NORTHERN NEW YORK STATE AWAITS VISITORS TO NATIONAL REUNION

It is with great pleasure that the Fort Drum Chapter of The National Association of the 10th Mountain Division, Inc. announces that the 2010 National Reunion/National Board Meetings will be held at Watertown/Fort Drum, NY, June 30-July 4, 2010. We hope that you can come join us in beautiful Northern New York to celebrate your role in the history of the 10th Mountain Division.

The Reunion represents a great opportunity for members of the past and present 10th Mtn Div to gather at Ft Drum with their comrades whom they may not have seen for the past three years or more, since the last National Reunion. It will also be a time to honor members’ service to our great nation; a prime recruiting opportunity for many of the current soldiers and military families to see what the Association is all about; and to honor the service of the current 10th Mountain Division and pay respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

We have a full and varied schedule planned to include: a Memorial Service on Ft Drum, tour of all of the new building on post, lunch with current soldiers of the Division, a visit to the new Ft Drum Historical Collection and Ft Drum Gift Shop “Off the Beatin’ Path,” Mountain Fest activities, local interest tours and a farewell dinner. This year, as a special treat, the Division will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Reactivation of the modern 10th Mountain Division, at a special ceremony conducted in conjunction with the “Salute to the Nation,” on July 1 as part of the Mountainfest activities.

The Reunion registration form on the back page has been mailed to all members with email access, and sent to all Chapter presidents for distribution to their members. It is also available for downloading at the Association’s website http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org/. The form contains all of the information about the schedule, accommodations, costs, registration information and more.

If you have any specific questions, do not hesitate to contact our Reunion coordinator, Kim Bateman, at kimbateman@yahoo.com or leave a message at 1.206.309.1584.

This is a great opportunity for members of the past and present 10th Mountain Division to gather once again and get to know one another. We promise you a time that you will not forget!

AGENDA

**Wednesday, June 30, 2010**
3 pm and beyond - Arrival and registration, Best Western Carriage House Inn, Watertown
6:00 – 8:00 pm - USAA Welcome Reception, Black River Valley Club (BRVC), Watertown
8:30 am – 4:00 pm Foundation Board meeting, BRVC (selected personnel)

**Thursday, July 1, 2010**
FORT DRUM DAY –
7 – 8:30 am - Breakfast at hotel
9:00 – 10:00 am - Command Brief/Ft Drum Update, The Commons
10:10 – 10:50 am - Memorial Ceremony @ Monument Park
11:00 am – 12:00 pm - Windshield tour of the post
12:00 – 1:00 pm - Lunch with soldiers at Dining Facility
1:00 – 2:30 pm - Visit Ft Drum Historical Collection and Off the Beatin’ Path Gift Shop
2:45 – 5:00 pm - MOUNTAINFEST, featuring military static displays, food booths
5:00 – 6:00 pm - “Salute to the Nation” ceremony/25th Reactivation Anniversary/Pass in Review
6:30 – 10:00 pm - Band concert/ fireworks, (dinner on own at food tents); round-trip bus shuttles back to hotel available starting at 3:00 pm
After fireworks - Transportation to hotel

**Friday, July 2, 2010**
7 – 8:30 am - Breakfast at hotel
9:00 am – 5:00 pm - Local side trip #1 (optional — minimum 20 persons):
• Thousand Islands: Uncle Sam Boat tour of Islands, Boldt Castle (some walking, but accessible), Thousand Islands Winery
6:30 – 9:00 pm - Unit dinners in local restaurants, Watertown
8:30 am – 12 pm Descendants Board meeting, BRVC (selected personnel)
1 pm – 5 pm National Association Board meeting, BRVC (selected personnel)

**Saturday, July 3, 2010**
7 – 8:30 am - Breakfast at hotel
9:00 am – 4:00 pm - Local side trip #2 (optional — minimum 15 persons):
• Sackets Harbor: War of 1812 Battlefield, Madison Barracks
6:00 – 9:00 pm - Farewell Dinner (buffet), Best Western, Watertown

**Sunday, July 4, 2010**
7 – 9:00 am - Breakfast at hotel
9:00 – 11 am - Personal time/hotel checkout

REGISTRATION COSTS

- Local attendees:
  - Reception only: $15.00
  - Farewell Dinner only: $30.00
  - Registration and Farewell Dinner: $45.00

- Non-local attendees:
  - Reception only: $175.00
  - Farewell Dinner only: $195.00
  - Registration and Farewell Dinner: $240.00

Registration fees include:
- Bus transportation and lunch with soldiers on Ft Drum Day
- Farewell Dinner on Saturday
- Wreath for memorial ceremony

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Mike Plummer (10th Mountain Division LI)

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2. Membership remains our biggest challenge. While some progress is being made to increase active duty soldier membership, we are still failing to attract even small numbers of the 180,000 10th Mtn Div (LI) Alumni. We have begun to work the social networks in order to get our message out but, even with a lot of contacts, that effort has not translated into increased membership. We will continue to work on all avenues to increase membership.

3. The National Association of the 10th Mtn Div Nominating Committee has assembled the following slate for the 2010-2013 Association leadership. It will be voted on at the 2 July Board of Directors meeting during the National Reunion in Watertown, NY:

- Chairman of the Board: Albert Dowden (86-E, 90-A)
- President: Mike Plummer (HQ 10th Mtn Div LI)
- Senior VP: Steve Cooley (Descendant 87-F)
- Secretary: Karen Neider (Associate)
- Treasurer: Rich Babbitt (10th Mtn Div LI)

4. The 2010 National Association’s Reunion will be conducted 30 June–3 July, 2010, in Watertown, NY. Registration forms have been emailed to all Chapter Presidents for distribution to their membership. They can also be downloaded from the Association web site: www.10thmtndivassoc.org. The schedule is also included in this “Blizzard.”

5. Chapters interested in hosting the 2013 Reunion should begin pulling together their supporting packets. A site will be selected during the 2010 Reunion National Board of Directors meeting.

6. The new, 2010 Roster of the 10th Mtn Div National Assn will be published in June.

7. The web site has been updated. If you want to know more about what is going on in the National Association, go to: www.10thmtndivassoc.org, and if you want to know more about the 10th Mtn Div, go to: http://www.drum.army.mil or www.taskforce-mountain.com.

8. The 2007 Reunion book has been distributed to all those who paid. If you would like one or more copies — my personal review and all reports from the field confirm that it is a collector’s item — contact Chere Mitchell at #303.831.2943, cherebch@aol.com or Hugh Evans, #720.562.8135.

9. Bert Anger and LTC Nate Lord, CO, Army Mtn Warfare School, will be the Association’s representatives at the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers (IFMS) Congress which will be held this year in Slovenia. If you are interested in attending using your own funds, please contact Bert at: ABPommis@aol.com

10. The Semi-annual EXCOM meeting was held in Philadelphia, PA, 20 March, 2010. An agenda for the 2010 Association Board of Directors meeting will be developed.

11. An update on activities in the Division:

A. Division headquarters is preparing for a Fall deployment; no destination has been announced.

B. 1st BCT is deploying to Afghanistan and closed in March.

C. 2nd BCT is in Iraq and will return in Dec.

D. 3rd BCT has just returned from Afghanistan and began the resetting process after block leave in Feb.

E. 4th BCT is in pre-deployment training and is scheduled to deploy in 2011; no destination has been announced.

F. 10th Aviation Brigade is in pre-deployment training to deploy to Afghanistan in Nov.

G. The Sustainment Brigade is in pre-deployment training but has no orders.

Climb to Glory!
After working with manuscript collections for a while, you quickly learn that you never know when and where valuable information will pop up. A researcher’s recent inquiry is a case in point.

Shortly after assuming stewardship of the 10th’s archives, I encountered the name “Karl Kaoru Kasukabe” in some International Federation of Mountain Soldiers correspondence. Although puzzled that a Japanese mountaineer would be named Karl, I simply had too much else to learn about the history of the 10th to pursue the matter at that time.

Later, the name surfaced again in other collections, and eventually I unearthed the story of a booby-trapped Japanese flag that Sherman Smith (87-G) discovered during the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment’s occupation of Kiska Island in 1943. To summarize, Smith’s flag contained several bits of writing which, when translated, revealed the names of some 50 Japanese men who had signed the flag.

With luck and dedicated investigation, Smith discovered that the flag had belonged to Karl Kaoru Kasukabe, one of only four of the flag’s signatories then still alive. In 1986, Smith visited Kasukabe in Japan and returned the flag to him in a very emotional ceremony.

But there is much more to the story.

Last year, we processed Sherman Smith’s papers and placed a detailed finding aid for the collection on our website at www.denverlibrary.org. This finding aid sparked a researcher’s chance inquiry.

It seems memoirs of an American prisoner of war mentioned that someone named Kasukabe had been an interpreter on Attu Island, which, like Kiska, forms part of the Aleutians. A researcher working on this story happened upon Internet links to our finding aid and immediately wondered whether our materials might be related to the same Kasukabe. Needless to say, I was intrigued.

Sherman Smith’s papers showed that Kasukabe had been born and educated in the United States. Possibly this accounted for the name, Karl. Kasukabe’s father, Juhei, had been wounded during the Russo-Japanese war in 1905. After encountering economic difficulties in post-war Japan, he emigrated to America as a railroad laborer and farmer, while his son, Karl, attended American elementary and technical schools.

When the Kasukabe family returned to Japan, Karl sought to continue his education. Unfortunately, “Western” ideas that Karl acquired in America prompted military authorities to declare him an “undesirable student.” Denied a higher education, Kasukabe worked as a day laborer for Mitsubishi, the company that developed the famous “Zero” fighter airplane. Karl excelled in his work, and eventually became an engineer. He hoped to return to school in America, but in 1939 he was called to military service.

Among his pre-war activities, Kasukabe helped found the Chukyo Alpine Club, whose members had signed and presented the flag that Smith later recovered. While in service, Kasukabe worked in telecommunications intelligence both at Attu and Kiska. He was qualified as an interpreter both in English and Russian. Clearly, then, he was the man our researcher sought. Severely injured during bombing attacks on Kiska, Kasukabe spent the remainder of the war in a hospital.

What this story shows, then, is that it often takes bits and pieces from different collections to really fill out a story. In other words — and here comes the commercial — you might have materials in your possession today that could provide just the piece we need to solve yet another puzzle.

Additionally, this exercise shows how critical our online finding aids can be in providing access and visibility to our 10th Mountain Division collections for researchers all over the world. So, I propose that you keep donating and I’ll keep processing. Together, we’ll continue to maintain one of the best military archives in the country.

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**SHERM SMITH’S KISKA FLAG: THE REST OF THE STORY**

**Dennis Hagen**

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**Felicity Hallanan (Associate)**

One of the satisfactions of being a writer is the opportunity to follow leads, to go down unexplored trails to see what’s at the end. That’s an opportunity offered by being involved in this publication, that one is given almost carte blanche to ask questions and wander through new (to the writer) territory to find answers.

Of course by now just hearing the words “10th Mountain Division” sends up signals, often in this day of the Internet heading one to online searches. So, for example, the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada, were in full swing when a tip arrived from former editor Wendell Cheney. “Googling” the name Erin Pac, we found loads of reports about the Farmington, CT, native who, at 29 and with a public name — she was driving bobsled No. 2 — came away with a coveted Bronze Medal. Oh, and her grandfather is Douglas Schmeltz (86-F, dec), who was awarded the Bronze Star at Torbole, Italy, on April 28, 1945. He went on to make a name for himself in ski jumping after WWII (the ‘net doesn’t know everything — likely many readers could tell me lots more).

