIZONA
Mary Broughton (Desc. 126-A Eng.)

The fall luncheon meeting was held Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at the Home Town Buffet in Scottsdale with ten veterans and six wives plus four descendants in attendance.

Besides a general business meeting after the luncheon, a Board of Directors meeting was held earlier that morning. Allan Orler (Desc. 87-HQ-1) resigned as Secretary/Treasurer due to his relocation to California to be closer to family. Attendees voiced their gratitude for his fine service. Don Kitzman (Desc. 87-F) announced that descendant Penny Keaton (Desc. 90-C) would consider filling this position.

Phil Lieberman (Desc. 38th RCT MT TR) and Don Kitzman both expressed interest in running for president for the next term. An election was set for the February luncheon meeting at the Quilted Bear Restaurant in Scottsdale.

This chapter has a very special veteran, Al Field (85-I). Al prepares a newsletter covering interesting items pertaining to the past and current events of the ski troops. He puts together articles and pictures about the 10th and the sport of skiing. Copies of his newsletter are available for all attendees. We all appreciate his contribution and hard work that goes into preparing this informative material.

CATALOG UPDATES

The on-line Catalog (10thmtndivassoc.org) is being updated to reflect current items for sale, new postage/handling charges and deletion of items no longer carried.

Two new in-stock items which are not in the Catalog are computer mouse pads (white with the Division logo in blue and red) and light colored plastic car license plate holders with the Division name on them. Both of these items are $5 each.

There is also a wide variety of Descendant goods for sale including vests ($45), backpacks ($30), baseball caps ($16), short sleeve T-shirts ($15) long sleeve T-shirts ($20) and button-down denim shirts ($45), all with 10th Descendant logos on them. 10th Mountain 2008 calendars are still available from Turner Publishing Company, call 1.800.788.3350.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN

In the Rocky Mountain Region, we have many activities with the veterans and encourage as many descendants and friends as possible to attend. We support our veterans monthly in their luncheon meetings and annual Christmas Dinner hosted by descendant David Christie (Desc. 85-F). Veterans and descendants will observe Memorial Day on May 26th at the Tenth Mountain Memorial on Tennessee Pass, Colorado near Camp Hale.

In addition, the descendant group is facilitating an August 2, 2008 Breakfast Picnic at our local Stern’s Park in Littleton, CO; a May 17, 2008 hike in Roxborough Park and picnic at the Chatfield Dam facility; and will support veterans of the 10th Mountain Division and all other veterans at the annual Denver Veterans Parade on November 8, 2008.

Our descendants staff the July 29-31, 2008, 10th Mountain Hut maintenance program with our descendant overseers, Steve Wilmot (Desc 87-HQ) and Debby Clem (Desc. 85-C). Our annual Memorial site work will be held August 1st.

“ON BELAY PROJECT” IN KNOXVILLE

Descendants have had an on-going project called “On Belay” whereby they will give support to 10th Mtn. Div. veterans and their families in any way they can. Because the most recent roster of 10th veterans and descendants listed addresses by geographical location, it is much easier to know about veterans living in a certain city or region.

Dr. Larry Fields (Desc. 85-HQ) found out that there were three WWII veterans living in the Knoxville, Tennessee area. They are Kenneth Jack Allen (86-HQ, 86-D), Alvin F. Shinn (10th Med C), and Jerry Branam (10th-HQ). So he called in advance to set up a visit with the different veterans and gave them two gifts, the 2008 10th Mtn. Division calendar and the book, “Peace in the Valley,” written by Chaplain William H. Bell. The books were sent as a gift from Chaplain Bell’s son, descendant Bob Bell in Banning, California.

Fields reported that the visits were appreciated and the gifts well received. One of the veterans called back several times to say how much he appreciated the contact, the gifts and the words of appreciation for his service in 1945. Other descendants are encouraged to support the “On Belay” project by contacting and possibly visiting veterans who may be residing in their area.

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COS’E QUESTO? OR ‘EYH DA? SOLDIERS IN A NEW LAND ASK -WHAT’S THIS?

Soldiers today are taking modern technology to war with them – including their iPods. But in the case of a select group of the 10th Mountain Division (LI), their equipment has been modified for a special use. And in this war, the language isn’t Italian, but Arabic.

Members of the 1st and 4th Brigade Combat Teams (BCT) have been testing newly-developed iPods known as “Vcommunications.” They include phrases in either Arabic for the soldiers using them in Iraq, or Afghan. In the case of those for Iraq, there are phrases in Arabic and Kurdish. Those going to Afghanistan include the Dari and Pashto languages. In addition, the machines suggest gestures which would be appropriate to use with the words.

The idea is to provide the soldiers with ready reference to deal with specific situations. As they develop proficiency, they can also install their own words. The Army is monitoring use of the 260 video iPod nanos to decide how effective they might be for wider distribution as soldiers are increasingly asked to interact with civilian populations.

It’s a far cry from booklets and other materials distributed to troops during the two World Wars. Instead of paper in a pocket, these tools are designed to be strapped to the wrist or forearm like a watch. What’s important is that they may well provide a tool today’s soldiers are more familiar with and yet will find equally useful when they need to ask basic questions like, “What’s that?”

