

ASSOCIATION MEMBER SPEAKS AT WWII MEMORIAL MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCES

Norman Burkey (Desc 85-C)

Through AWON's (American WWII Orphans Network) activities, we became connected with the Friends of the WWII Memorial. That organization is planning several events to mark the end of WWII. Their first event was at the WWII Memorial on May 8, 2016, to mark the anniversary of VE Day. Since it coincided with Mother's Day this year, they thought it would be good to have someone talk about their mom.

They contacted AWON and since we live within easy travel distance to Washington, D.C., I was eager to volunteer for this assignment. Their arrangements were

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MONUMENTAL OCCASION

An addition to the historic Thompson Park overlooking the city of Watertown brings the history of the 10th Mountain Division into the midst of its largest civilian community. A gathering of some-200 citizens on July 1 dodged rain drops from a moving storm front to dedicate the North Country Honors the Mountain monument, which includes three bronze reliefs, each depicting a part of the Division's history. Local residents, businesses and organizations raised more than \$400,000 to erect the monument. At left, WWII veterans Bill Millette, Bill Morrison and Al Soria check out the new monument. For the full story, please see Page 7.

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TENNESSEE PASS CEREMONY MARKS 57 YEARS

Tommy Thompson (Desc 86-F)

PRESIDENT, 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION FOUNDATION

For the 57th consecutive year, a Memorial Day ceremony was held at the Tennessee Pass Monument on May 30, 2016.

Members of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, National Assn of the 10th Mtn Div, were responsible for setting up the event, which drew an estimated 400 people. It is traditionally held to honor our fallen comrades and also those who have left us since the war's end.

Keynote speaker was LTG Lawson W. Magruder III, US Army (Ret.). A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin in 1969 as a Distinguished Military Graduate, he launched a 32-year career in the US Army, from which he retired in Sept, 2001. Magruder served twice with the 10th Mountain Division, first as Assistant Division Commander for Operations and then as its Commanding General.

He concluded his career as the Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff of US Army Forces Command, the Army's largest command and the land component for Homeland Defense. He is the highest-ranking officer commissioned from the University of Texas at Austin's Army ROTC program and is a member of

the US Army Ranger Hall of Fame.

Wreaths provided by Chapters from around the USA were laid at the base of the monument. The Canon City High School JR ROTC provided the color

guard, with music presented by the Lake County High School band.

Following the Memorial Day ceremony, a luncheon was available at the Ski Cooper Lodge.



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10th Mountain soldiers assembled at Tennessee Pass for the 2016 Memorial Ceremony. These men together served in 10 conflicts and at one time or another served in the 10th Mtn Div or mountain regiments. From left to right: LTC (Ret) Drew Ornelas (Somalia/Afghanistan); Robert E. Blunt (WWII, 86-H); CPT (Ret) Darren Amick (1/87 Afghanistan/Iraq); LTC (Ret) Clark Wingate (WWII 87-L and Korea); Devin Brzezinski (Haiti 514 Maint. Co, 548 S & S Bn.); SFC (Ret) Paul Vertrees (Cold War 1/87 Infantry, 8th Inf Div, Germany and Army Reserve); LTC (Ret) John Russell (Vietnam, Desert Storm, 10th DISCOM and HQ 10th).



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President’s Message

POSITIVE EVENTS AND EFFORTS HIGHLIGHT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Galen Jackman

PRESIDENT (MG RET., 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION [LI])

A hearty greeting to all members of the 10th Mountain Division Association and Descendants. I hope your summer has gone well so far. I’d like to report on a variety of very positive events and efforts in which your Association, the Foundation, and the Descendants have and will be involved.

First, on July 1st, the Fort Drum Chapter executed a superb unveiling ceremony of the “Honor the Mountain” Statue in Thompson Park at Watertown, NY. The community turned-out for the ceremony and LTG (Retired) Jim Campbell capped the official remarks with an excellent speech honoring the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, veterans, and the local community. I want to thank Mike Plummer for his vision, Gil Pearsall for his leadership in making the vision a reality, all those who worked as a part of the project, and all of those who contributed financially. I hope all of you get the opportunity to visit Watertown and see this outstanding monument.

This July, we will say farewell to Tommy Thompson, our Foundation President. Tommy has done an outstanding job in leading the Foundation. The Foundation has been very supportive of 10th Mountain Division soldiers and families, both past and present. Over the past decade, the Foundation has provided \$133,000 to the KIA Scholarship Fund, \$170,000 of scholarship aid to descendants of 10th Mountain WWII veterans, \$93,000 to wounded warriors of the 10th Mountain (Light Infantry) Division, and \$50,000 to the “Honor the Mountain” Statue. Great job, Tommy!

I want to welcome John Russell as our new President of the Rocky Mountain Chapter. John attended our recent EXCOM (Executive Committee) and brought the good news that the 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry of the Colorado National Guard would be “re-patched” and aligned with 86th “Mountain” IBCT of the Vermont National Guard. The 1/157 comes with a rich history in the Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish American War, WWI and WWII. It saw 511 days of combat in Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio, and participated in the liberation of Dachau. This expands the family

of the 10th Mountain Division and its associated units, and is an opportunity for us to expand our Association membership.

Because the last “Return to Italy” trip was such a success, the Descendants are organizing a “mini” return trip in the summer of 2017. If you are interested in participating, please contact Steve Coffey, President of the Descendants (see this edition).

The Association will host the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers (IFMS) next Fall in the North Country. Jim Redmore, our Vice President, is our representative to the IFMS and is organizing our effort in conjunction with the Fort Drum Chapter. This is an excellent opportunity for us to reinforce our relationships with mountain soldiers from around the world. More information will be forthcoming as we work the details of this event.

We have made good progress on managing our membership database. Dave Pavey, our new Executive Director, and Rich Babbitt, our Treasurer, have worked through all the names in our data base. As you might imagine, with PCS’s, retirements, other relocations and deaths, we had a lot of wrong addresses which impacted “Blizzard” mailings, membership cards and membership renewals.

Although we still have a few outliers, we are in much better shape. We recently sent out new membership cards to members. If you have not received yours, please contact us through the website, and we’ll make it right. My thanks to Dave and Rich for their herculean efforts so far.

Finally, Felicity Hallanan, our “Blizzard” editor, is leading our effort to solicit, receive, share, and archive personal soldier stories from their experiences in the modern 10th Mountain (LI) Division from reactivation to the present, including Iraq and Afghanistan. Our Social Media conversations indicate this is of high interest. Stay-tuned for more information on our website.

Welcome home to all of our recently returned 10th Mountain Division units from deployment. We will continue to keep our deployed soldiers and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Climb to Glory!

UNIT PHOTOGRAPHS ARE A KEY FEATURE AT RESOURCE CENTER

Keli Schmid, Archivist

10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION RESOURCE CENTER

The 10th Mountain Division Resource Center at Denver Public Library maintains extensive collections of morning reports, correspondence, artwork, diaries, photographs, films, and oral histories, all which help tell the story of the 10th Mountain Division in World War II.

One of my favorite collections within the Resource Center is that of unit photographs.