It should also be noted that Chris Pys, a member of the U.S. Curling Team, is nephew of Raymond Pys (87-I), who served in Italy, was a SSGT and received the Bronze Star at Monte Mosca on April 16, 1945. Chris earned money, including entering a tv game show, so his parents could go to Vancouver from their home in Duluth, MN, where his father’s been battling cancer. He was credited with at least one win by the U.S. team.

Then there’s the obituary notice that began an extensive correspondence with Pamela Cusick, who’s just begun delving into the boxes of papers left by her father Warren (10 ART-HQ). I got to explore — through Pamela — as she finds and recounts stories she didn’t know about a father who, like so many, didn’t want to talk about the war, though he did participate in a Return to Italy trip. Pamela’s the mother of a soldier — her son is a National Guard Infantryman and has served twice in Iraq; she hopes he doesn’t have to go again. Beyond that, she’s become intensely involved in the case of 1st Lt. Michael Behenna of her home state of Oklahoma who, she and many others believe, has been wrongly accused in the death of an Afghan insurgent. She’s taken up his cause and is busy writing letters in an effort to gain wider attention.

And there’s the packet from Bert Anger, who represents the 10th at meetings of the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers (IFMS). He knows getting copies of “Die Gebirgstruppe” of the German Association is a welcome mail-stretcher and a reminder that the 10th has affiliations worldwide.

The point is just that — as this summer’s National Reunion slogan reminds us, “The Sun Never Sets on the 10th Mountain Division.” And everywhere you look there are stories to be told — how cool is that!!
Former Blizzard Editor Ray Zelina died in Florida this winter (see TAPS). He remained active in the Association to the end, apologizing shortly before the last edition that he’d had to pass on responsibility for his Southeast Chapter report due to the illness that eventually took his life. The following is a story typical of the many for which Ray was remembered; it appeared in Blizzard, 3rd Quarter, 2002, and is reprinted with thanks for the suggestion of former editor Sally Osterling. The piece is an excerpt from an article written for the “10th Mountain Division Vol. II.”

“As training began at Camp Carson, talk centered on the arrival of the mules. The farm lads viewed this event rather nonchalantly, but the city boys were quick to tell their sergeants they preferred to “ride the range in a Ford V-8.” The reply: “Those mules are mounts and know nothing about humans, so everyone will learn together.” And so they did.

Charlie Webb (616-FA-HQ) described a mule as a kicking, stomping, biting, pushing, shoving and standing-ones-feet critter. This sort of conduct irritates a mule skinner and at some point he retaliates by hitting the mule in the stomach. If a nearby sergeant suspected the mule had been hit, the conversation would go something like this. “I catch you hitting that mule, and I’ll have you court-martialed.”

“But Sarge, he kicked me.” “I don’t care. That mule cost $300, and I can get someone to take your place for a penny postcard.”

The lesson learned was animals and equipment come first no matter how long or arduous the march. The mules were unloaded, groomed, fed and watered, and the equipment cleaned before the men took a break.

In July 1943, rumors began to circulate that we were going to march to Camp Hale, a distance of 200, 300, maybe 400 miles. The distance grew as the scuttlebutt made the rounds. The rumors also had it that we were marching because our general said, “We’ll march, my men are tough.” Who was this general? No one seemed to know. The 604th and 605th were going to march to prove him correct.

Looking over the columns at Mosquito Pass was a general who said his troops were tough. Leaving Camp Carson, the troops weren’t so sure, but by the time they topped Mosquito Pass they had begun to believe it, and marching through the gate at Camp Hale they knew it. They would not forget the General either; David Ruffner was his name and the artillerymen would see plenty of him.

At Camp Hale, the 616th was formed from members of the 604th and 605th Battalions and a cadre from the 2nd Pack Artillery in Panama. The high country training began and Ed Silliman (604-FA-A) learned a lot. “I learned not to pitch my tent in a gully during the rainy season. I learned to lie to myself, saying, ‘I’m not cold, I’m not cold, I’m not cold.’

“I found that taking a bath in the Platte River was most welcome and restored one to a point of once again being almost socially acceptable. Mule packers often adopted the odor of the mules themselves, either as a bonding factor or by osmosis. I learned that mules were smart (sometimes) and if you treated them right, they’d treat you right, especially the wire mule, who I still swear could understand English.

“I learned that one should always take his coat when a journey beyond Poop Out Hill is planned in September, blue bird weather or not. I learned that grabbing the tail of the mule ahead of you to help get up Poop Out Hill was not a crime or a sin… I learned that it can snow three feet in four hours in Colorado.”

The mules were left behind as the division sailed for Italy. The guns would be towed behind trucks. Attempts to use Italian mules failed. The mules were too small to carry the heavy gun loads. Big, tough, ornery artillery mules, as hard as the men who cared for them, were needed.

All that remains of the pack artillery are the memories of the men who served the guns and cared for the mules. Those memories are prime: huddling around a campfire high in the mountains in below-zero temperatures with the sky so clear that the stars were almost touchable; the sound of a sentry crunching through the snow; mules stomping and snorting on the picket line; and the low talk of men around the campfire. Good men—they could march.”

HISTORICAL COLLECTION IMPROVING

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Changes and updates have also been made to “Grandpa’s Attic,” a display covering the time span between 1946 and 1984, which included the creation of fliers on caring for your own artifacts at home and researching a family member’s military service.

Current projects include a complete reorganization of the library and archives, as well as a remodeling of the M29 Weasel exhibit at the very center of the Collection’s museum facility on Riva Ridge Loop in time for the National Reunion.

Over the past few months, there has been a concentrated effort to expand beyond the original physical location to reach and connect more people with history. Among those efforts have been the creation of poster exhibits to support the Fort Drum Equal Opportunity Office’s monthly observations in honor of Native American History Month, African-American History Month, and Women’s History Month.

Additionally, the Collection has moved into cyberspace with a Facebook account where people can view photos of the exhibits, keep up-to-date on upcoming events, and view photos and scans of recently acquired or especially interesting artifacts. The Facebook page can be accessed at www.facebook.com/HistoricalCollection.

The Collection’s most current project is that of Chuck Gopher, the official mascot. Chuck, a plusskull, was originally found in the Lewis & Clark exhibit. “He” is telling the story of an Afghanistan deployment as he travels overseas with soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT) in March.

The goal of Chuck’s travels is to eventually make his story available in a children’s book to help youngsters of deployed service members better understand what their moms and dads may experience when they have to leave home on deployment. Chuck’s travels are at www.facebook.com/SGTgopher.

DIVISION FOUNDER DOLE FACED OPPOSITION FROM START

Thomas Brooks (85-G)

From the start, there was opposition to specialized forces within the Army.

BG Lesley J. McNair, in charge of infantry training in 1941, thought the idea foolish. In a proposal for a wartime army of 200 infantry divisions, COL Albert C. Wedemeyer recommended 10 mountain divisions (later reduced to three). His recommendation was humbled down. There the matter would have rested had it not been for the tenacity of a 40-year-old skier.

Minnie Dole was born in 1899 in Tyngsboro, a town of rolling hills along the Merrimack River in northeast Massachusetts. His father, Charles Thurston Dole, an officer of the Champion International Paper Company, worked in neighboring Lowell. His mother stimulated the growing boy’s interest in skiing and mountain climbing.

He attended the local public schools and Phillips Academy in Andover south of Tyngsboro. In 1923, he graduated from Yale University. Following graduation, he worked in the wool industry in Massachusetts. Three years later he moved to Europe where he remained until 1929, involved with various business ventures with William H. Brown. Back in the States, Dole married Jane Ely. In New York City he became a successful insurance broker. An avid skier, he headed for the New England ski slopes at every opportunity.

While skiing at Stowe on a New Year’s holiday, Dole spied his right ankle on a turn in slushy snow. He insisted on skiing the next day and his ankle gave way in a stem christie. While he lay on the slope in shock, his wife went to find help. Carried off the mountain on a piece of rusty tin roofing, Dole decided there must be a better way. He was asked to head a study committee for the Amateur Ski Club of New York.

Copious correspondence and persistent effort led to the formation of the National Ski Patrol System. By 1941, the Patrol consisted of 89 local patrols and 1,500 patrolmen. Members were required to take an intensive Red Cross first aid course. They were responsible for caring for ski accident victims, helping them down the slopes on toboggans.

Dole served the new organization from its inception until 1950 when he was named national honorary chairman of the board of trustees for life. During the early years, the Patrol System received its operating funds through private contributions. Dole, himself, received no remuneration.

One snow-blasted night in Feb., 1940, after a day’s skiing on Bromely Mountain in Vermont, Dole, Roger Langley, president of the National Ski Association, Robert L. Livermore, of the American 1936 Ski Team, and Alec Bright, dean of American downhill racers, discussed the war then threatening Europe. Stalin and Hitler had divided Poland, the Russians had invaded Finland.

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TODAY'S MILITARY RE-LEARNS VALUE OF MULES
Walter H. Stewart (85-B, D)

In August of 2009 we watched a Fox news segment on Marines training in California with mules and donkeys (there is also talk of the 10th looking into the use of mules again.) Apparently the value of these animals relative to transportation in treacherous Afghan mountain terrain has not been forgotten.

During my B/D 85th 10th Mountain training at Camp Hale and Camp Swift in 1943 and '44, we walked, skied, and snowshoed often. The training was indeed rigorous. For me, part of it was being able to work with and understand mules as that was part of the unit’s mode of transportation.

After evaluation of the D series maneuvers, Army hierarchy decided that heavy weapons companies were to be formed in each of the three battalions in the 85th, 86th, and 87th regiments. Captain Richard C. Johnson, then B Company commander, was selected to become the newly formed D Company commander. In forming the Cadre, Captain Johnson picked men from each of the A, B, and C Rifle Companies of the First Battalion. Captain Johnson asked me if I would make the move. I asked him what I would be doing. He replied, “You will be my pack master, responsible for 28 pack mules and four saddle mules. Three corporals will be assigned to assist.”

While at Camp Hale, I spent a week or two with one of the 10th Quartermaster companies responsible for pack mules. I was able to glean a substantial amount of knowledge relative to how to pack, work around, feed, and maintain mules. On the 10th Division’s move to Camp Swift, I never had an opportunity to experience “the great mule breakout” which occurred as the mules were unloaded from railroad cattle cars. I was later told that the operation did not go well.

An Army soldier is identified by his or her Army serial number. An Army mule is identified by a Preston brand number on her Army serial number. An Army mule is female and will not bear offspring. A female donkey or a jenny will not bear offspring. A male donkey or a Jack will not conceive. Hens are the offspring of stallions and female donkeys, or jennies, and do not bear offspring.

January 4, 1945, arriving in Naples, units moved north on LCT’s to Leghorn and finally the Pisa staging area preparing for what was to come at Riva Ridge and Belvedere. It was at that point that the T.O. relative to transportation for the 1-85th, changed to 3/4 ton trucks and jeeps and trailers. They would take the place of mules. Italian Alpinists and their mules would be called on when needed.

For me, it was one grand adventure and experience. No matter what was to come, I always tried to remain positive. I was fortunate to have been associated with some wonderful men and would like to recognize and honor the following: Captain Richard C. Johnson, Dan Kennerly, Tom Rabbitt, Francis “Duke” Devaney, Judson a horse, he drinks only the amount of water and eats only what is needed to sustain him until his next fill-up. A horse will go on eating until he becomes ill.

I had often wondered why D Company was blessed with a great bunch of mules. I thought Captain Johnson, being a U.S. Forrester, had a connection with Quartermaster and had the Preston brand numbers on each of the mules we had worked with while at Camp Hale. He had Quartermaster assign these same mules to us at Camp Swift.