(From a story in “Army” magazine, Association of the US Army, Feb. 2008)

REACHING OUT TO HELP THOSE WHO’VE SERVED OUR COUNTRY

Anyone who has served in the military or who knows someone who has, is also aware that there may be longterm effects for that person to deal with when they return home.

A new publication may be the beginning toward finding assistance, whether it’s a help in itself by realizing there is a problem or a means of locating help. It’s entitled “Service Member & Family Handbook: Managing PTSD and Other Combat-Related Stress Reactions.”

An introduction explains that “If you are a service member or veteran experiencing a combat-related stress reaction, this handbook is for you and your loved ones.” Among information included are explanations and symptoms of combat-related stress, steps an individual can take on a daily basis for self-help, how treatment can help, and ways families and friends can be supportive. A number of sources of assistance are also listed. The book is available in on-post locations like the clinics or the USO, or can be ordered online at www.channing-beta.com – ask for item # P993834

COMMUNICATING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES IMPORTANT TO 10TH MOUNTAIN COMMANDER

Major General Michael (Mike) Oates wants to be sure civilian communities in the Fort Drum area are part of what is happening to 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) soldiers and families during this time of war.

Typical is the time he took to speak before a packed room of several hundred members of the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization, Association of the U.S. Army and National Association of the 10th Mountain Division in early January. The session began with a moment of silence for two soldiers missing in Iraq (see story) – a gripping reminder for those attending.

A further reminder of the war is the fact that by the time this edition reaches readers, Gen. Oates and his headquarters staff will be only weeks from deploying to Iraq themselves. Division Headquarters and Division Special Troops Battalion will assume responsibilities as Multi-National Division-Central, responsible for areas south of Baghdad for 15 months.

At the same time, 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT) is serving with Multi-National Division-North in Diyala Province; 4th BCT is serving with Multi-National Division-Baghdad; 3rd BCT is training at Fort Drum and, with 10th Combat AVN BDE and 10th Sustainment BDE for potential deployment to Iraq in the Fall, while in early 2009 the 2nd BCT is expected to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In short, General Oates says, the Army’s current philosophy of a “Power Projection Platform” which moves units through stages to train, go to war and return, can be expected to continue for at least the next 4-5 years. “We’re never going back to where it was before 9-11.”

At Fort Drum, accordingly, managed growth will determine what happens on the expanding post. “It’s going to be done in a disciplined, structured fashion, because if things were done too quickly it would disrupt the wider community, so I’m happy with the decision” which will bring another 1,500 soldiers in the form of a maneuver enhancement brigade to the post by 2013.

A sign of growth on the post is construction which has continued through North Country winter months. Normally, building funding would be between $20-25M a year; this year it’s $336M, to include soldier housing, a dining facility, a physical fitness center, a child development center and other facilities, expansion of the Main Post Chapel and Guthrie Ambulatory Health Care Clinic and the new, adjacent Warrior Transition Unit. In all, $463M has been allocated for the growth of Fort Drum. “Congress has been generous,” Oates said. “You should feel confident in seeing the infantry division here for the future.”

The population growth, the general pointed out, is having a predictable economic impact. “I left here 12 years ago (as commander of 1st Bn., 32nd Inf.),” he said, “and it is stunning to see it. We know that what we do at Fort Drum can seriously impact civilian communities.”

One of those possible impacts was the subject of a Q&A session at the end of the speech, when Oates was queried about a current rumor based on history. Several communities in the vicinity of what was then Pine Plains Camp were taken over by the Army at the start of World War II to expand the post into its present 107,000 acres. With the pending arrival of more soldiers in the near future, there are concerns that that may happen again. “We cannot have encroachment on our area,” the general said, “so we need to protect our buffer areas by preserving the environment. But we are not planning on acquiring additional land as far as I know.”

At the same time, 35-38% of married soldiers in the Division and related units are living in towns and villages around Ft. Drum, while efforts are made to provide on-post housing for the younger enlisted personnel and their families whose housing allowances are limited. Other areas affected by the continuing growth include businesses, schools, especially elementary and middle schools which need to expand, and health care facilities. A cost-saving decision was made early on in the period of reactivation of the Division, not to build a hospital on post. “We are happy with the care for our soldiers and their families at area hospitals,” Oates said. “We don’t need our own hospital, but just good care, and we get it now.”
The 2008 Tenth Ski-In began at the Frisco Holiday Inn bar at 5 p.m. on Tenth Mountain Day, February 19, 2008. It ended at about 10 p.m. at the Frisco Holiday Inn on February 27 after the closing dinner. In between we skied Keystone, A-Basin, Cooper Hill, Breckenridge, Vail and Keystone. The hotel gave us a reception on February 20 and 25 of us went to dinner at Tuscato’s that evening.

Friday, February 22 was Tenth Mountain Day at Cooper Hill. Besides the 18, 10th Vets and 30-some spouses along with Descendants and friends, there were about 20 Vermont National Guard and another twenty 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment soldiers who joined us for the serpentine ski down Cooper Hill just before lunch. The soldiers were camped out in tents at Camp Hale. That gave us a total of 80 to 90 Tenth-type persons at Cooper Hill. Rocky Mountain Chapter President George Loudis, in a brief ceremony, presented manager Clint Yant with a contribution for the wonderful job they do taking care of us each year.