Most units within the Division were photographed at Camp Hale, Colorado, in the summer of 1944. Soldiers wearing their best and standing their tallest gathered for group shots shortly before they all transferred to Camp Swift, Texas.

Though typically a serious endeavor, some men couldn't resist letting their devilish side show, like these cooks in the picture below who joined the 86th Infantry, 2nd Battalion Headquarters by peeking through the window.

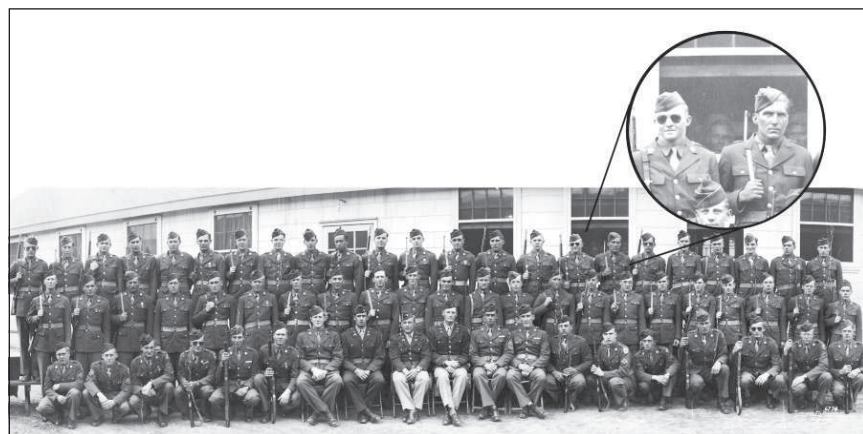
You can view the collection of unit photos online at <http://digital.denverlibrary.org>. In the search box near the top of the page, enter the keywords 10th Mountain Division Unit and click the search button. On the results page you will see a small version of each unit photo. Click on it to see a larger version, and use the slider bar just above the larger version to zoom in for detail. Anyone who has been identified will be listed in the summary below the image.

As with nearly all of the items in the Resource Center, these unit photos have been generously donated to us over the years. Unfortunately, the identities of the soldiers in the photos weren't always known.

And here is where the Resource Center can use your help. Are you able to positively identify any of the unidentified soldiers? Do you have a unit photo available for donation? Some of the units we are missing are 85th Infantry, Companies D, H, I, M; 86th Infantry, Companies D, H, M, Med; 87th Infantry, Companies D, E, H; and 605th FA Battalion, Battery C.

You are welcome to download low resolution images from the Denver Public Library website, and if you are interested in purchasing a full-size reproduction photo, we can do that, too.

Please contact Keli Schmid at 720-865-1812 or send an email to kschmid@denverlibrary.org with any questions or comments.



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Felicity Hallanan

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Calling all veterans of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry)!

What's that? You hadn't thought that today's 10th already has veterans? Well, let's see now ... the 10th Mountain Division was reactivated on 13 February, 1985. That would be over 30 years ago.

How many years in the military and then in retirement after does it take for one to be considered a veteran of the military, whatever branch? For some it's a term of two to three years, then out and on to other interests. For others it may be 20 years and then, again, out to a second and these days likely a third career. And for several, it can be as many as over 30 years; even then there is the likelihood of yet another career after the U.S. Army.

So, again, where are the veterans of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry)?

As an aside, the LI designation originally intended to single out the Division for its ability to respond quickly and with little heavy equipment to crises around the world is much ignored these days by the Army's most-deployed Division. When the 10th is needed, it goes.

And it has gone — to Iraq during Desert Shield-Desert Storm, south Florida after Hurricane Andrew, Somalia to lead Operation Restore Hope, Haiti leading Operation Uphold Democracy, as a peacekeeping force in Bosnia, and since 11 September, 2011, in numerous operations supporting the Global War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan — in all, 39 deployments to date.

As of this writing, the Division troops are still deployed in those two countries, including Headquarters in Afghanistan, as well as in South Korea, Africa, Central America and Europe.

In short, it is time and then-some to ensure that these operations are recorded and remembered. It can't be done without the help of the people who made and are making them happen. That means any of you who are reading this, or who know of a fellow veteran or friend or neighbor who has served with the 10th since its reactivation.

There are stories to be told!

• The 20th anniversary of the operation in Haiti is just past. Who remembers landing their helicopter on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, largest Army air operation conducted from an aircraft

carrier since WWII? (I still have the edition of "Newsweek" magazine with a photo of the flight deck covered with 10th choppers.)

• Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of relief provided by 6,000 Division soldiers who helped an estimated quarter-million homeless people after Hurricane Andrew. Who was a member of Task Force Mountain?

• Operations in Somalia and heroism of members of the 10th are highlighted by the film "Black Hawk Down." Were you one of the members of Task Force Ranger (2nd Battalion, 2-14th Infantry) and others for whom those events have provided a lifetime of memories?

• In the early days after the Division's reactivation on a frigid winter day in an old hangar at Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield, the field was so small, especially the runways, that initial deployments meant driving to then-Griffiss AFB in Rome, N.Y., to fly out — remember, this was through Lewis County, sometimes in the winter.

A parade in those days called for reinforcements of a band from Ft. Devens, Mass., to make up a large-enough contingent for the ceremony. When soldiers assemble for parades of any sort, it's SOP to sing the "10th Mountain Division Song" — you know, "We are the 10th Mountain Infantry, with a glorious history..." — but who wrote it? Someone must know, and someone certainly deserves credit!

• Operations in Afghanistan and Iraq began some 15 years ago. Again, it's time to write down some of that, at least when people feel they are able to do so. If you were a part of any of them, indeed if you are among the many who have deployed and deployed again, those of us who stay behind, and many others, need to know.

Association unofficial historian Doug Schmid (Page 7) has been hard at work on research to back up stories of the history. But in order to continue to support what you have done and are doing, we need the input of others. We are compiling ideas about what to do once those stories are received, whether in this publication, Facebook or other locations. So at this point, we'd just like to know whether you might have a contribution. The email is blizzarded@gmail.com.

Please, let me hear from you, veterans of the 10th Mountain Division.

Memorial Talk

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impeccable, and included a car to pick us up at our home. The driver delivered us right to the memorial and was there to pick us up when the ceremony ended. Because of the travel arrangements, my brother and sister were both able to attend and participate in the wreath-laying part of the program. This was the first time either of them were able to participate in this type of event.

It was very moving and gratifying for my family to be able to speak about our Mom in such a hallowed place. My talk about her follows below.

Anna Florence Miller Burkey

"Thank you to the sponsors of this event on behalf of my brother David, my sister Anne and myself, for the privilege of speaking our mother's name in such an august location and occasion.

"I must start with a brief side note. Being here today would not be possible without my dear friends at AWON — the American War Orphans Network. We all lost our fathers during WWII. Primarily, we give ourselves permission to talk about our dads and also about our moms. I would also add that AWON had some input into the final design of the WWII Memorial.

"Anna and her future husband Norman were both born in 1919. Both were born into poor farming families living near Reading, Pennsylvania. My mother had 11 sisters and one brother who survived into adulthood plus several siblings who did not. They were poor, but from all appearances were a happy family. Not so much for my father's family, which we will come to in a minute. My father had two brothers.