For the short time we spent at Camp Swift, I thought much was accomplished. Packers led the mules on daily hikes. Animals were loaded by their packers with 81 millimeter mortars, and water-cooled 30 caliber machine guns, ammo, kitchen equipment, and spare parts.

Just before the division was ordered to move to Camp Patrick Henry, then Newport News, Virginia and assignment to Italy, the 85th was ordered and be ready to move in 24 hours. Everyone scrambled to pack up and form up. I was proud that D-85 met the time requirements, as did the rest of the 1st Battalion 85.

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On Jan. 4, 1945, arriving in Naples, units moved north on LCT’s to Leghorn and finally the Pisa staging area preparing for what was to come at Riva Ridge and Belvedere. It was at that point that the T.O. relative to transportation for the 1-85th, changed to 3/4 ton trucks and jeeps and trailers. They would take the place of mules. Italian Alpinists and their mules would be called on when needed.

For me, it was one grand adventure and experience. No matter what was to come, I always tried to remain positive. I was fortunate to have been associated with some wonderful men and would like to recognize and honor the following: Captain Richard C. Johnson, Dan Kennerly, Tom Rabbitt, Francis “Duke” Devaney, Judson

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HOW I BECAME A MEMBER OF THE 10th MOUNTAIN DIVISION

My name is Pat Cohen and I too was in the 10th Mountain Division, from 1993 through 1996. I was in Alpha Company 2/14 Infantry, the Golden Dragons!

I was the barracks guard during October 3 and 4 in 1993, the time of the “Blackhawk Down” incident in Somalia. The only thing I did was donate blood that night and for years I felt like Lieutenant Dan in the movie “Forrest Gump.” My 2nd Platoon went into combat without my squad, which had been on the rotating schedule for airfield guard. My platoon had one killed and a few wounded in that fight, which up until the invasion of Iraq, was the longest sustained firefight since Vietnam. The same time the following year we participated in Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

I have made a career in law enforcement, as have some of my friends from the Mountain. (My daughter’s birthday just happens to be October 4. Crazy coincidence.) I just finished reading “Climb to Conquer,” which is a birthday present a friend gave me. I jumped at it, being young and adventurous. I had several choices of duty stations, one of which was Hawaii. I had already been there with my parents. I picked the Mountain because it sounded cool and I had never been to the East Coast or New York City. I never made it to New York City but I saw the world.

I am not much of an outdoorsman but I did scale Half Dome in Yosemite a few years ago. I wore my WWII Mountain rucksack, which worked perfectly. I got a picture of me at the top with my 10th Mountain Division flag. I am nowhere in the shape I used to be, but was quite proud I still had it in me.

I have built military models since I was a kid. As a result of reading this book, I am interested in doing a project of the 10th Mountain in Italy, particularly Riva Ridge, and I have some technical questions. I would like to see pictures of the over-white camouflage jackets worn in Italy for a squash size ski patrol scene, and pictures of the cable tram used to haul wounded and ammunition to and from the ridge. The picture in the book was grainy and if there is a drawing or something, I would really appreciate a copy.

Did they have the shoulder patch on their uniforms in combat? Can anyone help me out, if I’m not asking too much? I would also like to join the Association if it is open to us younger soldiers.

CLIMB TO GLORY!

Pat Cohen

(Note: Pat received an extensive reply from archivist Dennis Hagen at the Ft. Drum Public Library. Here it is in part:)

First, let me say that if you enjoyed reading “Climb to Conquer,” which is one that I consistently recommend, I would urge you to read “The Last Ridge” by McKay Jenkins. I took Jenkins’ book along with me to my high school reunion and everyone was talking about it.

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THE VALUE OF MULES

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The Marine Corps may or may not be using the following reference material or some recent updates. If not, I would recommend the following: War Department, 25 August 1944; War Department Field Manual 25-5 and Field Manual 25, 7 August 1944. I found both of these manuals to be informative and helpful.

LANDSTUHL WOUNDED WELCOME WEIHNACHTS VISITORS

Weihnachten—Christmas in Germany—came to wounded 10th Mtn Div soldiers at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in December, in the form of members of the Federation of German Mountain Soldiers.

Horst Armann of Bad Reichenhall, his wife Marianne and about a dozen others including 5 active-duty soldiers, drove from Southern Germany about 300 miles to the hospital. Their overnight visit was coordinated with Anna Marie Matson of Paris, a longtime supporter of the Division.

Calling their project CARE 2009, for Christmas Action, the visitors went armed with get-well cards from school children, and 40 packs of gifts of small trees, candies, homemade cakes, gingerbread, toiletries and candles. They also brought sounds of Christmas, treating patients and staff to German carols accompanied on accordion and zither.

The visit followed installation earlier that week of two foosball tables from the group Democrats Abroad Switzerland who, headed by Maya Samara, arrived in three carloads full of gifts as well as the game tables.

And, the trip by the Bavarians was followed by visiting Americans from Luxembourg, along with a choir, all to help soldiers of the 10th and their families know that they are remembered.

NORTHERN NEW YORK TO HOST 2010 NATIONAL REUNION

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• Event insurance
• Reunion gift bag, name tag and welcome packet
• USAA Reception at the Black River Valley Club
• Administrative costs
• Fee does not include: Transportation to Watertown, hotel rooms, optional side trips, luncheons and unit dinners.

Upon check-in on June 30, you will receive a reunion packet with all the event information covered by your registration fee.

Accommodations

Best Western Carriage House Inn, Watertown will be the headquarters for all events. Room costs are not included in reunion fee and attendees will need to book their own room reservations at the hotel. We have blocked a large number of rooms at the Best Western from June 30-July 4; to make reservations call 315.782.8000. Tell them you are with the 10th Mountain Division Reunion for discount.

Room costs: $70/ single occupancy per night (booked before May 31)
$80/ double occupancy per night (booked after May 31)
Price includes breakfast buffet
Check-in after 3 pm on June 30; check out by 11 am, July 4
There are only a limited number of rooms available at the Best Western (first-come, first-served), so we have also blocked rooms at the following other Watertown hotels if the Best Western becomes full:

Day’s Inn #315.782.2700; $70 Single/$70 Double
Hampton Inn #315.782.2222; $99 Single/$75 Double; 1.77 miles from Best Western
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Join fellow soldiers and veterans of the 10th Mountain Division for the 2010 National Association of the 10th Mountain Division, Inc. Reunion sponsored by the Fort Drum Chapter

June 30 – July 4, 2010
**FOUNDER FACED OPPOSITION**

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“If foreign troops should attack our northeast coast in winter,” Minnie Dole asked, “can you imagine the Army trying to fight through the sort of weather that is outside tonight?”

Langley was prompted by Dole’s question to offer the services of National Ski Association for the winter training of American soldiers. He was politely rebuffed by a War Department satisfied by winter training undertaken in Alaska and at Fort Snelling, MN.

Dole was next to pursue the matter. He opened his campaign by asking permission of the 93 patrols of the NSP to offer their services to the War Department. Armed with their assent, he wrote to Army Chief of Staff GEN George C. Marshall and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Then he sought-out sympathizers within the Army and War Department. He met with Secretary of War Henry I. Simpson, who turned out to be a mountain climber buff, and arranged a meeting with Marshall.

Dole made his pitch and was dismissed with thanks. He wondered if it all had been for naught. But on Sept. 24, 1941, Marshall wrote Dole. “Your excellent paper on winter training has been referred to the G-3 Division of the General Staff for study.”

It was the first step. The Army provided funds to facilitate the NSP’s advisory work. Specifications were drawn up for rucksacks, sleeping bags, parkas, etc., for work. Despite Dole’s prodigious efforts, there were not enough volunteers to fill out a division. So the Army began recruiting volunteers—skiers, cowboys, non-coms were told to fall out. The rest of us were told that we’d volunteered for the ski troops.”

Dole also acted as an advisor to the 10th, made inspection tours, continued recruiting volunteers—skiers, cowboys, forest rangers, woodsmen—until the Division was sent to Italy—all this work without remuneration. For his efforts, Dole received a War Department citation in 1945. He maintained close ties with mountaineers, the National Association, attended and spoke at reunions. He died in 1976 in Greenwich, CT.

**Memorial Ski Trail Now in Operation Near Mt Rainier**

_Dale E. Smith (10-MP)_

Gene Glasunow lives in Puyallup, WA, and is a Friend of the 10th. His regular job is Chief Engineer for Trinity Broadcasting Company in Tacoma.

In the mid 1960’s he worked for William Lowell Putnam as a broadcast engineer for his television station, WWLP-TV in Feeding Hills, MA. Bill Putnam was a well known veteran of the 10th, and author of a book entitled “Green Cognac, The Education of a Mountain Fighter.” Bill often recounted his days as a ski trooper and mountain climber in the 10th and inspired Gene to start skiing and climbing mountains with stories of his trips to the Canadian Rockies. When he moved to Denver, CO, in 1977, Gene was further exposed to the legend of the 10th by visits to the Ski Museum at Vail and by walking around Camp Hale. At that time he observed the first series of ski huts between Vail and Aspen dedicated to the Division. Many times while skiing in Colorado he felt a strong spiritual presence of the 10th even though it was long after WWII.

Gene got the MTTA interested in a large hut that would be named the “Grand Lodge of the 10th Mountain Division,” but when the Snow Bowl Hut burned down two years ago, that project was shelved. Then, while on ski patrol exploring terrain on skis in 2007, Gene discovered an unused logging road buried under deep snow, which led to a high mountain ridge that offered a world class views of Mt. Rainier. On a clear day, one could see Mt. Hood to the south, the entire Olympic Range end to end, Mt. Adams, peaks into the crater of Mt. St. Helens and enjoy a full view of Mt. Rainier.

He immediately thought this was the perfect setting for a ski trail dedicated to the birthplace of the Division. He got approval from the owner of the land, Hancock Forest Management, for winter trail use only, and they do not want any structures on the land.

If, in the future there is a philanthropist who wants to purchase 500 acres from Hancock and donate it to the MTTA, the dream of a Grand Lodge could become a reality.

In Nov, 2009, Gene installed the first of three custom-made Trail signs, and a few weeks later two more signs were installed. He needs six more signs, which will cost $8,000, and he has planned for a wooden trail kiosk that will display pictures of the Ski Troops training at Paradise in 1941 and at Camp Hale, along with a brief history of the 10th.

Gene has a video on YouTube that is six minutes long and can be accessed on computer by entering “10th Mountain Division Memorial Ski Trail” into the Google search box. It should be at the top of the list of the sites to come up.

The Trail is located about five miles north of Ashford, WA, near the entrance to Mt. Rainier National Park. Visit the MTTA Trail Office in Ashford located behind the Fire Hall on weekends for trail and hut information. MTTA can give you information on the trail and they have maps for sale.

(Gene Glasunow’s biography was a valuable reference for this story.)
With the death of Chaplain William H. Bell (10th-ART-HQ) in 2009, all of the chaplains who served in Italy have completed their work on earth and have been called to a higher and more eternal ministry.

Chaplain Bell was keynote speaker at the 2007 Denver Reunion Memorial Service, and shared his book, “Peace in the Valley,” which chronicled his role as a chaplain with the 10th.

There were 20 chaplains who served in Italy. Three of them, William S. Contino (87-HQ), Clarence J. Hagen (86-HQ) and Harry Montgomery (87-HQ) were killed in action.

Military Chaplains had to be approved by their own denomination or religious order and attend a special school before being assigned to duty. All chaplains were volunteers and served as either Roman Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish chaplains. However, in the field of conflict these chaplains were ready to minister to any soldier regardless of his religious affiliation or lack thereof.