It was an absolutely great, picture-perfect ski day!

A brief ceremony was held at the Tennessee Pass Tenth Monument. The reading of the names of our honored dead was begun again. The first reading, which had begun in 1996, was completed last year. This second reading is being done by the Descendants. Five descendants read ten names each: Deborah Clem (Desc. 85-C), Gary Burton (Desc. 87-L), Denise Taylor (Desc. 126 Eng), Barbara Brown (Desc. 86-A) and Bob Linscott, (Desc. 86-G). Then Terry Ploot read the names of 15, 99th Infantry Battalion KIA. Nelson Bennett, (87-MT), Lois Woodward, wife of John (87-HQ-1), 10 RECON) and Hugh Evans participated.

That evening the troops congregated at the Silver Dollar Saloon, then proceeded to the Golden Burro (better known as the Brass Ass). There were 49 for dinner which the surprised staff handled very well, and there was a little singing.

On Sunday about 15 attended the Resource Center annual meeting to hear reports from Dennis Hagen, Moya Hansen and Abbbie Kealy. Denise Taylor entertained us for dinner at her Frisco Cabin. It was a delightful evening.

The last official get-together was for dinner on Wednesday — though there had been many informal get-togethers in the meantime — with talks, jokes and singing to make the evening both serious and festive. Those attending some or all of the Ski-In are: Hugh Evans, Jim Nassar (85-C), John & Lois Woodward (87-HQ-1, 10 RECON), Dick Dirkes (86-E), Andre Benoit (85-B, 86-B), Jim Bray (87-K), Lorraine Young, Harvey Wieprecht (86-F), Jim Nassar (85-C), John & Lois Woodward (87-HQ-1, 10 RECON) and Bob Linscott, (Desc. 86-G). Then Terry Ploot read the names of 15, 99th Infantry Battalion KIA. Nelson Bennett, (87-MT), Lois Woodward, wife of John (87-HQ-1), 10 RECON) and Hugh Evans participated.

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MT. RAINIER

Hal Alford (10-HQ)

At the October luncheon meeting held in the Seattle Yacht Club Fireside Room, members reelected the current officers by acclamation. They are Karl Stingl (87-HQ-1), president; Norm Brooks (10-AT-A), first vice president; Ed Gibson (M & CWTC), secretary; second vice president and program chairman; Warren Elmer (10-HQ), secretary; Royce Ward (10th Inf), treasurer; Hal Alford (10-HQ), Editor, “Avalanche.” Past president Dale Smith (DV MP) continues as membership chairman and chairman of the awards committee; Web Barnett (88-HQ-1), chaplain, and Gordy Dick (87-G), sunshine chairman. David Thompson, son of Hans Thompson (85-K), who served this year as chairman of the nominating committee, was appointed Descendants’ chairman.

In December the Chapter held its traditional Christmas party, with white-bearded John Hendren (87-Med-3) and his wife Mary Ann as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. They were joined in handing out candy canes by two tall, attractive elves, their married daughters Sue Potts and Gary Mylenbeck.

A white elephant gift exchange added to the festivities, organized by Sunny Stingl, wife of the Chapter president. Gordy Dick led the traditional singing of carols, assisted by his cousin Verbeck Smith, at the Jim Nussbaum (85-E) gift keyboard.

But there was a sober side to the end-of-the-year festivities. Gordy Dick, as sunshine committee chairman, sadly announced the passing of two respected and loved members of the Chapter, Judge Thomas B. Stewart (87-HQ-1, 87-C), of Juneau, Alaska, and Vic Eklund (86-I). Thomas, though living too far away to attend most Chapter meetings, was nonetheless very much a part of the organization, having received the Division Distinguished Service Award at the National Reunion in Denver just a few weeks before his death. Stewart, revered in Alaska for having been instrumental in framing its State constitution, had attended a joint meeting of the Mt. Rainier and Northwest Chapters in Gig Harbor, Washington, in May, 2003. The group celebrated memories of the Kiska invasion and especially the “Return to Kiska” reunion of August, 1993, almost single-handedly arranged by Stewart. By order of the Governor of Alaska, Sarah Palin, State flags were flown at half mast on December 18, 2007, in honor of Judge Stewart, 88, who had died on Dec. 12.

Vic Eklund, on the other hand, not only attended most Chapter meetings but was also the official “closer” whose sometimes somewhat raunchy but always hilarious Scandinavian jokes, delivered in his own dry, understated way, were the final item at all meetings when he was present.

They were so much enjoyed that when a Chapter president, having completed the program items on his agenda, prematurely announced the meeting adjourned, the whole group would erupt in a roar, “Not until Vic has told his jokes!” Like Stewart, Vic was the recipient, in Sept. 2005, of the National Distinguished Service Award, for his services as the “closer” and for his service as Chapter president and longtime member of the Chapter Board of Directors.