"Their formative years were spent during the Roaring 20s and their teenage years during the Great Depression. As we of a certain age will recall, the depression began in 1930 and did not really end until the advent of WWII. Needless to say, these were difficult years, I think particularly for teenagers.

"They met in grade school. My father was able to go on to high school, but my mother's education stopped at 10th grade, primarily because a free high school was not available. Because he was a high school graduate, our father was able to gain employment and they began their married life in 1940. They started their married life living in half of a small farmhouse shared with my father's parents plus his younger brother and wife — in other words, her mother-in-law, who we would say today, certainly had her issues.

"I was born in 1940, my brother in 1941 and my sister in 1943. Due to my father's employment, they were able to purchase a house in a nearby small town in 1943. By the way, it did have an inside bathroom, but also, just in case, an outhouse.

"Despite the fact that he had three children and was employed in a defense plant, my father was drafted in 1944, was sent to Italy in January, 1945, with the 10th Mountain Division, and was killed instantly by an artillery shell on March 12, 1945.

"So there was our mom, devastated by her husband's death, with three small children, a 10th grade education and all of a sudden she is the permanent head of the household. I can only guess how difficult it was to deal with all of

the bureaucracy surrounding her husband's death.

"I do need to be clear that we would have had an extremely difficult time surviving without the help of the extended family, but there was no doubt she was our primary caregiver.

"She had to become the financial manager, the keeper of the coal furnace, the grass mower, the maintenance person. The laundry done with a ringer washer had to be hung outside in all weather, and ironed — we certainly couldn't go out of the house looking unkempt. My brother just advised me that she also had a fear that the authorities would take her children away from her.

"I'll pause briefly to read a portion from one of our most prized possessions — a letter my mom wrote in response to a letter of condolence she received from one of our dad's war buddies.

"Norman and I were very close. We all miss him terribly. No one knows the heartache Norman's death caused myself and the children. They never got used to the idea of him being away from home. There's one thing I intend to do, raise the children as Norman would want them. A year can be so long without the one you want most."

"She certainly did all she promised. She brought us through those difficult teenage years (particularly me) and all three of us were able to attend college under the GI Bill and all three of us had successful careers.

"This meant her life got easier. Until her death, she lived with my brother in the house she and our dad bought in 1943. I must make special mention of my brother and sister. My brother lived with her, but my sister lived close enough to also provide special support. Mom's life got easier because of the great care she received from them. I was the son who moved away, but my wife and I contributed two granddaughters who my mom absolutely adored. My mom's "vacations" were the two weeks our daughters spent with her each summer.

"I'll conclude by describing a bit of her personal traits. She was a simple woman who lived a simple life. She never dated or worked outside the house. But, that doesn't mean she didn't have a personality.

"She thought hiring a babysitter bordered on irresponsibility and giving your child a pacifier bordered on abuse. She would not hear a bad word about her daughter-in-law (my wife) and absolutely hated it when her sister insisted on telling her the latest off-color joke.

"She was a very wise woman. My father, at the insistence of his parents, was brought home from Italy in the late 40s. Until her mother-in-law died, our mom allowed her to tend to our father's grave on Memorial Day.

"She was a strong woman — the day she was diagnosed with cancer, she quit smoking cold turkey after a 30-plus year habit.

"Most of all she, like many others in her position, was a war hero. But, most importantly, she was my hero, my family's hero and we were blessed to be raised by such an awesome woman. Thank you, Anna Florence Miller Burkey.

"I thank you for the opportunity to share a bit about her life."

Ed. Note: Norm is an active member of the National Assn of the 10th Mtn Div, and concluding his term as President of AWON. We are proud of his participation at the National WWII Memorial on such an occasion!



PHOTO BY DON PALMER

Stalwart trash-bashing crew includes, from left, David Christy with Bart, friend of the Doles Lola Szent-Gyorgyi, Amy Dole, Thayer Dole, Gary Burton, Hugh Evans, Alan Burton, Denise Taylor, wife of Henry Ehr Gott, Melanie Loveland, Henry Ehr Gott with Miles on back, sister Alexis Ehr Gott, Diana Gant, Dan Whittemore.

TRASH-BASHERS CARRY ON DESPITE FOG

Gary L. Burton (Desc 87-L)

Hugh Evans (85-A, C) has asked me to assume his duties reporting the results of our latest "trash-bashing" activity by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division Veterans and Descendants. Hugh is stepping back from reporting, but still participating in the event.

We pick up trash four times a year, weather permitting, along old Highway 40 near Genesee, CO. Our first pickup this year started in dense fog at 44 degrees, but had the best turnout we've seen in a while of 17 participants. Safety is always a concern along the roadway and greater with thick fog, but we donned our florescent vests and deemed it safe to proceed.

On this day we had one Veteran, Hugh Evans at age 92, and 15 descendants ranging in age down to 13-month-old Miles Ehr Gott, plus Bart, David Christie's dog. Also represented were two Burtons (Desc 87-L), Christie (Desc 87-F), two Doles (Desc 10th Fndr), three more Ehr Gotts (Desc 85-K), Gant (Desc 86-H), Love-

land (Desc 87-A), Palmer (Friend), Taylor (Desc 126-D), Szent-Gyorgyi (Friend) and Whittemore (Desc 86-H).

Hugh likes to note the interesting items found during trash pickup and award recognition to the persons finding the most interesting items. I will not list all of them, but they ranged from a comforter to a crack pipe — a sad sign of the times? — to a deer carcass. "Most interesting" was awarded in a tie to Diana Gant, who found four credit cards from the Agricultural Bank of China, which were later destroyed, and Don Palmer who came up with a full car/house key set and a \$20 bill. The cash we find is donated to the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation and over all the years now totals \$144.56.

We adjourned to the Buffalo Moon Coffee Shop in Genesee to warm up with debriefing, coffee, and snacks. A good time was had by all.

Our next trash-bashing date was to be July 9, followed by September 3 and October 22. Plan to join us!



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THE MILITARY MOUNTAINEER STATUE: 25 YEARS SYMBOLIZING THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Doug W. Schmidt
10TH MTN DIV (LI) VET

October 4, 2016, will mark the 25th anniversary of the unveiling of what has become the enduring symbol of the 10th Mountain Division, behind only the Division's unit patch, and that is the "Military Mountaineer" statue.

With the reactivation of the 10th Mountain Division in 1985, World War II veterans of the Division wanted to salute the next generation of Mountaineers and create a permanent link between those veterans who trained at Camp Hale and fought in Italy, and those men and women of the modern light infantry division. The result is a classic depiction of a WWII soldier reaching down from a mountaintop and extending a hand to today's 10th soldier.

The idea of a monument for the 10th Mountain Division (LI) was conceived by WWII veterans almost as soon as the modern Division was re-activated. Leading the charge were members of the National Association of the 10th Mtn Div and in particular Art Thompson (86-F), chairman of the Monument Committee.

The search for an artist began in early 1989 with the official kick-off of fund raising beginning at the Association's national reunion later that summer. A goal of \$115,000 was set for the project and by January 1, 1990, the organization was nearly halfway to that goal. To capitalize on the competitive nature of the Division's veterans, a contest was set to see which Chapter could get the largest percentage of its membership to donate; the Lower Michi-



gan Chapter would win.