They were able to bring the benefits of religion and worship to the front lines as well as to the rear areas. They were especially helpful with the wounded and dying. They provided wise and supportive counsel to young men struggling with the reality of war and the possibility of death. The dedication, encouragement, example and inspiration of these combat chaplains helped produce the high morale and military success of the 10th Mtn Div. Most veterans who served in Italy gave high praise to the service and ministry of the chaplains who fought with them and gave them spiritual guidance and support during the most difficult and demanding days of their lives.

(Note: Dr. Larry Fields retired as a Baptist pastor after 45 years this past December. His father, Capt. Marion H. Fields, was a 10th Mtn Div Chaplain (85-HQ). Dr. Fields has served as Southeast Chapter Descendant Director and Descendant Chaplain. He coordinated the memorial services at the Austin Reunion in 2004 and the Denver Reunion in 2007. In 2007 he was asked by newly-elected 10th Mtn Div Assn President Mike Plummer to serve as Association Chaplain. He will be assisting the local Ft. Drum 2010 Reunion Committee in planning the Memorial Service to be held on Thursday, July 1, during the Reunion this year.)

It is a great pleasure to report that I am currently around 50 percent complete with the 10th Mountain Division WWII Travel Guide. This book will feature over eighty historic Italian battlefront locations as well as some Stateside points of interest. An Italian language edition will also be made available for friends in Italy as well as the schools.

With the Guide, one can literally take a walk through Italy in the boots of the 10th combat soldier. Using information from official combat histories, morning reports and first-hand veteran interviews, the history of each location is explained. Accurate GPS coordinates (collected in Italy with veterans) and written directions lead readers to the sites where history was made. “Now and Then” photos also give readers a unique perspective of the events as they happened and a look at how the sites appeared in 1945 as well as today.

Even if you do not plan to visit Italy, you can experience the history through your computer. GPS coordinates enable you to follow along using a website such as www.googlemaps.com as you learn about the historical events that happened at each site. Simply plugging in the coordinates and selecting “search,” you will visit places like Vidiatico or the buildings used as aid stations during the fight for Hill 913.

In the Descendant’s “Blizzard 2009, Number 1,” I mentioned one of the “holy grail” locations I wanted to find was the landing area of the DUKWS during the raid on Mussolini’s villa. I am proud to say I found this as well as the small church named San Giacomo, which was referenced in interviews with veterans of the operation.

I have sent sample entries to board members which have been well received. This book is being made possible with the assistance of great veterans of the 10th Mtn Div as well as our Italian friends from the hill towns. Veterans Harry Coleman (86-B), Hugh Evans (85-C, A), John Imbrie (85-C), Bill Best (86-B), and Clark Hitt (85-K) have all contributed information so far, and I will be calling on others during the coming weeks.

If you are a veteran and would like to contribute any trivia or information about any of the sites in Italy, feel free to contact me at my email or phone listed on page 2 of the “Descendant’s Blizzard.” From Italy I have received assistance from Giovannì Sulla, Massimo Turchi, Massimo Bullerini, Giancarlo “Banana” Ghiradato, Bruno Bartolomei and the Marzara family. The Marzara family lives on Hill 913 and owns the summit.

I look forward to announcing when this book will be available, and hope that it will stand as an interactive monument and testament to the combat actions of our 10th Mtn Div veterans.

My name is Debbie Orick and I was searching for information/records on my computer for my Uncle, who served in the 10th Mtn Div and was killed on April 21, 1945. In doing this research, I came across the “Descendant Blizzard,” which I found very interesting. I read about a gentleman named Elwood Sims who had visited the Florence Cemetery, where his comrade William H. Wentworth is laid to rest (Edition #3, 2009).

Any information would be greatly appreciated. My Uncle’s name was George H. Heydenreich. He was from Arkansas, served in the 87th Inf Rgt, and is buried at the cemetery in Plot C, Row 10, Grave 3.

In some documents that I found, it stated that he was killed during a bombing in Bagazzano. I would be interested in speaking with the author of the article mentioned earlier, Jeff Sims.

Thank you so much and God bless.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Val Rios (Desc. 87-K)

This morning as I was reading the paper, I looked over the obituaries, as I usually do. I don’t know if you also make this a daily ritual, but I have now for quite some time, as far too often there is an obituary of someone I know. And this morning I found myself reading about Everett Norcross.

I immediately recognized the name as one of our Sierra Nevada Chapter members. His picture showed him in uniform, and the obituary mentioned his time with the 10th Mtn Div (87-G). Sadly, though, I did not personally know Mr. Norcross. I did talk with him on the phone several times, and each time I asked to pay him a visit so I could tell him about the other five 10th veterans also living in Fresno. But he was very insistent and he made it clear that he did not want me coming to visit him and he did not want to talk at all about the war. So this morning as I read his obituary I was both saddened, and disappointed—saddened that we had lost another one of our 10th veterans, but also disappointed that I was not allowed the chance to meet him.

After reading the paper I picked up my Dad and off we drove to Carmel for the Sierra Nevada Chapter luncheon commemorating the Riva Ridge/Mt. Belvedere Offensive. After arriving, I was getting things out of the trunk and a car pulled up, a door opened and I heard a yell: “Hi, Val!”. I couldn’t see behind the opened door who was yelling, but when I walked closer I could tell that it was Gerry Cook (87-E). His son, Richard, had brought him to the luncheon, but told me that Gerry had to be back to his rehab facility right after lunch.

Gerry has a number of things going on with him and probably shouldn’t have come to the luncheon. According to Richard, things were “touch and go” just a few weeks ago and Gerry did look a bit weak, but he had this smile on his face that seemed to glow. I could just tell how excited he was to be here and how glad he was to see his “Band of Brothers.”

For the next three hours, all in attendance had a nice time and enjoyed the presentation by the guest speaker, Donald Fisher, from the Language Institute in Monterey. But more importantly, the nine veterans in attendance—Percy Rideout (86-F), Gerry Culliname (87-F), Cruz Rios (87-K), Bob Johnston (87-HQ), Gerry Cook (87-E), Ted Little (85-E), Walt Carter (86-K), Hunt Patterson (87-C), Clayton Anderson (10-QM-B), widows of two veterans, Miriam Burdick (widow of Alan 85-L) and Carla Dole (widow of Stuart 87-C, MWWB), and the Descendants and friends who also attended, just seemed to have a good time together in fellowship.

As I looked around the room I couldn’t help but get a little emotional. I knew that 65 years ago to this day, these nine men played a pivotal role in helping to secure a freedom that all of us enjoy today. By the end of sundown on February 20, 1945, the 10th Mountain Division controlled the ridgeline, from Riva Ridge, across the top of Mt. Belvedere to Mt. Gorgolesco. They had defeated a formidable opponent, but in the process had witnessed far too much of the horror of war than any young person should have to see.

For many, coming together 65 years later to recall such memories of battle and time spent together are not only welcomed but cherished. Yet for others, recalling such events and memories are just too painful to ever talk about. Nonetheless, we love and respect all of our beloved 10th veterans!
ARMADILLO

Phebe Davol (Dau 86-L, HQ)

As you know, Texas weather can be very strange. The day after your Chapter President returned from a reunion weekend in New Orleans, LA, about 4 inches of snow fell.

Phebe Davol and her brother Frank Davol (Desc 86-L, HQ), dusted off their cross country skis and toured their yards in Florence, TX. Their father (Donald Bowers Davol (dec.) taught Frank and Phebe to ski in the early 1960s in New Mexico and Colorado. The teaching involved “follow me,” which they did in lace-up boots and wooden skis.

Phebe and Frank continued their love of skiing by becoming avid skiers. They accompanied their mother (Laura Davol) on the 1969 10th Mtn Div Return to Italy trip where they became close friends with many other descendants. Both Frank and Phebe have attended numerous reunions over the years and both are active in carrying on the memory of their dad through duties as officers in the Armadillo Chapter.

DELAWARE VALLEY

Barbara Catterall (Dau, 85-G)

The Delaware Valley Chapter held its annual “Celebration of All Veterans” event on Nov. 8, 2009, at the Overbrook Country Club in Villanova, PA.

Ten, World War II 10th Mtn Div veterans were honored, along with five veterans of other military organizations and other conflicts. Chapter president Patricia Finn Thornton (Desc 85-A, L) chaired the event and presented awards to several chapter members for meritorious service. Mike Hunter, a 1966 graduate of West Point and a strong supporter of the 10th Mtn Div, was keynote speaker. Harold Dunn (85-A), perhaps the oldest veteran in the group, attended, with several members of his large family and wearing his original Army jacket!

Our next Chapter-wide event will be the annual Memorial Day picnic scheduled for June 13, 2010, at the Pottstown, PA farm of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Winter. Two highlights of this event are the tour of Dr. Winter’s award winning azalea gardens, followed by the TAPS ceremony held in the lovely 10th Mtn Div garden that was created by Dr. Winter in honor of his brother, Bud Winter (85-M) who was killed in action in Italy. At this ceremony all members of the 10th, living and dead, are recognized.

On Martin Luther King weekend, a group of descendants again traveled to Pat and Frank Thornton’s home in Bala Cynwyd, PA, for the annual “Descendant Membership Committee Work Weekend.” Joining the group this year were Pam Pikla (Desc 10-AT), Don Perkins (Desc 87-I), Barbara Catterall (Desc 85-G), Will Nielse and two members of the Washington D.C. Chapter, Abby Kealey (Desc 86-L) and Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC). Work proceeded very quickly this year thanks to more computer expertise and many hands stuffing envelopes. Pat as usual kept us well supplied with gourmet treats, and the group even modeled some 10th Mountain clothing and items for the Quartermaster. Conversation flowed about past trips to Italy, and the upcoming summer 2010 National Reunion.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Kate Raabe (Dau, 86-MED-HQ)

Dan Whittimore’s (Desc 86-H) 3-year term as Chapter representative to the Descendants’ Board of Directors was completed on Dec. 31, 2009. Thank you Dan for all your efforts, which started with preparations for and on-site work at the 2007 Hale and Farewell Reunion in Denver; and finished with numerous activities and a successful membership drive to keep our Rocky Mountain numbers well over the 100 mark for 2009.

Last Fall, in preparing to replace Dan, we found to our amazement that we currently have at least 18 descendants and associates, besides Dan, who were already playing an official or active role with the National Association, and/or the Foundation and/or the descendants’ organization. Thank you Gary Burton, Denise Taylor, Dave and Jane Christie, Debby Clem, Beth Whittimore, JoAnn White, Diana Gan, Phil Berg, Bonnie Douglas, Steve Wilmot, John Raabe, Robbi Farrow, Jennifer Neville, Judy Whittimore, Ann Noble, Flint Whitlock and Toni Newbhill; as well as three, besides Dan, who have already served as our chapter representative to the Descendants’ board —thank you Debby Clem, Ross Raney and Bonnie Douglas.

So, with that many members already engaged and out of the running, guess who we were able to prevail upon to step up as our new descendant representative for the current 3-year term? See below at the end of this article for the answer. Hint: her other official roles with the 10th have included being the first president of 10th Mtn Div Descendants, an officer on the Foundation board, an at-large board member for the Descendants’ board and an ex-officio member of the National Association board – but never the Rocky Mountain Chapter director for TMDD.

Some of our chapter activities since the last “Descendant’s Blizzard” include gathering for pizza and a movie to watch “The Secret of Santa Vittoria” in the Spring; hosting a barbeque for the Foundation and Descendant Boards, both of which met in Denver in 2009; sponsoring a summer picnic for veterans and descendants; planning a family-friendly bike ride in the Fall. And, participated in the annual holiday luncheon for 10th veterans and their families in December, graciously hosted by descendant Dave Christie and his wife Jane. This year there were approximately 150 people in attendance at the luncheon, including four generations of 10th vets and descendants.