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A celebration was in order for Mr. Rainier Chapter’s Elmer Johnson (87-E), right, here with his close friend Bob Sadler (87-C), on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

MIDWEST

Kenneth Hanson (85-MED-2)

Forty-nine mountaineers attended the Italian Mt. Belvedere luncheon at the Bloomington Golf Club in the Chicago area on February 16, 2007. At the same time, twelve were at a buffet lunch at General Butler State Park dining room in Carrollton, Kentucky. Announcements were made at both locations of the Spring Brunch on May 4, at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst, Illinois and the annual Midwest Reunion September 3 to 7 at the Holiday Inn, Carol Stream, Illinois. Descendant president Patty Lampropoulos (616-HQ) has made the arrangements for the reunion.

The Chicagoland meeting was marked with sadness as Roy (610-A) and Norma Swanson announced they would be leaving the Midwest to live in Washington state to be nearer family. Both have been loyal Midwesterners and served as Quartermasters for many years.

The youngest to attend the Kentucky meeting was Cole Raymond Jenkins, almost three, great-grandson of Raymond Thurman (605-B) deceased, who was brought by his grandmother, Descendant Marina Jenkins.
NORTHWEST
Frank Chuk (85-Med-2)

Marney Roddick (Desc, 85-K) has become president of the Chapter Descendants. What a great person to work with. A Godsend! Her dad is Robert Roddick (85-K), who lives in California. Thanks, Dad!

On September 22nd, Jim Bray (87-K), the Chapter’s point Trooper (coordinator) for the very worthy Pick & Plant program, was joined at the 10th Mtn. Memorial Grove by Paula Barnes (Assoc), Dick Burling (86-C) & grandson, Darrell & Nancy Tarter (10-Recon) Mary Churnside (Assoc), Warren & Anne Craig (86-C), Ed Flabetch (86-A) & Chapter President, Hank Lewis (B-86), Mike Myers (Honorary), Frank Rinella, (87-I), Eleanor Wiese (Assoc), Harvey Wieprecht (86-F), Ben & Betty Yett (85-G), Lorraine Young and others.

The Oregon Highway Department has provided us with reflective yellow with pink stripe safety vests. Since the first of 2007 there have been three work visits for maintenance, watering and planting. This visit a Quaking Aspen for Barney Becker (86-HQ), and an Oregon Maple for Glenn Farley (87-K) were planted. In addition, for our departed troopers and those related, this year we have planted an Austrian Lodge Pole Pine for Bill Hoffsotter (85-E), Giant Redwood for Betty Wieprecht, Red Oak for Edger Stowell (87-HQ-2), a Maple for Glenn Mix (Friend), and a Ginko for Dave Wagstaff (86-C). This brings the number of trees planted in the Oregon 10th Mtn. Memorial Grove to 57.

Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons were outstanding, with great turnouts at both. Again this year at Christmas we took donations in the amount of $300 for the very worthy cause of the Ronald McDonald House West.

This year Ed Flabetch, Harvey Wieprecht and Ben Yett attended “Living History Day” at Millwakie High School, conducted by the students. It is an all-day event dedicated to veterans of all wars. This is considered one of the top events of interest in the school calendar.

Plans are in the works for a repeat Big Sky, Mt. Rainier, Northwest Combined Chapter Reunion, September 9 thru 12, 2008, at the fabulous Coeur d’Alene Resort & Casino in Worley, ID. It’s on one of the most scenic lakes in the West, and a golf course ranked among the top 25 in the country. Don’t miss this one! Something of interest and fun for everyone. And the price is right. Come one, come all!

At our monthly luncheon meeting (held the last Thursday of each month at the Elk’s Lodge, 13121 SE McLaughlin Blvd, Millwakie, OR, 11:45a.m., unless announced otherwise in advance), and other events, attending were Herb & Linda Arnett (87-HQ-1), Eldon & Betty Baller (87-A), Paula Barnes (85-K), Marg Becker (85-HQ & G), John & Myrna Bell (85-L) along with daughters Catherine & Sophie Rogers, Jim Bray & Lorraine Young (87-K), Dick & Pat Burling (86-C), Frank Chuk, Mary Churnside (Assoc), Robert Conroy (10-QM-HQ), Ross Copcock (86-HQ-3), Warren & Anne Craig (86-HQ), Gerry & Reba Dunlop (85-F), Harris Dusenberg (86-HQ-1&C), Bob & Donna Eismad (86-C), Bob & Bobbie Emerson (604-HQ), Ed & Connie Flabetch (86-A), Annie & Merrie Gagnet (86-HQ-1), Elmer Griffin (87-HQ-2), Orval Herndon (85-E), Bob & Lore Labby (87-HQ-2&G), Hank Lewis & Susan Velikan (86-G).