By April 1, an artist was chosen. Susan Grant Raymond's concept art was seen as best representing the idea the veterans had of the connection between the WWII vets and the modern soldiers. Heading into the final months of 1990, nearly 80 percent of the funds had been collected. Current Ft. Drum Chapter President, at the time Division Chief of Staff, COL Mike Plummer headed the effort for today's soldiers to contribute as well. By mid-January, 1991, with nearly \$100,000 gathered, the unveiling ceremony was scheduled for October 4.

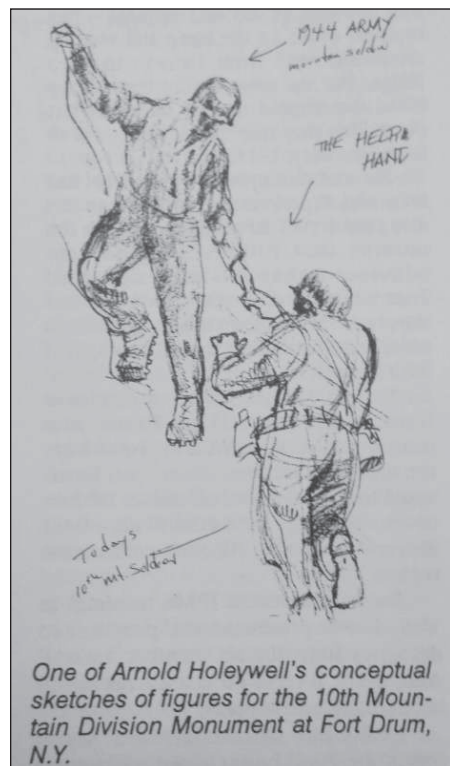
Susan's attention to detail had small touch ups being made right up until the unveiling ceremony. Once revealed, the 17-foot-tall monument with its 1 1/4 scale soldiers did not disappoint. A small glitch during the unveiling — the tarp covering the monument became hung up — left the crowd waiting a short time to see the statue in all its splendor. As with most pieces of art, the details made the difference. One such detail was the peace symbol in the modern soldier's rifle's flash suppressor. Originally the idea of Susan's son, who with his sister helped with the creation of the huge bronze, it was included in the monument with the approval of MG Steven Arnold, then-Division Commander, who stated that "We [soldiers of the Division] are coming at peace from a different direction."

Originally set in the park on the corner of Mt. Belvedere Boulevard and Memorial Drive South (now Enduring Freedom Drive South), the statue was moved on March 30, 2007, as part of a larger planned

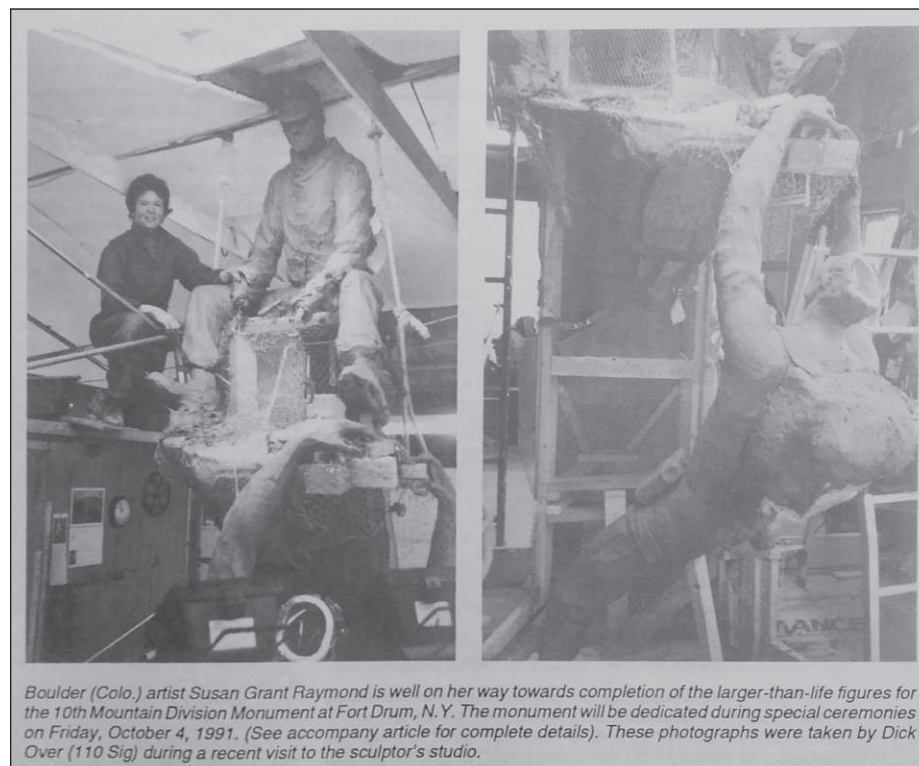
Memorial Park that was established across the street from Division Headquarters of Hays Hall. It would soon be joined in Memorial Park by another Susan Raymond masterpiece. The "Fallen Warrior" and "Hope for the Future" monuments were unveiled on October 29, 2013. The former depicts soldiers at a memorial service in front of a battlefield cross, and the second has two soldiers on patrol, one with his hand outstretched toward an Afghan child. Other monuments and memorials have been added since.

This summer Susan again expanded her legacy with the 10th Mountain Division when the "North Country Honors the Mountain Monument" was unveiled in Thompson Park, Watertown, NY. It stands as a symbol of support for the soldiers and civilians that work on and call Fort Drum home, from the people of the communities surrounding the installation.

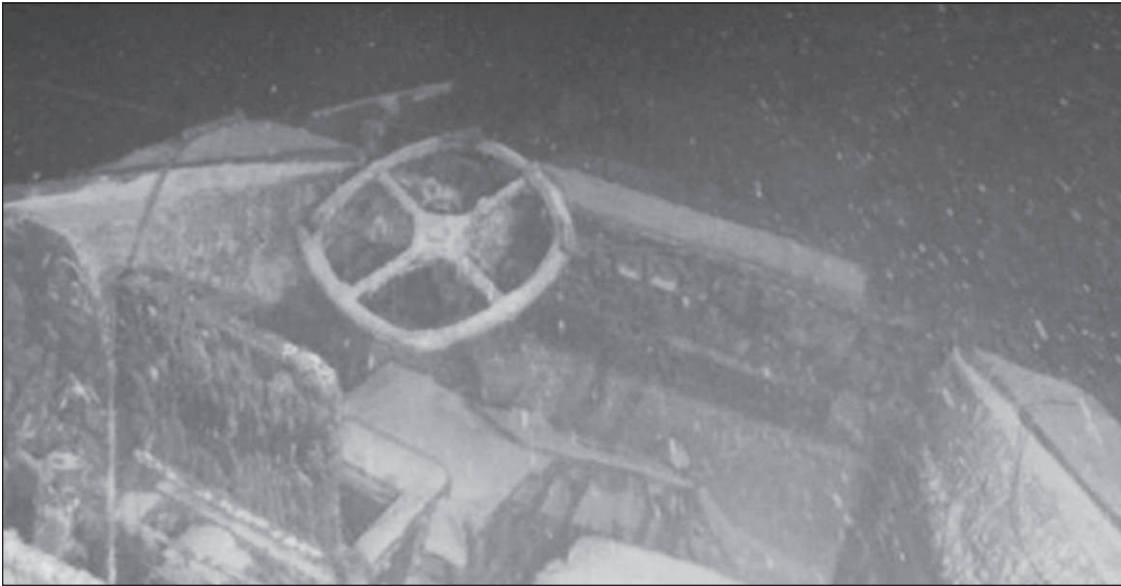
Note: Doug looks forward to receiving any questions regarding the history of the 10th Mountain Division and can be reached at doug.w.schmidt@gmail.com.