For 2010, we are organizing a multi-generation 10th family weekend in Steamboat Springs, CO, August 20-22, with planning spearheaded by a Steamboat 10th descendant. Thank you Nancy Kramer! A 10th descendant from Durango is also going to plan an event for all the Four Corners vets and descendants later this year. Thank you Cheri Perreault! Another bike ride is also in the works for May 15th, the hut work weekend is June 25-27, and the summer picnic will be the afternoon/evening of July 24th.

To stay apprised of these and other upcoming events, be sure we have your e-mail address to send you information. It’s less expensive and better for the environment than if we send everything by regular mail; and we promise to be judicious with the number of e-mails we send to you, so you aren’t inundated on a weekly basis!

In the meantime, if you need more information, have other questions, ideas to suggest, or want to volunteer to host an event, please contact our new chapter director for the Descendants’ board, Kate Raabe, who can be reached at kraabe@stetmil.com.

A TALE OF TWO PAUL PERRAULTS

Jan Perreault (Desc 85-F)

I am the son of a WWII 10th Mountain ski trooper and I would like to share a true story. It is a story which Dad talked and laughed about a few times over the years. Naturally, all the men who came home from battles had their individual stories. Sometimes these stories were shared, and sometimes kept close within, as was the case with my father until the year or so before his death in 1997 at the age of 85. He related this amusing one regarding his time at Camp Hale.

My father was Paul Perreault from North Reading, MA. He was a T/Sgt in 85-F. There was a ski jumping contest at Camp Hale or one of the surrounding areas while he was in training. Another Paul Perreault (126-D) of the 10th Mtn Div, won the contest and my father sent the newspaper clipping of the contest to his mother in Leominster, MA, as a joke.

But thinking it was her son, she sent it to the local paper, where it was published. The publication made him the talk of the town after that, and over time, quite a few apologies were playfully given in embarrassment.

My father laughed many times over that, and for years I tried every way I could, even visiting Denver, Leadville and Camp Hale, trying to find this other Paul Perreault. Once before my father passed, sitting on the sunlit porch, he mentioned it again and how he had wished he could have met this ski jumper, Paul Perreault. However, Dad soon left us, and the years went by.

My daughter Heidi became engaged to a man named Thomas Rajala from the Upper Peninsula in Michigan. So that year—to meet his family and do some

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Mike Kehoe is the son of 10th Mountain veteran, SGT Russell Kehoe (616-FA-HQ) who participated in 10th reunions and events until his death in 1987. Kehoe instilled in Mike, his two younger sons and daughter, great pride in his outfit while they grew up on their 160-acre Virginia farm, a farm where Civil War soldiers once camped and fought.

On this farm, Mike developed a passion for collecting battlefield relics. As a boy, he watched men walking the family property with metal detectors, searching for artifacts from the Battle of Cedar Creek. Sometimes Mike would follow and help them dig the relics out of the ground. Mike’s own collection started when he found his first mini-ball at the age of six. At fourteen, he bussed tables at a restaurant to earn money for his first metal detector.

Mike pursued this passion into his college years. In 1974 he and his wife Kathy were married. Mike and Kathy raised two daughters, Bridget and Katy, while he began his career as town manager of Stephens City, VA. While serving in the position, Mike helped establish the town’s historic district; he has been involved in the town’s annual festival for the past 18 years. In 1995, Mike set up a World War II museum for the annual town festival to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ending of that war.

Mike has kept detailed records and has catalogued many of his finds using libraries, archives, and diaries from Civil War soldiers. He is currently finishing an extensive inventory of his collection in which he is recording every artifact found in over 600 sites. He has been working with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and James Madison University archeology students for a number of years, in surveys on area battlefields where students are finding artifacts that have been in the ground for almost 150 years.

Mike is not just a collector. He has preserved the history of the relic, thereby preserving the history of the Valley. He has never sold any of his relics, realizing that once a relic is dug from the ground and sold, it loses its provenance, and though it may have monetary value, it no longer has historical value. Mike is a preservationist in the truest form and helped establish a museum of artifacts for the town’s 250th anniversary celebration. The artifacts he donated are now featured at the Stephens City Stone House Museum.

Mike is serving as vice-president for the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation. He has given talks on Civil War and Stephens City history to many civic organizations. He serves on the board for the Courthouse Museum in Winchester, VA, and as an advisor for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation and Park Service.

Last year Mike and his brother Patrick attended the 2009 Sempre Avanti, Return to Italy tour and retraced their father’s footsteps through that country. True to his nature, Mike looked for signs of the past and discovered shrapnel and a mule shoe on the trek up Mt. Belvedere. He plans to retire in a few years to travel and participate in more 10th Mtn Div Association events.

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**TALE OF TWO PAULS**

(Continued from Descendants Page 3)

skiing—we visited his folks on Christmas Eve in Ishpeming, MI. When I was introduced to the small party of holiday-goers at the house, I was asked if I was related to Paul Perreault of the 10th Mountain and I said, “Yes, he was my father.”

They replied, “No, Paul Perreault of the 10th Mountain who was on the 1947 Olympic team after the war and a resident here in town in Ishpeming, Michigan.” Amazing, that I finally found that Paul Perreault that Christmas Eve. It was then that I learned about how three members of the 10th Mountain made it to the Olympic team in 1947 and now are honored in the National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum.

The next day I was introduced to the curator of the National Ski Museum and shown photographs of the Olympic team, Camp Hale, the uniforms both green and whites on display, and the famous “weasel.” It felt like my quest was answered, to travel so far and finally learn about the Paul Perreault my father so often talked and laughed about so many years ago.

After Dad died, my wife, daughter and I took a pilgrimage to Riva Ridge and the Mt. Belvedere area. As we tramped through those defoliated hills, I could picture in my mind’s eye the noise and din of battle, the obstacles to be overcome and those moments of courage, fear and pain that awaited my father. He was hit on Feb. 22, 1945, by either German mortars or 88s, through both legs and his rifle.

Dad later worked for TWA, PAA and retired from the FAA as a crash investigator and inspector. He had six children and

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**NATIONAL REUNION:**

**VACATION-ACTION COMMITTEE PLANS**

**WINE TASTING AND HIKE IN 1000 ISLANDS**

**Abbie Kealy (Niece, 86-L)**

Pop Quiz: Where can you walk on the wild side, and taste wines named for Riva Ridge and The Blizzard?

Answer: On an adventure with the fabled 10th Mountain Descendant Vacation-Action-Committee.

Everyone is invited to join the action on Tuesday afternoon, June 29, in the gorgeous Thousand Islands region, less than an hour from Watertown and Ft. Drum.

We’ll begin by crossing the St. Lawrence River via the beautiful Thousand Islands bridge, for a short hike of the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center on Wellesley Island.

Activities then proceed to the Thousand Islands Winery, owned by 10th Mtn veteran Steve Conaway. For a mere $5, you can taste 14 wines in your complimentary commemorative glass (or try 6 wines for free.) The tasting of this growing new industry in Northern New York may also be followed by an excellent pig roast.

We’ll figure out carpooling closer to the event. Just let us know if you’re interested: RSVP to Abbie Kealy by email at abbiekealy@me.com or phone at #443.570.9482.

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**Descentants**

**Diane Petrowsky Leary (Desc 85-B), 58, Nov. 1, 2009, Mundelein, IL.** Diane, who fought a courageous battle with cancer for several years, was the daughter of veteran John Petrowsky, who preceded her in death in 2005. She is survived by her 3 daughters, her mother, Janet, and brother Dennis. Diane’s passion was caring for children. She had a gift and used it to address both the physical and emotional needs of children.

Diane worked in the psychiatric unit at St. Therese Hospital for a number of years and finished her nursing career at Connections Day School in Libertyville, IL. Our condolences to her family from their Midwest Chapter 10th family.
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### Armadillo Chapter in the “Big Easy”

**ARMADILLO**

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Special thanks to Maxine Dorsey (87-HQ Wife), Jeannie Geuras (710-ORD Dau), Becky Joyce (604-HQ, 85-HQ Dau), and Kate Raabe for assisting in preparations. Thanks also to all the sons, daughters, and grandchildren for assisting our veterans and their wives with transportation to the many venues.

### MT. RAINIER

Dale E. Smith (10th MP)

The Chapter meets each second Tuesday, at the Seattle Yacht Club, courtesy of sponsor Richard Morse. But health problems and deaths of some of our most faithful members have caused attendance to decline about 25% in recent months.

Speaker last Oct., Kim Richardson, is Seattle VA Visual Impairment Counselor, who is working with Rory Dunn, a severely wounded 10th Mtn Div Iraq veteran, who has attended our meetings. Kim has 456 visually impaired veterans in her caseload. Her job is to get the veteran into the VA system for care, and into proper care facilities. All her cases are legally blind. She plays an important role in teaching these sight-impaired veterans to be self reliant and to live independent lives.

Royce Ward (10th INF) introduced the Nov. program, a digital slide show of highlights of his life, prepared for his 80th birthday by his daughter, Ann Bray. Pictures included everything from his younger years, through his military service, airline pilot service in Alaska to his more sedate service with the FAA. Royce has been an avid outdoorsman, who especially enjoyed river rafting, which he has pursued from Alaska to the Zambezi River in Africa.

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### UPPER PENINSULA

Walter R. Cook (10-HQ)

Our Chapter’s winter meeting was held Feb. 19th at the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpenning, MI. The luncheon is hosted every year by Dan Oja (Desc) and his wife June. Dan’s uncle, Johnny Koski, was killed in the final weeks of WWII while with the 10th Mtn Div (“Blizzard” #2, 2009).

There is an outstanding display of the Division at the Hall of Fame. It was designed and created by David Mac Frimodig (86-K). He earned—but never received—the Silver Star for action in Della Torgaccia, Italy, on February 24, 1945, in which he was seriously wounded while directing fire on an enemy emplacement.

One of our members also donated his 10th Mtn Div anniversary skis for the display in the Hall of Fame. If you ever travel to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, be sure to visit it. It’s on the highway and well worth it.

### How I Became a Member of the Tenth

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re-read while I was in Italy last spring. It is really excellent.

As to your technical questions, I would like to direct you to the Denver Public Library website at www.denverlibrary.org.

As to the shoulder patch, I have looked at a lot of photographs of soldiers in Italy and the patch almost never shows up. My belief is that it only appeared on more of a class-A uniform. I have one picture of General Hays in a foxhole with the patch on his shoulder, but most of the photos show men without it. As a side note, the 10th Light Div (Alpine) was reorganized into the 10th Mtn Div on Nov. 6, 1944. An article in the “Blizzard” newsletter around Dec. 9, I think it was, announced the new “mountain rocker.” Nevertheless, veterans I have talked to say that no one actually received the “mountain” rocker until after the war. So, even if a soldier had the powder keg, or pickle barrel patch on his shoulder, he would most likely not have the rocker.”

Pat has also been assured that anyone who served with the 10th Mtn Div since its inception to the present is a welcome addition to the Association; there are Chapters all across the U.S., and membership applications are available at the website www.10thmtndivassn.org)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bruce Campbell (86-I, M) & Val Rios (Desc 87-K)

The annual Christmas luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn in Laguna Hills (now The Hills Hotel) on Dec. 12. Twenty-eight brave souls drove through wet weather to attend.

Warren Asa gave the invocation, and a holiday lunch was served. Bruce gave an update on the Adopt-a-Platoon program. He also reminded those with 10th Mtn memorabilia to donate to Kendra Knight at the Mammoth Ski Museum. Val Rios gave an update on Descendant activities.