Also Mike & Connie Myers (Honorary), Keene & Ruth Namba (442-Reg), Doc & Jean Powers (87 B-C-D) along with daughters Debbie Metzler & Martha Galy, Frank Rinella (87-I), along with Pam & David, Lena Schneider, Bob Smith, William B. Smith (NHARGN), John Skillern’s wife Nadine (86-A & Sve), Lee Squier & Janet (Assoc), Betty Lou Stowell (87-HQ-2), Ruth Robinson, Marney Roddick (Desc), Vi Tallman (Assoc), Darrell & Nancy Tarter (85-A-Recon-Mtg), Dick & Anna Marie Updegraff (10-ATA), Harvey Wieprecht (86-F), David Wagstaff’s son Brian (86-C), Eleanor Wiese (Assoc), John Wilson (110-Sig), Eugene & Lee Winters (87-C-G), Ben & Bev Yett (10-Recon-85-G). And, Mt Rainier Chapter members attending were Bob and Liz Bagshaw (110-Sig), Garrett & Joan Gist (86-HQ-1) and Karl & Sunny Stengl (87-HQ-1).

Never Stop Exploring, and Enjoy the Journey!

LOWER MICHIGAN
Harrison “Harry” Coleman (86-B)

We had four of our chapter members attend the national reunion last August and all reported that it was a great time. Floyd Erickson (87-H) reports that he was able to meet up with his two brothers and a nephew for their own personal reunion.

We would like to encourage the 10th Mtn. (LI) Veterans to be part of our group. The problem? We do not know who they are or where they might live. If you are aware of anyone in this elite group, I encourage you to let us know so we may extend an invitation for membership. Beyond that, we are hoping that one of our descendants, or perhaps a 10th Mtn. (LI) Veteran will step forward and take over the responsibilities of running our Chapter. We are aware of other Chapters that have experienced success in this action and wish to follow that same path. I have served as president for the past 6 years and am ready for a replacement.

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Upstate New York

Bill Morrison (86-L)

With the advent of 2008, the Upstate New York Chapter looks forward to another interesting and active year, featuring both Chapter and Fort Drum events, some informal and low-key, while others are more ceremonial and “Class A.” We hope Chapter members will be involved in as many of these as possible, weather, distance and money permitting.

Chapter membership last year was over 130, and should continue to be strong as more 10th (LI) and descendants join the ranks. And just as our National Association is in “new hands” of younger generations, so will Chapter membership and leadership evolve. The challenge for this, and every Chapter, is now to incorporate these new members into a cohesive whole. As always, we welcome comments and suggestions for future Chapter activities.

Troopers attending the “Hale and Farewell” Reunion in Denver last summer enjoyed a wonderful and heartwarming trip down memory lane thanks to the great work of the committee led by Hugh Evans (85-A, C). There was something for everyone: getting reacquainted with old friends, meeting new ones, ceremonial highlights, and walking in our footsteps of long ago at Camp Hale and Cooper Hill, where we remembered comrades lost in Italy. Also, on the serious side was the orderly transition of Association leadership from those of our WWII generation to the soldiers of the Tenth (LI) and our Descendants under the leadership of Mike Plummer (10th LI) We pledge our support.

A significant ceremony was held at Ft. Drum on Nov. 28, 2007, when the 85th Infantry Regiment was reactivated, after being idled since Nov. 1945. Jim Winterbottom (85-F) was asked to design the regimental crest for the unit’s flag, which he proudly did and which was accepted by the Army.

A North Country ice storm kept Jim from attending the ceremony, but later reading accounts of the event, he discovered that the word “Mountain” was missing from the unit’s designation. This omission triggered a rapid and intense battle between Jim and the Army to correct this slight to the men of the original 85th. He won the fight, the Army apologized and the correct official designation is again the “85th Mountain Infantry.” We are deeply indebted to Jim for his valiant efforts.

A second part of that ceremony included the presentation of the Medal of Honor flag from the family of John McGrath (85-G) to Ft. Drum to be displayed in the McGrath Sports Complex. The flag award had been created in 2002, but was not intended for those receiving the Medal prior to that. John’s sister-in-law Elain McGrath thought this was unfair, and with the help of officials at Ft. Drum successfully fought the Army and won! A heart-warming story and a victory for a brave soldier of the 10th. Attending the ceremony were Chapter members Nate Morrell (10th-MED) and this writer.

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PHIL WOLCOTT

Does anyone remember Phil Wolcott, (87-C)? His son has asked for information. Please send a note to me and I will forward it.

Thank you.

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DOUGLAS BAKER

My name is SFC Joshua Harvey and I am looking for some assistance locating a Soldier from the WWII or perhaps Korean War era from the 10th Mtn. Div. (LI). I served in the 10th from 1997 until just recently in January, 2008. That’s right...11 years.

Anyhow, I was at an antique auction in Rolla, MO and found a painting of a Soldier wearing the 10th Mountain Patch (without mountain tab of course) and the name is PVT Douglas Baker and the picture is dated 1951. I cannot make out the distinctive unit insignia on his shoulder boards, but I am digging through all the units that were ever in the 10th and trying to see if I can make a match. The painting is very nice and I won it, so I would like to try and find the family and see if they would like it...for free of course. I am not sure how it ended up in MO, but it seems like the right thing to do. Can you assist?