One of Arnold Holeywell's conceptual sketches of figures for the 10th Mountain Division Monument at Fort Drum, N.Y.



Boulder (Colo.) artist Susan Grant Raymond is well on her way towards completion of the larger-than-life figures for the 10th Mountain Division Monument at Fort Drum, N.Y. The monument will be dedicated during special ceremonies on Friday, October 4, 1991. (See accompany article for complete details). These photographs were taken by Dick Over (110 Sig) during a recent visit to the sculptor's studio.



Remains of 10th Mountain Division amphibious vehicle (DUKW) at bottom of Lake Garda, Italy.

LAKE GARDA RESIDENTS WORK TO REMEMBER SOLDIERS LOST IN WWII

A current online fundraiser is seeking to remember soldiers of the 10th Mtn Div who drowned in Lake Garda in northern Italy near the end of WWII.

Twenty-five men and their heavy gear went down in a storm while their amphibious, DUKW was attempting to cross the lake on April 30, 1945. Their remains were found only in the last few years. And their bodies have never been found and recovered, but still rest at the bottom of the lake 71 years later.

Further, organizers of an effort say there is not yet a memorial monument dedicated to these soldiers. Like a ship or plane that sinks or crashes into the ocean with the loss of those on board, members say their bodies, too, can never be recovered.

The DUKW is located just off the shore of Torbole on Lake Garda, and there is an under-

water video showing it sitting upright about 300 meters below the surface of the water; link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucPICzIqiaA>.

Unfortunately and sadly, their remains can never be recovered because that section of the lake bottom is very deep and very muddy.

The Department of Defense, organizers write, "instills in all of us vets, active and retired, and our families, too, that if we ever become a POW or MIA we will 'Never Be Forgotten.'" And so to insure these 25, 10th Mtn Div soldiers are never forgotten, this GoFundMe was created to erect a memorial monument dedicated to these WWII soldiers.

"The monument is currently under construction and should be completed in 2016 and placed there near the lake shore not far from where they perished. It is

near a small church and next to COL William Darby's monument; he was killed the same day by a German 88mm artillery round."

Monument committee members include Perry Doerr, Ben Appleby, Ron Hudnell and Rick Tscherne.

"We hope," the page continues, "you will help us to fund this well-deserved and overdue memorial monument so there will finally be some peace and closure for these soldiers and most importantly ... they will never be forgotten. Thank you for reading and contributing to this memorial monument at <https://www.gofundme.com/6wu74e5g>.

"Please kindly share and let others know about this cause. Thanks!"

The effort seeks to raise \$5,000, and as of mid-June had received \$5,200.

SLOVENIA RECOLLECTS 10TH MOUNTAIN IN BOOK

Janez Kavav (BG, ret.)

SLOVENIAN ASSOCIATION OF MOUNTAIN SOLDIERS

In Slovenia a few months ago, we got a great monograph (381 pages, big format) on Colour and Coloured Photography and Colour Prints on Slovenian Territory from its beginnings until 1945.

An important and very recognizable part of the monograph/book is the inclusion of color photographs from 10th Mtn Div veterans Mr. John Woodward, Mr. Cruz Rios and Mr. William Ferguson (pages 278 to 289). I see the monograph as a collateral product of our search and cooperation on and with 10th Mountain Division presence on Slovenian soil in 1945.

A page from the book is shown below.



FISHING ASSOCIATION REACHES OUT AGAIN TO SOLDIERS, YOUNG PEOPLE

Alan Avrich

FAIR HAVEN FISHING ASSN.

"All Aboard FHFA" is an annual fishing event for Wounded Warriors and Kids with Special Needs held each Spring in Fair Haven, NY, and sponsored by the Fair Haven Fishing Association.

Again this year, 36 soldiers and veterans and 12 special needs children were welcomed for the 11th annual, three days by the community. From June

17 -19 they participated in several activities, including kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, and lawn games. A dinner at the American Legion was sponsored by the Fair Haven Fire Department and charter boat captains. The next day they reported to Anchor Resort & Marina in Little Sodus Bay for the All Aboard fishing event. Twelve charter boats at 5:30 a.m. transported participants for salmon and trout action on Lake Ontario, then all came back on-

shore for a huge barbecue, awards, and to tell fish stories.

The honored guests included 24 combat injured soldiers of the 10th Mtn Div (LI) at Ft Drum in the "Soldiers in Transition" program — the "Wounded Warriors" — and 12 combat wounded veterans from the Clear Path for Veterans organization from Chittenango, NY.

On Sunday morning, the captains took children with special needs along with a parent. The children are from the

area, the Gavras Center in Auburn and Parents with Special Children, Inc. in Fulton. Each child was given a rod and reel to fish for the day and to take home, followed by a barbecue.

To see more, check out the group's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AllAboardFHFA.

Thanks to all of our 2016 supporters, including the Fort Drum Chapter of the National Assn of the 10th Mtn Div, and volunteers.

LIKE THE 10TH, NEW MONUMENT IS PART OF WATERTOWN

Gordon Block

WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES, JUNE 30, 2016

Felicity Hallanan

EDITOR, THE BLIZZARD

An addition to the historic Thompson Park overlooking the City of Watertown, NY, brings the history of the 10th Mountain Division into the midst of its largest civilian community.

A gathering of some-200 citizens on July 1st dodged rain drops from a moving storm front to dedicate the monument. Local fire trucks extended their ladders to display a huge American flag beyond the 20-foot granite obelisk, as the city and Lake Ontario on the horizon stretched below and beyond.

While weather prevented the traditional hillside concert and fireworks that had been planned for that evening, it was obvious that the new structure stands in a prime position for visitors to the city's Thompson Park to enjoy for years to come.

Local residents, businesses and organizations raised more than \$400,000 to erect the "North Country Honors



PHOTOS BY FELICITY HALLANAN

A color guard of members of The Old Guard, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, Washington, D.C., opens the July 1, 2016, dedication ceremonies.

the Mountain," which includes three bronze reliefs, each depicting a part of the Division's history, starting the with

the fight in Italy in World War II, then to the reactivation in 1985 and mission in Somalia, and since 2001, the 39-plus deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A fourth side of the monument is reserved for a relief to be placed in 2035, 50th anniversary of the Division's reactivation in 1985.

The reliefs were designed by Colorado sculptor Susan Grant Raymond, who worked previously on the Military Mountaineers and the Fallen Warrior monuments on post. For her work, she has been named an honorary member of the 10th Mtn Div, a rare achievement.