Howard Koch shared his heart-warming story about how a special copy of a book of Bill Mauldin’s cartoons reached him on Father’s Day (his story appears in this “Blizzard”).

Following was a nostalgic video produced by the Fishers, a slide show arranged from photos sent to Diane by Bruce Campbell and Howard Harvey taken at past Chapter events, including Pete Clark’s wedding and ski-in, photos from Eric Cromie’s cabin and an event at Lake San Marcos. The Fishers’ son, Jason, artistically created the show, set to music.

Stu Chalfant, our poet laureate, read an amusing poem he wrote about misbehaving automatic paper dispensers found in restrooms. Hal Vanderwall shared his interesting collection of 10th Mtn photographs and articles and photos taken with the Space Shuttle engineering team.

The Chapter Riva Ridge/Mt. Belvedere Day Celebration was held Feb. 13, 2010, at the El Adobe de Capistrano restaurant in historic San Juan Capistrano. Some of us took the Amtrak, which was a fun ride and saved a lot of freeway driving.

Between 35–40 attending enjoyed a wonderful lunch and time in fellowship and song. President Campbell introduced board members and guests including his daughter, Patricia Dash, visiting from Kentucky. Bruce received a quilt from Kathleen Jones, treasurer, honoring service for several years. Her work is known to many due to her outstanding design and craftsmanship.

Several updates were given regarding Chapter events and the upcoming 2010 National Reunion. Members were especially pleased that the chapter now has an official “Adopt A Platoon,” so that cards, gifts and words of encouragement and support can be sent. The Grindelwald Ski Club has also filed adoption papers, and taken on two platoons! Descendant President Val Rios also gave a few updates and then Bruce introduced Rucksack editor Diane Fisher and her husband, Milt who led all present in songs of the 10th.

Bruce finally caught up with one of the Chapter members whom we don’t see very often. Rocco Siciliano’s (87-HQ-1) autobiography, “Walking on Sand,” shares a fascinating background and public service achievements.

Our next get-together—a summer picnic—may become an annual event. But Kathleen and John Jones have hosted this for the past two years and would like to give another member an opportunity to do so. Another activity on the drawing board is the Oktoberfest usually held at Big Bear Lake.

Right: Howard Harvey (87-HQ), Bruce Campbell (86-I, M), Eric Wittig (86-B), Stuart Chalfant (86-G), Cruz Rios (87-K), Bob Greider (86-C), Warren Asa (86-G), Bob Meyerhof (86-MED-I) & Harold Vanderwall (87-K).

Southern California

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SOUTHEAST

Cindy Partridge (ASSOC)

George (85-E) and Carolyn Rosenfield graciously hosted their 14th Annual Belvedere Day Barbeque at their home in Melbourne, FL on Feb. 14, 2010, ably assisted by their son, Andrew. George was not only in WWII, but also served in Korea.

In addition to Belvedere Day, the celebration honored WWII Veterans who made the success of the battle possible by taking out observation posts on Riva Ridge the night before. Several 10th Mountain soldiers who served in Korea, Tenth Special Forces Vets, and 10th Mtn Div (LI) who served in Afghanistan and/or Iraq were guests as well.

CSM (Ret.) Gary Baura, with wife Liz, presented a poster entitled “Catamounts in the Heat of Battle,” by Larry Selman, to George. It depicted one event of the 2nd Bn 87th Regt, Operation Enduring Freedom VII & VIII, from Jan. 2006, to May, 2007. One of the soldiers, SPC Moss from CSM Jose Vega’s 158th Bde, Patrick AFB ACRC unit, was wounded by an unexploded RPG which was imbedded in his torso. He was wounded on 16 March, 2007, while in a convoy moving from one FOB (Foreign Operational Base) to another. Vega’s wife Lilly and their son Luis were present, but Vega was on duty training units for deployment to Afghanistan, so he missed the celebration at the Rosenfields. Vega earned the Silver Star for his heroic efforts in connection with this ambush. One of CSM Baura’s assignments was with the 10th Special Forces. He served in Vietnam and recently returned from the Sudan where he set up a senior Non-Com school.

On a lighter note, an interesting story was overheard between Harry Gianneschi (85-HQ-2) and Bud Wiley (86-C). At the Pando railway station just outside Camp Hale, the freight trains often went by with the doors open on any empty cars. Soldiers on weekend pass would jump on and hitch rides to Salina. They needed a change of uniform by the time they arrived, because they were covered with black coal dust. The grade was so steep at the Divide that 3 engines were needed on each train, front, middle and rear! Bud’s wife Helen was there, too.

Frank (87-G) and Virginia Duffin visited from Miami, bringing several family members. Tom and Tina Duffin Bixby, Katie and Doreen Anderson were among the locals. Pat Benson (W. John 87-G) and Eudora Shuler (W. Fred 86-MED-C), attended together. Robert Wielbel was with his father, Bobby Wielbel (86-E), who brought a program from a musical production that he was in at Camp Hale. Robert was active at the BBQ with his camera, and has the following web site to share his photos: http://www.photoworks.com/slideshow/album. John Caulfield, (COL, Ret) was there with wife Pat. He is a dental surgeon called to active duty in Afghanistan in 2005 to support the hospital attached to the 10th Mtn Div (LI). Jim Andress (86-L), Robert Strong (110 SIG), Don Montgomery (85-F) and guest Betty Lou Aichelmann all joined us.

Brevard County judge, COL John Murphy (USAR) and wife Ginger attended. He served in the 10th Special Forces in Afghanistan attached to the 10th Mtn Div (LI). CW4 Thomas LeBrun was also part of the 10th Mtn Div (LI) in Afghanistan. His second tour there was as Commander of the Security Platoon for General David Petraeus. SFC Cindy Partridge (94th Army Band Ops NCO) attended as both an Associate member and a widow of Albert F. Partridge (86-A).

We all thank George, Carolyn and Andrew for the 14th annual food, fun and festivities in honor of Belvedere Day.


**NORTHWEST**

**Frank Chuk (85-Med-2)**

CWO2 Devin Wickenhagen returned from his most recent tour of duty in Iraq, with the C/7-158 Aviation. He is a copter pilot and the team has been conducting Aero Medical Evacuation and patient transport missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Several Chapter members attended the mobilization and deployment ceremony of his unit on Jan. 29, 2009. We were overjoyed with his attendance at our monthly luncheon Jan. 27. He gave us a brief update and has promised a PowerPoint presentation. Shortly after Devin, then a Major, and his nurse wife Capt. Sarah, were separated from the 10th Mtn Div (L1), they settled in Oregon. Devin went with the National Guard, and Sarah earned a Masters degree as a nurse practitioner. They became members of the Association and Chapter. Sarah is now practicing at Oregon Science and Health University, adjacent to the Portland VA hospital.

On Jan. 30, Chapter President Jim Bray (87-K) led a group of 12 at the 10th Mtn Div Memorial Grove in policing trash and planting a Douglas Fir in memory of Garrett Gast (86-HQ-1). This brings the number of trees in the Grove to 70. The next gatherings at the grove will be May 1, July 17, and Oct. 30, on Hwy 26, mile marker 27, just east of the Banks exit, 9 a.m.

Dedication of the 10th Mountain Memorial Grove will happen sometime in June or July. In a letter to Jim Reener, Oregon Travel Information Council, Ruth A Robinson, wrote in part:

"I am writing to you in support of awarding the Historic Tree Grove designation to the trees planted on Highway 26 by veterans of the US Army’s 10th Mountain Division. The devotion of this group has been outstanding. Over an extended period of years, these veterans, their spouses and friends have maintained their assigned stretch of highway, four times each year. In rain or shine, snow or sleet, or baking summer weather these loyal volunteers have picked up probably tons of litter!"

“During this time, they established the tradition of planting a tree as a living memorial to each of their deceased members and friends. I’m not sure of numbers, but I think there are now over 60 trees lining that stretch of the highway. As the number of living veterans has declined and their age has increased, their time of active participation is coming to an end. However, their descendants have pledged to continue the tradition and so, tree planting will continue.

“The odds are that in another decade or so there will be no living veterans, but the trees will live on. Motorists traveling to and from the coast will pass a grove of trees that have rightly earned historic designation. I urge you to use whatever influence you have in the matter to advocate for official recognition of these trees.”

Well, the 10th Mountain Memorial Grove will be dedicated as an official Heritage Tree location by the state, and we are looking forward to having an outstanding ceremony. Jim Bray will contact Chapter presidents when a definite date is established for the dedication ceremony, in hopes others will attend.

On Jan. 13, the board met. Leadership of the chapter, time, and location of our monthly luncheon meetings will remain as they are.

Hans Heinride, brother of Ralph Lafferty’s wife Traudi, from Mittenwald, Germany, was a guest at our Oct. luncheon. Christmas luncheon had 31 in attendance. We took up a collection for Ronald McDonald House of more than $230. Greg Sorchinsky, 10th Mtn Div (L1) was a welcomed newcomer. At our January luncheon, guests were Elwood Sims (85-K) and wife Doris, as well as son and daughter-in-law, from Spokane, WA.

Never Stop Exploring and Enjoy the Journey.

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**NORTH CENTRAL**

**Louis Anderson (87-A)**

On Oct. 7, 2009, the Chapter met for lunch and reunion at Blackwoods Cafe in Proctor, MI. Attending were Donald & Alice Olson (87-F), George Nelson (85-C), John Skooglun (86-C), Myron Fahey (604-HQ), Donald Rockenbach (85-HQ-3) with Shirley Becker, Curt & Beatie Bestul (85-HQ), Lou & Joanne Anderson (87-A), Vernon & Allien Cartner (87-L), Arlo Sletten (10-HQ), Gene & Doris Berg (10-MED-D). Also Grace Bergh (W, James Bergh, 604-A), Helia Wuitiola (W, Rudolph, 87-D), Jane Meyers, wife of John Meyers.

The publisher of the “Proctor Journal” took photos and interviewed several vets for an article published for Veterans Day in November. Everyone enjoyed the chance to meet again. Our next reunion will be on May 5-6, 2010, at Cassidy’s Restaurant, Hinckley, MI. A hospitality room will be available from 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. at the Grand Hinckley Inn, with rooms available at $49 for anyone who would like to stay overnight.

**METRO NEW YORK**

**Jay Charles (85-C)**

Welcome to Metro, veterans of 10th Mtn Div (L1) Ivan Diaz, Eva Fremaint, Harold Hansen, Dennis Sullivan and Stephen Trynosky Hopefully we will meet at the National Reunion at Ft. Drum June 30-July 4, 2010. We old-timers have the expertise and you will help us carry on and be our legacy.

Decentralization of Chapter territory for social events and coordinating activities with Descendants Metro Chapter has been delayed. Distance, “sick call,” costs and octogenarian problems made serious inroads to progress.

Sam Morrison, public relations, reports that Walter Melford, past treasurer, died on January 11 (see Taps). A donation of $25 was sent to the Association Education Fund for children of the Division, in Walter’s honor. Sam represented Metro last November at “The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall” ceremony sponsored by Mayor Philip A. Amicone, of Yonkers, NY.

Bob O’Malley reports the wounded in action (WIA) 10th Mtn Div soldiers confined to Walter Reed Army Medical Center are most appreciative of his visits and services rendered (see “Blizzard” #3, 2009).

**WASHINGTON D.C.**

**Abbie Kealy (Niece 86-L)**

After nearly eight years as esteemed president of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, Hassell Vass (10-AT-A) was honored at our Nov. meeting with a surprise award and cake-laden celebration of his leadership.