Most sincerely and respectfully,

JJ Harvey

“Climb to Glory”
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Chapter is supporting A Co., 1/87, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI) stationed in Iraq, and has received a thank-you for the caring that members are showing:

Thanks so much for the care packages you and your association send our platoon every month, it certainly means a lot to us. You’ll be happy to know that the items in the box you sent were swiftly squirrelled away by the guys in the platoon. As for items to put in the box in the future, the guys have such varying needs and likes that it’s hard to speak for all of them. It seems that you guys are putting a lot of thought and effort into the choices that you make though because the men seem to be quite happy with the contents of each box. Anything that can be used to pass down time, remind us of home, or add simple creature comforts to our lives is definitely appreciated. I understand this has been a long conflict so the continued care and dedication of you and people like you means the world to us. Thank you so much. Best wishes, 2LT Judd Lienhard

Chapter members make monthly trips to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to visit wounded soldiers of the 10th (LI). Pictured are Spec. Adam Denton (4-31 INF) and DC Chapter president Hassell Vass (10-AT-A). In addition to a 10th shoulder bag, cap, mug and key ring, Sylvia Potash (10-HQ) presented Adam with a blanket made by the Handmade Afghans Project. Dedicated to bringing comfort and warmth to wounded service members, people knit and crochet in 41 states, DC and four other countries to contribute.

NEW ENGLAND

Brewster Bartlett (Desc. 87-I)

Last July, nearly 100 troopers, families and friends gathered at Shirley and Warren Bartlett’s (87-I) farm in Lancaster, NH, for the 9th annual ceremonies at their 10th Mountain Memorial Garden.

Shirley and Warren, with the assistance of their children, grandchildren, friends and volunteers from the 10th Mtn. Div. (LI) worked for weeks to have the woodland glade in perfect shape. There are now 70 white crosses, each marked with small American flags in the clearing, each bearing the name of a deceased comrade. Space has been made for additional crosses in years to come.

Warren’s grandson, Warren Jackson Bartlett, recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by scripture readings, prayers, hymns and remarks by local friends and clergy. Lt. Colonel Matt Fitzgerald (now our New England Chapter President) gave updates on the 10th Mtn. Div. (LI). Chris Beyer then read his poem “Memorial Trees.” The service followed with Brewster Bartlett, who gave out 10th Mountain Memorial Service Awards to Valerie and Dave Elliot, Lt. COL. Fitzgerald, Evelyn Blakenslee and Matt Truland. The service concluded with Taps and a walk through the Garden. Most also strolled into the nearby woodland where an American and an Italian flag floated above a table of assorted beverages, after which the entire assembly moved to Lancaster for a buffet luncheon.

Our annual Memorial Service on Mt. Washington will be held this year at 11 a.m. on July 10, 2008. The Chapter welcomes anyone who would like to help prepare for the event. Please email Brewster Bartlett (drsplatt@comcast.net) if you are interested.

MAIL CALL

85TH INFANTRY SERVICE CLARIFIED

My name is Haskell R Beck. I was a member of the 86th Infantry Regiment, 10th Infantry Division during my tour in Germany, 1955 - 1956. I was reading the article on page 11 of the Blizzard, Volume 36, Number 3. I believe there is an error where LTC James Swords says this is the first time (Nov. 28, 2007, at Ft. Drum, NY) the colors for the 85th have been uncased since 26 November 1945. If my memory serves me correctly, we had the 85th Infantry Regiment at Bamberg, Germany, during that period. I had visited some mutual friends there during my tour of duty. We had the 85th in Bamberg, the 86th in Schweinfurt, and the 87th in Aschaffenburg; 10th Headquarters was in Munich and the Division Artillery was in Schweinfurt. Thanks for any comment. Haskell R. Beck

Association Historian John Imbrie responds: You are quite correct. In 1954, the 10th Infantry Division was the first to be sent overseas under the operation Gyroscope rotation plan for the American support of NATO. This was one of the Army’s biggest peacetime moves, involving four ships and 150 airlifts from Idlewild Airport. Division HQ and most of its companies were located in or near Wuerzburg in northern Bavaria. The division’s infantry was made up of the 85th, 86th and 87th Mountain Infantry regiments.

Stretched in an arc from Frankfurt/M. to Nuernberg, the 10th occupied a strategic center position in NATO defense. With 9 Infantry Battalions, 4 Artillery Battalions (25th, 35th, 40th and 43rd), and one Tank Battalion, the division is a powerful military force.

In early 1958 the 10th Division was replaced in Germany by the 3rd Infantry Division, and returned to the States. On 14 June ‘58, the 10th Infantry Division was inactivated at Fort Benning, GA.

REMEMBERING THE MULES

Sirs: Even though I did not serve in the 10th I have pleasant and humorous memories of your outfit while in Camp Swift, TX, in ‘44.

When we heard thunder on a very hot day to find it was a very wide street filled with more mules than any of us farm boys had ever seen. The street was alive with mules led by 3 mounted horsemen all in a high lope.

Later some portion of 10th lived just across the street from our barracks. Every morning we had time to see a rodeo before leaving for our own training schedule. The mules were partially broken and it was not uncommon to see a runaway mule with a clothes line around his neck. One time I remember this one was loose and lurching off garbage cans. Every time he hit the ground a can would fall and this served to give him more energy. We had many laughs at you boys’ experience.

Please tell me (as you remember) how many mules you had and where they served. Wish we would have had movie cameras in that day. Thank you.