The monument committee headed by Gilbert H. Pearsall Jr. (LTC, Ret.) and spurred on by Michael Plummer (COL, Ret.) worked with the Northern New York Community Foundation to undertake the fundraising campaign. The Tenth Mtn Div Foundation, Inc., played a major part in that effort. North Country construction firms began working on the monument earlier this year. Various civic organizations assisted in site work, including Rotary, Tree Water-

town and the American Assn of University Women.

"No military installation is as much a part of the community as Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division are to Watertown and Northern New York," Pearsall said. "This monument was built as a permanent and prominent acknowledgement of the value the citizens of Northern New York place on their relationships with the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division, their families and the Fort Drum civilian workforce."

Former commander of the 10th Mtn Div (LI), LTG James Campbell (Ret), came back to say thanks. "I was proud to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the toughest soldiers and the most professional civilians with whom I have ever served," he said. As far as the future of Ft. Drum, Campbell was pretty confident. "It is my belief," he said, "that if the United States of America is involved anywhere in this world militarily, and the stakes are high, the 10th Mountain Division will be in the mix."



Honor the Mountain sculptor Susan Grant Raymond with Minot 'Trux' Dole (Grandson C. Dole).

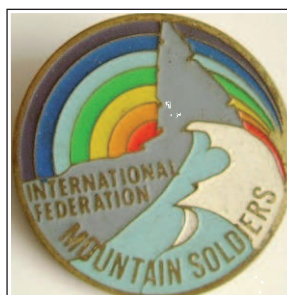
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MOUNTAIN SOLDIERS COMING TO THE U.S.

The Fort Drum Chapter of the 10th Mtn Div Assn is hosting the 32nd Congress of the IFMS (International Federation of Mountain Soldiers) from October 10-14, 2017.

In 1985, the Association became international in scope by participating in the formation of the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers (IFMS) whose objective is the quest for comradeship and peace. Today the IFMS represents more than 450,000 mountain troop veterans and active duty

mountain troops from nine nations: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and the United States.

Its main mission is: the value of mountains and the need for their conservation, friendship promotion between soldiers and mountaineers, and cultivation of memories of fallen soldiers in the



mountains.

During the four-day Congress, chaired by Jim Redmore (10th Mtn Div [LI], Ret), guests will be based out of Clayton and participate in a full schedule showing them Fort Drum and the North Country. Activities will include a tour of the

Thousand Islands and the St Lawrence River, and a day at Ft Drum including

a wreath-laying at Memorial Park in front of post headquarters and visits to units of the 10th Mtn Div.

Special meals are planned as well, from a barbecue at the Thousand Islands Winery and a clam bake at the host, Harbor Hotel, to an opening and closing banquet.

A General Assembly on Oct. 13 will deal with business of the organization, whose members of many ages and war-time experiences share a love of the mountains in common.



NEW ENGLAND

Harris McWade (Desc 87-HQ-3)

The annual Hannes Schneider Race sponsored by the New England Chapter was held on March 12, 2016, under very warm, brilliant skies and extreme “spring-like” conditions. Conditions were so spring-like that Mt. Cranmore’s grooming team opted to relocate the race course from its traditional location, left of the old Ski-mobile track bed, to the right side to avoid bare spots.

Two New England Chapter teams, the Veterans and the Descendants (a.k.a. Sempre Avanti), and an Army Mountain Warfare School (AMWS) team from Jericho, VT, competed for this year’s coveted 10th Mountain Division Cup. After the dust settled and individual race times had been tallied, the Veterans came out on top AGAIN, winning their sixth 10th Mtn Div Cup in as many years! AMWS skiers took second place; and the Descendants placed third.

Among the non-ski-racing competitions, congratulations go out to Chapter members Michele Bartlett (Associate), Bonnie Beyer (Desc 87-I), Andrea Miller (Desc 87-I) and Linda Taylor (Associate) who dressed up as 60s hippie skiers to win this year’s Fashion Show competition for

the second year in a row. Last but by no means least, a very special thank you goes out to Patrick Kiser (Desc 87-F), who drove all the way from his Washington, D.C., home to set up his extraordinary collection of WWII European and 10th Mountain Division mountain equipment and uniforms. It is truly one of the finest wartime collections we’ve seen anywhere.

Congratulations go out to everyone who competed and supported the New England Ski Museum’s 2016 premier fundraising event:

Veterans Team: Team leader Dick Calvert (86-HQ-2) — New England Chapter’s oldest active skier, COL (ret.) Matt Fitzgerald (VT ARNG) and son Kiernan, Mac Jackson (Desc 126 ENG 229 ENG) and CAPT (ret.) Ray Gilmore (10th Mtn Div [LI]).

Army Mountain Warfare School: SSGT Chris Wheatley, SSGT Ben Coffin, SSGT Jay Tooley, SPC1 Brett Clairmont, SPC1 Duncan Domey and SPC1 Jeff Guion.

Descendants Team: Team leader Bob Linscott (Desc 86-G), Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F and President, 10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc.), Harris McWade (Desc 87-HQ-3), Martha Turek (Desc 87-M), and Patrick Jackson (Desc 126 ENG, 229



Winners of first place and the 10th Mtn Div Cup, from left, CAPT Ray Gilmore (10th Mtn Div [LI], Ret.), LTC Matt Fitzgerald (VTARNG, Honorary, Ret.), Mac Jackson (Desc 126th ENG, 229th ENG), Kiernan Fitzgerald (Desc) and Dick Calvert (86-HQ-2).



New England Chapter fashion show winners, left, Linda Taylor (Associate), Michele Bartlett (Desc 87-I), Andrea Miller (Desc 87-I), Bonnie Beyer (Desc 87-I).



Members of the Army Mountain Warfare School took second place: left, SSGT Jay Tooley, SFC Duncan Domey, SSGT Chris Wheatley, SFC Brett Clairmont, SSGT Ben Coffin & SFC Jeff Guion.



Third place winners in the Hannes Schneider Race weekend, left, Schneider grandson Hannes (non-racer), Martha Turek (Desc 87-M), Bob Linscott (Desc 86-G), Harris McWade (Desc 87-HQ-3), Schneider grandson Marcus (non-racer). Not pictured, Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F) and Patrick Jackson (Desc 126 ENGR, 229 ENGR).



New England Chapter members at Spring lunch, seated left to right, Bonnie Beyer (Desc 87-I), Shirley Bartlett (87-I W), John Muenzinger (87-G), Ann Merrill (126-A, 87-SVC W); second row, left, Harris McWade (Desc 87-HQ-3), Dick Calvert (86-HQ-2) and wife Millie, Sue Hagerman (Desc 86-SVC), Carolyn Emmons (86-F W), Don Linscott (86-G); back row left, Warren Bartlett (Desc 87-I) and nephew Trevor Beyer (Desc 87-I), Bob Linscott (Desc 86-G), Brewster Bartlett (Desc 87-I).

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New England Chapter members, descendants and guests gathered for the seventh annual Spring Luncheon at the Makris Restaurant in Concord, NH, on June 11 to commemorate the life, memories and contributions of past Chapter President, Chester H. Morley, Jr. (85-C) who passed away in March, 2013.