In addition to his superb organizational skills, Hassell has faithfully led numerous trips to visit 10th Mtn patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and his endless hard work, talent, good looks and charm have been inspirational.

Our enthusiastic new chapter president is descendant Kim Hudyma, daughter of John Pollock (86-SVC) and she has pledged to follow in Hassell’s size-10 footsteps.

The meeting also featured an inside look by nurse/Descendant Molly Kealy at the Defense Department’s efforts to alleviate PTSD through new programs and services.
ARIZONA

Egils H. Krolls (10th INF)

The meeting Feb. 9, 2010, was held in Scottsdale, with president Don Kitzman (87-F) presiding. Members and guests present included John & Mary (Desc, 126-A) Broughton, Don & Geneva Kitzman, Al Field (85-I), Gil Krolls & Carol Maywood, Lilie French & Blanche Shirk, Bill Payant & Randy Payant (87-K) and George P. Kief (85-L) & Gwen Watson.

There were many messages from those absent. Ann & Warren Craig (86-HQ) sent regards, but will not be traveling to Phoenix this year. Linda Howland, W. Paul, 10-QM-HQ has also been in touch. Charlie Venn (85-K) died in December (see Taps). Karen (Desc, 86-L) & Roland Robertson were in Colorado skiing for a month. Evy Peters (87-L) could not attend due to the flu. Betty & Allan Orler also couldn’t make it, and Robert & Nancy Sanctuary (86-L) have moved to South Carolina.

Don’s term as President continues to Nov., 2010. He and Al Field plan to attend the Board of Directors meeting this year. Gil Krolls served as temporary secretary/treasurer since November, and agreed to continue.

The status and future of the Chapter were discussed. With low attendance of WWII 10th Infantry alumni and Descendants, the question of continued viability was raised. Mary Broughton has been calling and emailing Descendant members to encourage their participation. Some indicate a weekend date would be better for them, others that they are too busy at this time to be involved.

Gil gave a brief summary of his history with the 10th. When he served, from 1955–1958, the “Mountain” designation had been dropped and it was simply called the 10th Inf Div. The patch was the same, and the battle streamers were carried by them, but without the “Mountain” designation. He trained at Ft. Riley, KS, and the Division replaced the 1st Inf Div in West Germany. In 1958 the 10th was brought back to Fort Benning, GA, and deactivated, becoming the 2nd Inf Div.

Others who served in the 10th during that era might be interested in joining, but we have no way to find them. In the past, Gil expressed an interest in joining the 10th Mtn Div Assn while living in Chicago, and was told that he could not, because he was not designated “Mountain” – wrong! George requested a roster of new 10th alumni so that current members can recruit them to join. Members decided to maintain our chapter and continue to look for new candidates we can encourage to join.

Al Field, Chapter Historian, presented his marvelous journal of military history, along with numerous interesting and sometimes humorous anecdotes. This issue cost about $13. per copy. An effort was made to reimburse Al for this expense but he declined.

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The Chapter will have a closer relationship with a unit of the 1-87 Infantry, deployed to Afghanistan in March. As part of the “Adopt-a-Unit” program guided by National president Mike Plummer since 1992, we are paired with the Scout Platoon. Our contact soldier is Joshua Risser, who has supplied us with an interest profile to guide our shipments to them.

Upstate New York

Bill Morrison (86-L)

On Feb. 19, WWII veterans recalled the memories and emotions of events of that date in 1945, and the sobering realities of our first battle. We gathered with surviving comrades to relive those moments. Missing most recently from our ranks was George Fuge (86-C), long an active member (see Taps).

When spring returns to the North Country, a luncheon will draw us back to the Log Jam Restaurant in Lake George. Following that will be the National Reunion at Ft. Drum. We look forward to warm renewals of old friendships and the chance to get to know young soldiers.

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Plummer was recently honored by the Greater Watertown Chamber of Commerce with the Israel A. Shapiro Award for his years of support to the Ft. Drum community, as exemplified by the program which ensures all deploying units have support from home.

We note that LTG “Buster” Hagenbeck, former CG of the 10th, and for the last four years Superintendent at West Point Military Academy, will be retiring. We were always amused that he encouraged us to address him as Buster, and are sure the active duty soldiers did not have the same privilege.

We are indebted to Bob Millette (605-A), editor of our newsletter “The Drift,” and his capable staff of Howard Sebald (605-A) and Abigail Brisae, who with her computing wizardry turns handwritten notes into legible prose. Members should send items to Bill or me. Let us know what’s happening, or what suggestions you have for future meetings.

MAIL CALL

To the Editor:

The wooden, hand-carved statue of a blacksmith stands proudly on the mantel above our fireplace. It was carved in Italy by a man my father knew only as “Leo” at the end of the war. My father, PFC Walter W. Brown, 87-HQ-2, F) was a truck driver carrying ammunition to the lines, when he met Leo and his family in northern Italy. Despite the language barrier, it didn’t take many hand gestures for the two men to become friends. As a result, Leo, a noted area wood carver, made this beautiful statue of the blacksmith. Dad told me that a sergeant whose name he couldn’t recall also became friends with Leo and was given a similar carving.

Dad died in 2009, just shy of his 93rd birthday, and now my curiosity has gotten the best of me. Does anyone know if the second statue ever returned home, or the name of the unidentified sergeant? If so, please email me at litslissriddles@aol.com.

Thank you!
Susk K. (Brown) Johnson

Carla Dole (W, Stuart 87-C, MWWB), Percy Rideout (86-F), Gerry (87-F) & Carol Cullinan, Cruz Rios (87-K), Bob Johnston (87-HQ), Donna Johnston, Gerry Cook (87-E), Ted Little (85-E), Walt Carter (86-K), Marianne Little, Hunt Patterson (87-C), Miriam Burdick (W, Alan 85-L), Clayton (10-QM-B) & Linda Anderson.

SIERRA NEVADA

Val Rios (Desc 87-K)

The annual Riva Ridge Mt. Belvedere commemorative luncheon was held Feb. 20, 2010, at the Del Mesa Center in lovely Carmel, CA.

Emcee Bob Johnston (87-HQ) welcomed everyone, then turned the floor over to Chapter President Val Rios, who gave some updates. He reported that dates for the 2010 National Reunion have been changed, and gave everyone an agenda and registration materials. Also, the venue for the annual Chapter-sponsored Biathlon has been changed from Boreal Ridge to Northstar at Tahoe and will be held March 21, 2010.

The picnic date has not been determined, but will most likely be in May or June at Sebastiian Winery in Sonoma. Bob & Grace Yank (85-K), who usually host the event, were not present as they were with other members of the 10th —Descendants and friends at the Ski-in in Colorado! Val also gave other updates regarding Descendant activities.

Guest speaker Donald Fischer from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey gave a fine presentation on “Language and Culture for Today’s Military, and Civilians Too.” As always, members had a very nice time together!
Ams, Leo Dean Jr. (86-A, D), 87, December 9, 2009, Howell, MI. He is survived by his wife Elaine (Erickson), 3 daughters, 2 sons, 8 grand- and 4 great-grandchildren, 4 sisters, and is preceded by 7 siblings. He was a member of the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and a member of the Disabled Veterans. He enjoyed woodworking, photography, drawing and writing poetry, and spending time at family vacation property in Wisconsin.

Baxter, Oscar Fitz-Alan IV (86-I), 91, March 4, 2009, Virginia Beach, VA. He is survived by 2 sons, a daughter, 3 grand- and 2 great-grandchildren, and predeceased by his wife Lucy (Bailey). He was a real estate broker and realtor for more than 50 years in the family business started by his grandfather in 1893, serving on the boards of several professional organizations. He was active in civic, religious, political and fraternal affairs, including the Kiwanis Club, Masonic Lodge #266, Elks and the Republican Party. He was also active in the Eastern Shore Chapel of the Episcopal church.

Brown, Walter Wayne “Brownie” (87-HQ-2, F) 92, October 24, 2009, Leonard, MI. He is survived by his wife Eva, a son, and a daughter. A native of Rochester, MI, and member of the world class ski jumping “Rochester Boys,” he established records with his jumping talent. After serving in both the Pacific and ETO, he returned home where he was a skilled finish carpenter until retiring. He continued with his hobby of splitting wood until he was over 90 years old.

Brusse, Martin (85-K), 85, November 5, 2009, Denver, CO. He is survived by a nephew and many friends. He was predeceased earlier in the year by his wife Barbara Anne (Cheley). Martin’s father, Dr. Archie Brusse, was a dentist and founded Rocky Mountain Orthodontics in Denver, Colorado. Martin joined him, and RMO grew to over 60 international dealers around the world and has been awarded twice with the President’s distinguished “E - Star Award for Exports” by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. In 2000, he received an Honorary Alumni Degree at the Denver School of Dental Medicine. He was a member of Rotary Club, the WPO (World Presidents Organization), and a faithful contributor to many community and civic causes.

Butzberger, Charles Ernest (85-L), 92, January 21, 2010, Seattle, WA. He is survived by a son, 3 grandchildren and a sister, and was predeceased by his wife, Nora L. His parents immigrated to the United States from Switzerland before his birth. He worked for 30 years for the Boeing Co. as an industrial engineer, where he received awards for ideas that saved the company millions of dollars. He went out dancing a few hours before his accident. He was very generous with his time and money, and had many friends and always a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.

Calleson, Walter Fredrick (87-I), 93, January 16, 2010, Elma, WA. He is survived by his wife Dena, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 8 grand children and a sister. Walt spent his life as a dairyman and working in the timber industry. He was one of the founding fathers of Harbor Park Horse Race Track at Alam fairgrounds, where he operated the starting gate for many years. He spent many happy hours raising, training and racing Jake Moss, his thoroughbred colt. Walt was a great story teller and could always be counted on to entertain with a joke, story or song from his WWII days.

Cusick, Warren Yewell (10-ART-HQ), 89, February 4, 2009, Geary, OK. He is survived by his friend Lois Johnson, 2 daughters, a son, 6 grand- and 9 great-grandchildren, and predeceased by his wife Carmen America “Betty” (Kerr). He was a Rock Island depot agent in several Texas and Oklahoma railroad stations over 40 years. He participated in a 10th Return to Italy trip, was active in the Masonic Lodge, First United Methodist Church and Republican party, loved dancing and still walked three miles every day.

French, George Moulton, Jr. (86-C), 87, January 23, 2010, Martha’s Vineyard, MA. He is survived by his wife Mary (Stokes), a daughter, 2 grandchildren and a sister, and was predeceased by a son. He served not only in the 10th Mtn Div but also the 27th Div in Okinawa and 11th Abn Div in Japan. He worked for International Milling Co. until being called back into service for the Korean War, serving with the Mountain Training Comd, Ft. Carson, CO. He worked in sales management with Pitney Bowes, Inc., and Heller-Mark Realty, both Denver, CO. The couple moved east 30 years ago. He loved fishing, mountain climbing and camping, and sailing on the Vineyard.

Fuge, George C. (86-C), 85, November 8, 2009, Utica, NY. A resident of Raquette Lake, NY, he is survived by his wife Marguerite (Hart), 3 daughters, 2 grandsons, a brother and sister, and was predeceased by 3 siblings. He taught at Suffern High School, was Director of the College at Cortland’s Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake, founder and president of the New York State Outdoor Education Association; member of the Steering Committee and Task Force on the Future of Outdoor Education in NYS. He was president of the National Council on Outdoor Education and editor of its professional journal, consultant for the NYS Depts of Conservation and Education and a member of many other organizations. He enjoyed making rustic furniture and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Gast, Garrett Ainsworth (86-HQ-1), 92, January 9, 2010, Gig Harbor, WA. He is survived by his wife Joan, 2 sons a daughter, 9 grand- and 2 great-grandchildren. Following the war, he returned to Oregon, and founded the Mt. Hood Ski School. In 1950, he moved to Marin County, CA, where he worked in the furniture business. Garry loved golf, sailing and skiing and instilled a love of the outdoors in his family. He played his final nine holes of golf on Jan.4, and could still shoot his age at 91. In late years he renewed his love of the violin and practiced daily, frequently entertaining the Mt. Rainier Chapter with the violin and his yodeling.