Jack Gregory, 625 Alpine Dr., Grove OK 74344-2602

Ed. Note: Any experienced muleskinners out there who’d like to provide an appropriate response to this bit of lighthearted reminiscing?

REUNION LOST AND FOUND

Due to an address change, we’re repeating word of a gold(ish) bracelet with a small heart on it; a pair of steel frame glasses (no case); a pair of dark glasses (black with black lenses); a blue, button-front sweater; a white, snap-front sweater.

If one of these sounds like yours, contact Hugh Evans (85-A,C) and he will mail it to you. He can be reached at 720-562-8135, or Hevans621@aol.com.
Aldrich, William G. (86-A), December 22, 2007, San Jose, CA. He is survived by a daughter and son, and 3 grandchildren. A career with Sears-Roebuck was followed by one as a broker-realtor, and regular attendance at Chapter functions.

Austin, C. Peter (10-HQ), September 26, 2007, Brackney, PA. He is survived by his wife Jane. Pete was a former Quartermaster of the National Association, a past president of the DRV Chapter, and a member of the PA Ski and Winter Sports Museum Hall of Fame.

Barrows, Robert Guy (85-F), January 31, 2008, Pueblo, CO. He is survived by his fourth wife, Jeri Wacaster, 6 children, 2 grandchildren, a brother and a sister. A teacher at New York University, UCLA, the Art G. 3 sons, college of Design, Pasadena and Loyola Marymount, he also wrote for television in the 1960s and ’70s, and produced a play in Los Angeles, CA.

Bathelt, Carl L. (90-K, 86-C, G, 85-L, 87-HQ-3), December 19, 2007, South Hadley, MA. He is survived by his wife Mary, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. He was a carpenter and supervisor at the former Bathelt Construction Company, business agent for Union Local 108 in Springfield and president of the Carpenters Union in Holyoke.

Baxter, August J. (86-C, 87-HQ-3), March 18, 2005, Natchitoches, LA. He is survived by former wife Addison Sandel, 2 sons and 2 daughters, and a brother. A member of the 10th Mtn. Division in Italy, 1945, he attended Ashland College and then continued as a career officer in the US Army, retiring to Natchitoches.

Bendt, William (Bill) Prahl (85-K), November 15, 2007, Plano, TX. He is survived by his wife Virginia, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He worked for 29 years for the Federal Government.

Byrd, Virgil Louis (86-F).

Cassidy, Warren J. (87-H), January 23, 2008, Paoli, PA. He is survived by his wife Marion, 3 sons, 3 daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Christensen, Knute Anker (85-I), February 10, 2008, Atlanta, GA. He is survived by his wife Geraldine (Stevens-Bush), a son, a daughter, 2 grandsons and a great-grandson. Born in Horten, Norway, he emigrated to Norway at 20 and joined the 10th Mtn. Div. He and first wife Ada lived in Florida and then Atlanta, where he became one of the foremost kitchen designers in the country, and was active in his church.

Duncan, Bruce Gilchrist, January 20, 2006, Sausalito, CA. Survived by 3 sons and 7 grandchildren. A stock and commodities trader, he was also credited with saving the Yosemite National Institute when it was in trouble in the 1970s; it now has campuses in Yosemite, Olympic and Marin Headlands National Parks.

Ekland, Victor (86-I) December 10, 2007, Issaquah, WA. He is survived by his son, stepson, stepdaughter, 4 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. As a Forest Ranger with the National Park Service he was instrumental in developing the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail. Received Mt. Rainier Chapter Distinguished Service award 2005. Always closed meetings with several jokes, many with a Scandinavian theme.

Erickson, Keith E. (86-A, 90-B), January 8, 2008, New Braunfels, TX. He is survived by his sister, sister-in-law and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He and his brother Bill were operators of one of the first ski tows in Wolf Creek Pass.

Flory, Joseph L., Sr. (85-B, 85-L), November 20, 2007, Schenectady, NY. He is survived by his wife “Nikki,” and children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A member of the sheriff’s and fire departments, Republican club, Elks club, Order of the Purple Heart.

Geurtze, Donald J. (616-A), January 24, 2008, Delmar, NY. He is survived by his wife Ruth (Kinnicut), a daughter and son, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A bus driver with United Traction Co, and supervisor of building maintenance and custodial services, Bethlehem Central High School. Involved in civic, social and religious groups including American Legion, VFW, Masons, Boy Scouts; retired as chief after 26 years with Bethlehem Police.

Hartman, Norman (605-C), December 21, 2007, Reading, PA. He is survived by his wife Edna, 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. He was an expert carpenter, and devoted to his horses.

Kohn, William III (86-F), August 6, 2007, Doylestown, PA. He is survived by his wife Alice, 2 daughters and a grandson. Bill maintained a large collection of 10 Mt. memorabilia, which he enjoyed sharing at Association events and at schools. He was a member of the PA Ski and Winter Sports Museum Hall of Fame.

Lewis, Blakely (Buddy) (86-K, 85-G), November 23, 2007, Menlo Park, CA. He is survived by his wife Simone, a daughter and son, and 4 grandchildren. He was a lifelong athlete and professional ice skater.