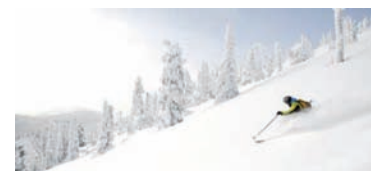
Looking ahead into 2016, members can look forward to enjoying each other’s friendship and camaraderie at the follow-

ing upcoming events:

- The 18th Annual 10th Mountain Division Memorial Service, July 9, Lancaster, NH
- The 34th Annual Mount Washington Climb and Memorial, August 10-11
- The Jean Dearborn Memorial Fall Luncheon, October 15, Sunapee Country Club, Sunapee, NH
- Veterans’ Day flag ceremonies, November 5 and 13, Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA.



2017 10th MOUNTAIN DIVISION SKI IN DAZE



FEBRUARY 15-22, 2017

10th Mountain Division Ski In Daze

- Feb. 15 – Veterans meet with students at the Leadville School to share 10th Mountain Division history
- Feb. 16 – Copper Mountain
- Feb. 17 – Cooper Hill Daze
- Feb. 18 – Cooper and Showing of “The Last Ridge”
- Feb. 20 – Breckenridge
- Feb. 21 – Vail
- Feb. 22 – Keystone

Visit our website for details and updates:
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Sempre Avanti



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DESCENDANTS PLAN FOR A RETURN TO ITALY IN 2017

Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F)

As I hope all are aware, we are planning a return to Italy for June, 2017, more specifically 9-18 June.

This trip came about in part as a result of the decision made to move to a five-year cycle after the 2015 trip to stay in synch with the 10th Mountain Division's time in combat, as well as the 1945 war's end anniversaries. Many, most notably our friends in Italy, thought this was too long between visits, thus the 2017 "lite" trip version was born.

The trip will focus entirely on the Hill Towns, the exception being our traditional visit to the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, and will keep optional side trips to a minimum. It is our hope to visit battle sites related to the February-April 1945 operations in more detail than in the past, as well as get off the big buses to see some of the more out-of-the-way but nevertheless important sites in the area.

Of course we will still enjoy the traditional hospitality of our hosts and friends in the villages along the way, and will offer non-combat activities such as the highly popular cooking class to the extent possible. Those who wish to add some traditional sightseeing to their itinerary can certainly do so on either the front or back end of the group trip.

We are beginning the planning process now with our

travel partner, Intertrav, and with our hosts in Italy. The current trip outline is as follows:

2017 10th Mountain Division Return to Italy

Friday 06/09: Depart U.S. for Florence, Italy

Saturday 06/10: Arrive in Florence, travel to Sienna for overnight, sightseeing and Opening Dinner

Sunday 06/11: Morning: American Cemetery Program, Tavarnuzze followed by lunch. Afternoon: travel to Lizzano/Vidiciatico

Monday 06/12: Combat route orientation bus tour: Lizzano-Tole

Tuesday 06/13-Friday 06/16: Hill Towns program of visits to important battle sites, to include Riva Ridge, Mt Belvedere, Mt Terminale, Mt Della Spe and others, further points of interest, and visits with our friends in the surrounding villages

Saturday 06/17: Open day - Morning departure for optional Florence tour, afternoon departure otherwise. Farewell dinner in Florence

Sunday 06/18: Depart Florence for flights to the U.S.

We will be sending out "save the date" post cards to current members of the Descendant Association, and to those members of the National Association in the current database. As with prior trips, Intertrav will be sending reg-



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Maps at cemeteries help older generations explain to younger ones.

istration materials to the lists we provide in the October-November timeframe.

In addition we will continue to post updates on the appropriate web sites and Face Book pages, so please keep an eye out for those ... much more to follow.

ASSOCIATION LEADER BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS FATHER

Val Rios (Desc 87-K)

Not for the first time, nor the last, a Descendant of a 10th Mountain Division soldier has been called upon to deliver a eulogy for their father. The Blizzard offers this one, given this spring by a longtime leader in the Association, as a reflection of what so many feel on such an occasion.

On behalf of our Mother, Conrad, Marta and I would like to thank you for celebrating with us our Dad's final journey home to be with our Lord.

There are many things that could be said about our dad, but there are two themes that weave in and out of his life. The first, being of service. So, after falling in love and marrying Mom in 1951, Dad operated several independent gas stations in West Fresno (CA). Dad would drive every day to work in his blue-and-white Chevy pickup; on the white side-



Father and son Cruz, right, and Val Rios

boards were the words "Cruz's Service." But it really could have read...Cruz of Service. Service to family and friends, service to church and service to country.

Cruz Floriano Rios Jr. was born in Colton, CA, on December 15, 1918. He was the oldest of seven children, and being the oldest felt a certain responsibil-

ity to the family. Grandpa Cruz, Dad's father, would on occasion leave the family in Colton to search for work. So when Dad was old enough to drive, and maybe even a bit younger, he would load up the Model A Ford truck with Mexican food supplies and drive to Las Vegas where his grandparents Martin and Martina lived, but stop at the many labor camps along the way to sell his supply of beans, tortillas, rice and chilis. He would then do the same on his return trip to Colton and give the profits to his mom for the family.

Dad was an excellent car mechanic. How many of you either gassed up or had your car worked on by dad? He treated his customers with honesty and made sure the job was done right. Some of his customers lived from paycheck to paycheck and couldn't pay for their gas until the end of the month. Sometimes they

couldn't pay in cash so they would barter, giving dad a crate of fruit or vegetables in exchange for their gas. This didn't always go over well with mom, who was managing the bills, especially when one day dad brought home two coyote pups in exchange for a tank of gas. But dad had a heart for others and tried to help when he could.

When Conrad, Marta and I were having our families, Dad would just show up at our houses to do whatever he could to help. Whether it was mowing the lawns, raking leaves, pruning, or laying tile or cement, dad was there to help. He was just that way. When his younger sister Sally passed away a few years ago and it seemed there might not be a funeral, once dad heard about it, he just said, "I'll take care of it."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Coffey (Desc, 87-F)
10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc. (Descendants, Inc.) continues to fulfill our mission to preserve the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division and to give support to the veterans, wives and widows of the Division. As you read this issue of the *Blizzard*, please give some thought to how you might become more involved in your Association, either by attending chapter and national events, or by volunteering. Some of the current highlights of Descendants, Inc. include:

Membership: Membership renewals as well as first-time memberships came in at a strong pace in early 2016 totaling almost 900 at last count in early June, on a par with last year. Increasing membership across all chapters remains our highest priority during the coming years as we work to attract 2nd and 3rd generation descendants, as well as those of the 10th Light veterans. We continue to ask for everyone's help to build our numbers by signing up a family member or two so we can reach or surpass the 1,000-member goal we've set again for 2016. If you've overlooked renewing for 2016 please respond as soon as possible, and consider giving a membership as a gift at any time of the year. Please contact your respective Chapter Directors if you would like to help out (phone calls, mailings). We should also all thank Don Perkins and Wil Niebles for their hard work processing these memberships so quickly and professionally again this year.

Annual Board of Directors Meeting: The 2016 TMDD BoD meeting will be held on 23 October, once again in Reston, Virginia. The triennial National Association BoD meeting will be held on the 22nd in the same location. Anyone who may be interested in attending is encouraged to contact their chapter Director, Adrian Coffey, or myself for details.