Giddings, W. Philip (Honorary), 96, October 23, 2009, Shelburne, VT. He is survived by his wife Grace Elizabeth (Fisk), a daughter, 3 sons, 5 grand- and 5 great-grandchildren. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, he served in the Army Medical Corps and remained in Italy after the war writing books detailing what had been learned about the treatment of wounds. He was chief of staff at Putnam Memorial Hospital, a director of First VT Bank and trustee for the Bennington Museum. He enjoyed travel, stamp collecting, word games, classical music, sailing, tennis and bird watching.

Hatfield, Charles B. (605-A), 85, August 14, 2009, Waynesburg, OH. He is survived by his wife Jean, 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. He signed with the Boston Braves and played for 2 years and was supervisor with Whitacre-Greer Fireproofing Co. for 40 years. He was named to the Stark County Softball Hall of Fame and Basketball Hall of Fame, and the Ohio Amateur Softball Assn Hall of Fame and Fast-Pitch Hall of Fame. He was a member of Waynesburg Presbyterian Church and Sandy Valley American Legion Post #432.

Jarvis, William Paul (85-I), 89, December 2, 2009, Sugar Grove, IL. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lois (Gustafson), 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was employed by Tribo Brass Foundry in Aurora, IL, many years, becoming manager until retirement in 1988. Bill was a faithful member of St. Gall Roman Catholic Church, past president of the Tiger Club and the Phoenix Club and the American Legion in Sugar Grove, Post #1271. He enjoyed camping across IL and WI and working in his garden, and rooting for the Chicago Cubs.

Jokela, Eddie R. (87-M), 90, January 12, 2010, Park Rapids, MN. He is survived by his wife Lorraine Alice (Luoama), 2 daughters, 2 sons, 13 grand- and 5 great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews, and predeceased by 2 daughters. He brought a Finnish heritage to his service with the 10th Mtn Div. The couple ran a farming operation, and he was encouraged by Lorraine to “use his 1st Sergeant voice” to become an auctioneer, owning and operating the Jokela Sales Barn, Park Rapids, conducting over 8,000 auctions in 9 states. Over 35 years, he was featured auctioneer at livestock barns throughout Minnesota, and started a traveling dance band, “Swing n’ Sway with M & J.” His hometown of Wolf Lake honored him as first Commander of VFW Post 8510 and member of their Baseball Hall of Fame.

Klockmann, Raymond C. “Grumpy” (87-G), 93, January 19, 2010, Ada, MN. He is survived by his wife Ann (Riedel), 4 daughters, one son, 11 grand- and 11 great-grandchildren. The couple farmed in Gary, MN, for several years before moving to Ada where he worked for Norman County Implement and operated a car wash service. They winted in Arizona where he drove the DAV van to the VA Medical Center. He was a member of VFW Post 7557, American Legion Post 505, and EMT on two rescue squads. He was also an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener.

Kovacs, Edmund A. (10-AT-B), 85, January 15, 2010, Los Angeles, CA. He (Continued on next page)
was predeceased by his wife Shirley by three months. He was a member of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party. Trained as a chemist, he worked in aircraft in Southern California until he was blacklisted during the McCarthy era. After that, his father taught him watch making, and he made his living operating a small jewelry store. He was a founding member of Socialist Action, and later of Solidarity, in which he was still active at the time of his death. Until his late sixties he was a fine bicyclist, often going on hundred mile rides with other cyclists.

Lapointe, Thomas J. Jr. (87-B; RECON), 88, July 19, 2009, Bennington Veterans Home, VT. He is survived by his wife Adrienne, 2 sons and one grandchild. He worked at Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, ME, as a civil engineer, later moved his family to Exeter, NH, and continued at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth until retirement 35 years later. For the next 20 years, the couple devoted themselves to improving their golf game in Ellenton, FL, before moving to Vermont in 2007.

Larkins, Lansing H., 85, November 25, 2009, Clayton, NY. He is survived by 3 sons, a daughter, 8 grand- and one great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his wife Patricia (Standish) and several siblings. He worked at Cantwell Creamery, The Hubbard House, Colonial Post #821 American Legion, and Graphic Control. The couple were active in St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, at Hanover, and he enjoyed woodworking and was a fan of the NY Yankees and Syracuse University basketball.

Melford, Walter R. (85-A), 88, January 11, 2010, Sleepy Hollow, NY. He is survived by 4 children, 13 grand- and 1 great-grandchildren and his longtime companion. He was born in Chemnitz, Germany.

Poon, Bing T. (Assoc), 85, December 14, 2009, Killington, VT. He served with the Fighting 69th Division during WWII, but was a good friend to the 10th Mtn Div. He attended reunions, visited patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and supported Chapter initiatives to supply gifts to adopted platoons.

and died while skiing at Killington Mountain in Vermont.

A resident of Mercersburg, PA, he was a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter. He attended reunions, visited patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and supported Chapter initiatives to supply gifts to adopted platoons.

He had a distinguished, 35-year career developing anti-parallel drugs at Walter Reed. Bing was also an active member of Whitetail Resort’s Snow Sports School, and a member of the National Ski Patrol and Professional Ski Instructors of America.

Redwine, William E. (85-MED), 85, November 13, 2009, Grand Island, NE. He is survived by his wife Beverly (Christensen), 4 sons, 6 daughters and many grandchildren. He worked for Animal Health Sales and Nixon and Miller Chemical. The couple traveled extensively, and he enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Platt Deutsche Society, Saddle Club, Eagles Club and VFW Post #1347.

Schau, Ralph T. (86-E), 87, November 30, 2009, Seattle, WA. He is survived by 2 daughters, a son Ronald, 4 grandchildren and friend Clara Phillips. He emigrated from Norway to the U.S. with his parents. Ralph received degrees in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and spent his career until retiring working for the Housing and Urban Development Admin. He enjoyed retirement, was a longtime opera fan, and regularly attended operas in the Seattle area.

Stageberg, Stanley T. (110 SIG), 89, January 29, 2010, Silverdale, WA. He is survived by his wife Nancy, a daughter, 2 sons, 13 grand- and 5 great-grandchildren. He worked for the Boeing Co. shortly after graduation in 1940, tried to enlist in the Army, but was not released by the company until 1943, when he joined the 10th Mtn Div. He retired from Pacific Northwest Bell. Studying the Bible was one of Stan’s great passions. His hobbies included pigeon racing, beekeeping, gardening, boating and coin collecting.

Strayer, Merle E. (85-M), 88, February 15, 2010, Dillsburg, PA. He is survived by his wife Ada M. (Gochenaur), a son, a daughter, 2 grand- and 4 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters, and preceded in death by 15 siblings. He was a railroad general foreman for 40 years for the PA Railroad, Penn Central Railroad and Conrail. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church, Frostproof FL, Lions Club and president, Palm Beach County Camp, as well as the South Mountain VFW Post #6771, and the Washington, D.C. and Southeast Chapters, 10ths.

Venn, Charles Theodore (85-K), 87, November 18, 2009, Phoenix, AZ. He is survived by a son, a daughter, 3 grandchildren, nephews and a niece and 17 great-nieces and nephews, and his sister.

Williamson, Robert F. (86-E), 85, December 12, 2009, Juno Beach, FL. He is survived by his wife Lorraine, 2 sons and a daughter. The couple lived on Long Island, NY for most of their lives, where he worked with Equitable Life Assurance. They moved to Florida 18 years ago. Bob was active in Boy Scouts, Little League, as Rotary Club president, and in church. They also participated in return trips to Italy and National Assoc. reunions in Colorado.

Zajicek, Vince Alvin (87-C), 88, December 26, 2009, Buckholtz, TX.

Zelina, Raymond M. (605-A), 85, December 30, 2009, Leesburg, FL. He is survived by his wife Carol R., 2 sons a daughter, 9 grand- and one great-grandchildren. A circulation supervisor for the St. Petersburg Times, Association members will remember him as editor of the “Blizzard” (see page 4). He continued active in the Southeast Chapter, was vice president of the Mid-Florida Lakes Computer Club, and loved playing chess at strawberries in downtown Eustis.

TAPS (LJ)

Anderson, SPC Bruhau Xavier (2nd Bn, 14th Inf Rgt, 2nd BCT), 20, January 1, 2010, Baghdad, Iraq. He is survived by his parents, 8 brothers, a sister, grandparents and many aunts, uncles and cousins, and was preceded in death by a brother. A native of Columbus, GA, he could often be found in his school’s computer labs working on web sites. He enlisted in 2007 after graduating from Carver High School, was assigned to Ft. Drum in 2008, and served as infantryman. He died from a non-combat related incident under investigation.

Hansen, SSGT Dennis J. (1-32 Inf Rgt, 3d BCT, 3-71 CAV Sqdn), 31, December 5, 2009, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany. He is survived by his wife Jennifer (Smith), a daughter, 2 sons, a brother, grandparents, nieces and nephews and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was born in Salt Lake City, UT, was a U.S. Marine for over 8 years, and had served in Africa, Kosovo, Japan, Panama, Cuba and Iraq. He died as the result of injuries sustained in Afghanistan where he was serving his second tour. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, wrestling and woodworking, was an avid OSU football and basketball fan and was an organ donor. He loved animals, pumpkin pie and coffee. He was buried at home near Indian Lake, Ohio.

Rogers, PFC Michael A. (210th Bde Supp Bn, 2nd BCT), 23, November 27, 2009, Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq. He is survived by his brother, his brother James Westcott, a sergeant in the Marine Corps, aunts and uncles. He joined the Army in 2008, arrived at Ft. Drum the following May, and served as an automated logistical specialist. He died of injuries sustained in a non-combat related incident under investigation in the base east of Baghdad. A native of White Sulphur Springs, MT, he is remembered for enjoying catching crawdads with his brother in the Missouri River, with whom he also enjoyed snowball fights and building forts.


OUR BURDENS REST

Robert Lefane (Desc 86-K)

For Our Troops” and will be held May 15 at the Springfield Oaks County Park (Oakland County), 12451 Andersonville Rd., Davison, MI.

Second: Place a memorial, “Our Burdens Rest” in the Michigan Heritage and Research Foundation site overlooking Lake Skegemog, west of Kalkaska, MI. Third: Develop a Facebook page to peer support for those coming home and their friends and family including Gold and Blue Star families.

Gordy has a personal goal of meeting as many past and present members of the 10th Mtn Div as he can, and of making sure each understands that what they have done and are doing is remembered and recognized. Additionally, he has set up the SPC Fouty Facebook page as one avenue to keep in touch with members of D Co. A website (www.foutyfoundation.com) is currently under construction. In the interim, Gordy or Dean can be contacted through the Facebook page.
**REGISTRATION FORM**

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sponsored by the Fort Drum Chapter

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Please mail this page and a check made out to 10th Mt. Div. Reunion 2010 with the registration fee noted above NLT MAY 31, 2010 to:

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"Our Burdens Rest" bronze statue -- here a 1/16th scale -- will honor all soldiers as the result of efforts by the family of a 10th Mountain Division soldier captured and killed in Iraq in 2007. For full story, see page 14, inside.