Lewis, Buster “Buck” (10-AT-A), April 17, 2007, Bryant, AR. He is survived by his wife Dora Nell (Abell), 2 daughters and sons-in-law, 2 grandsons, a granddaughter, and a brother. After a career with Prudential Insurance Co., he retired from Farmers Union Insurance Co. His passion was gardening, and he was a member of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church.

Mitchell, Jack W. (Co D 126 Eng-Co A 86), January 5, 2008, Portland, OR. He is predeceased by his wife Mary Ann (McAnarney); survived by 4 daughters, 6 sons, a sister, 19 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Part-owner of Wentworth Chevrolet 30 years and member, St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church.

Mutchler, James I. (87-Med-C), August 23, 2007, Northwood, ND. He is survived by his wife Judy, a daughter, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. After a career in finance he retired as a volunteer to help out at the Peace Corps, serving in Costa Rica, CA, with the Dept. of Agriculture and Public Health. They lived in FL and NC for years before returning to ND in 2003.

Osting, George W. (86-D), April 10, 2007, Tampa, FL. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Retired from Schlitz Brewery, Tampa, Florida. He enjoyed woodworking, and responding to invitations to play Santa Claus.

Spinney, William (86-I), September 15, 2007, Gloucester, MA. He is survived by his wife Mary Elvira, a daughter and son-in-law, and 2 grandsons; a son died in May, 1993. Careers as a masonry laborer as well as newspaper deliverer and caretaker, while his wife specialized in cake decorating at 2 bakeries. Until recently he walked 10-15 miles a day.

Stewart, Thomas B. (87-HQ-1, 87-C), December 12, 2007, Juneau, AK. He is survived by 6 children. Secretary of the Convention which developed the Alaska State Constitution, first administrator of Alaska State Courts, served on Superior Court 1966-1981. Received Association’s Distinguished Service Award at 2007 Denver Reunion.

Symonds, Clare H. (Sy) (85-I), January 11, 2008, Keene, NH. He is survived by his wife Alice MacKenzie, a brother, daughter and son, 2 grandchildren and a step-grandchild. Data processing manager of Kingsbury Machine Tool Corp. Active in Racquet Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. An original instructor of the Mount Sunapee Ski School established in 1948, remembered as a wonderful skier and for his great sense of humor.

Van Ingen, William D. (85-MED), July 29, 2007, Ithaca, PA. He is survived by his wife Charlotte, 3 sons, one daughter, and 8 grandchildren. Bill was a past president of the DRV Chapter and a member of the PA Ski and Winter Sports Museum Hall of Fame.

Vetter, Frederick J. (86-MED 3), December 30, 2007, Loon Lake, NY. He is survived by his wife Jean, 2 daughters and 1 grandson. Third generation in family business, Vetter’s Hardware, then full-time ski patrolman at Gore Mountain Ski Center. Developed a subdivision at Bonnie Belle Farm with a prize-winning tree farm. Fire chief, member of town zoning board, Emerson Bank board and Chester Horizon Health Center, Chestertown, NY.

Wareham, Harry (87-HQ-3), December 3, 2007, Malvern, PA. He is survived by his wife Barbara and one son. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Pennsylvania Ski & Water Sports Museum at Camelback Ski Area in 2004, for his work in the ski industry and as a patrol leader and instructor.

Wayman, Clair C. (87-L), February, 2008, Albany, MO. He is survived by his wife Jackie L.

Welsh, John Francis (87-A, 86-C) December 23, 2007, Hamden, CT. He is survived by his wife Mary Jane, a son and daughter and 2 grandchildren. Employed on the sales staff of the St. Regis Paper Co. for many years.

Werst, Oliver Franklin (85-HQ-2, 85-F), September 5, 2007, San Angelo, TX. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Jessie, 2 daughters, a son and 3 granddaughters. A veteran of WWII and Korea, he then worked for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as an agent for 30 years in Bexar, Callahan and Glasscock counties.

Wheeler, Lewis Dexter (86-MED-3), February 2, 2008, Orrington, NH. He is survived by his wife Mary (Pomeroy). 2 daughters, a son and 11 grandchildren. After working in the family insurance company, he taught at Glen Cove Christian Academy, then served as program director at Camp Fair Haven. The couple started the Bowdoin Outing Club which gave many students experiences in wilderness camping and mountain climbing.
A concise, 50-page history of the 10th Mountain Division's campaign in Italy—written by John Imbrie (85-C) and Tom Brooks (85-G), and originally published by the Association in 2002—has recently been reprinted and is now available for purchase from Quartermaster Frank Thornton for $20 including postage.

The narrative of the 10th’s Italian campaign begins with the arrival of the 86th Regiment a few days before Christmas, 1944, continues with a summary of early patrols in January and February, and then follows the action starting with the attacks on Riva Ridge and Mt. Belvedere and ending with the German surrender near Lake Garda on May 2, 1945.

Fifteen topographic maps in color by Barbara Imbrie, and nine battle diagrams by General Hayes’s chief mapmaker, Armand Casini, make it possible to trace the attack routes of each infantry battalion —and to identify 258 places where battles were fought or casualties occurred. The topographic maps also show the bus route of the Association’s 2003 and 2006 “back to Italy” tours.

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