Scholarship: I'm happy to report that this year's Finn-Thornton Scholarship of \$2,500 was awarded to Charles Thomas, grandson of Sam and Ann Thomas (87-I). Charlie will be attending the University of Saint Francis as a freshman in the fall. To date, we have received generous donations from several chapters and individuals. Taken together with our Association's annual budgeted amounts, the fund totaled over \$9,000 prior to making this year's award. Those interested in making a donation to this fund can do so by sending their check to Don Perkins, our Treasurer, noting that is for the Finn-Thornton Scholarship. In addition, please encourage students to visit the Descendant web page for information and an application. After all, the goal is to support 10th Mountain Descendants in their academic pursuits.

Quartermaster: As noted previously we have staffed the vacant QM position. Melanie Loveland of the Rocky Mountain Chapter has agreed, and the Board has approved, to take on the position. She will be assisted by QM Emeritus Denise Taylor as she learns the ropes. Look for a revitalized catalog of items in the near future. In the meantime, a limited number of 10th Mountain items (sorry, no descendant items) are available through the "Off the Beatin' Path" gift shop at Ft Drum, and can be viewed via a link provided on the National Association website (<http://10thmtndivassoc.org>).

Finance: Descendants, Inc. continues to remain financially sound. Treasurer Don Perkins reported that Total Net Assets remain better than twice our annual operating budget for the coming year. In addition, the dedicated Finn-Thornton Scholarship fund totals over \$9,000 as noted. The Association will continue to provide financial support when possible to projects that further our goal of preserving and spreading the word about the Division's history. The most recent example of this was our contribution of \$2,500 to the Honor the Mountain Memorial built in Watertown, NY (<http://www.honorthemountain.com/>). 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc. is listed on the Donor Plaque as a result. I was able to attend the unveiling ceremony in Watertown and can attest to the beauty of the new memorial and the surrounding park (see this edition). If you have ideas that you would like to see your Association support, please mention it to your chapter Director, Don Perkins, or myself any time.

Italy 2017: We have begun planning for the 2017 Return to Italy trip and have set the dates as 9-18 June of next year. As mentioned before, this will be a Hill Towns only itinerary and will serve as a bridge between the 2015 and 2020 much larger trips. Please see the separate write-up (Page 1, this edition) for more information on this.

Social Media: In an effort to expand our use of social media applications, we set up a Descendant Association Instagram page that has proven to be quite successful with close to 600 followers already. For all you Instagram users, it can be followed at "10thmtndivisiondescendants". We hope that this will provide another avenue for sharing pictures among the members, and also wave the 10th Mountain flag. Interestingly it continues to attract a large number of 10th (LI) serving soldiers and veterans as well as ski industry organizations. If you have pictures you'd like to have posted — past trips to Italy, reunions, "throwbacks,"

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DESCENDANT RELIVES HIS FATHER'S ITALY EXPERIENCE

Keith Garrett

(Desc John M. Garrett, Jr. 86-I)

(Blizzard Edition #1, 2016, featured an introduction to a descendant's personal discovery of his father's service in Italy during WWII, highlighted by the son's participation in a Return to Italy sponsored by the National Assn of the 10th Mtn Div. In this edition, while some of the author's details have been omitted due to space constraints, the story continues with the arrival of the tour at the Mount Belvedere Range.)

In Wellborn's History of the 86th the movements of troops during the First Offensive are denoted with color coded lines, but maps convey limited information. Prior to our trip, I realized this fact most notably reading through the medical log book of my Dad's battalion. A focal point of our Return to Italy trip was, of course, the Belvedere Range. From Mt. Belvedere to Mt. della Torraccia our trip took us into what Val Rios (Desc 87-K), our bus captain and descendant, calls the foxholes and footsteps of our fathers.

As we stepped in the vicinities of those foxholes and footsteps from the past, I logged my location on a handheld GPS. Our footsteps converged upon those of my father and his brethren throughout the Belvedere Range. From the hill towns - Vidiciatico and Lizzano in Belvedere - where we stayed, to Mt. della Torraccia, we travelled into the battle zones of the Belvedere Range. Notably, the hill towns themselves were in the battle zone, lending perspective to our daily excursions.

The first site in the Belvedere Range that we visited was Mt. Belvedere. From our drop-off point on the mountain, we hiked a short distance to the top with several people we did not know. One was a middle-aged lady not much older than me, whom we learned lived in the area during the war. She did not speak English, but she wanted to convey to us that she was here at the time and remembered what happened. Looking at us she said "Boom! Boom!," which we all understood. Meaningful beyond words were her spontaneous familial gestures, seeking us out, touching hands.

A Mass was held on top of Mt. Belvedere, followed by a ceremonial wreath-laying by the 10th Mountain monument, after which we lingered looking for artifacts and foxholes.

Next stop the small community of Ronchidoso, a wooded area where the only structure I remember was a church. Here we learned history of the area that occurred before the arrival of the 10th Mountain. As we gathered on the steps of the church, local historian Massimo Turchi spoke to us.

Ronchidoso is known for a brigade of Italian resistance fighters commonly known as partisans, and for a massacre. On Sept. 29, 1944, 68 civilians were slaughtered by German soldiers. The killings of mostly women and children were followed by the burning of homes. Liberation would not come for these people until Feb. 20, 1945. Soldiers from the 85th's 2nd Bn and Co L of the 86th's 3rd Bn were here. In the area next to the church is a sign posted by the municipality of Montese documenting much of the history we were just told. Massimo Turchi, who addressed our group of descendants, is a leader of these efforts. On the bottom portion of this sign is a photograph of a 10th Mountain soldier who is pointing downward. A priest and another soldier stand next to him. The banner which captions the sign's picture reads, "The Exhumation of the bodies of the massacre of Ronchidoso."

On our bus trip back to the hotels we were given copies of the book *The Children of 1944*, Life after mass murder-Mazabotto 2008. This is a book of survivor stories from another local massacre, in Mazabotto. As we returned to our hotels, a reciprocal feeling of heart and passion seemed overwhelming. God bless the 10th Mountain for

helping these people, God bless my Dad for helping these people, and God bless them for introducing and reliving this history with me.

Our visit to Mt. della Torraccia was near the end of our stay in the hill towns. Being one of, if not the most important personal site for me to visit, I was anxious. That afternoon our group was separated into two buses which rotated between two stops. One stop was Punchboard Hill, a second offensive site; the other, Mt. della Torraccia. There was no way to tell which bus would go to della Torraccia first.

As it turned out, I was on first bus to stop at Punchboard Hill, a location where the 87th Regt would combat German forces soon after the conclusion of Operation Encore. The name is an indication of what lay beyond the First Offensive. On this particular excursion, it is fair to say that my anxiety to reach Mt. del-



Members of the Garrett family in the Italy Apennines, from left, siblings Madison, Keith, Leasa and Dylan.

la Torraccia was growing. The foxholes and footsteps of my father were there.

Soon our bus was on the peak of Mt. della Torraccia, the culminating objective of Operation Encore. Our time was limited. As I stepped off the bus, I went straight to a guide and asked him to point in the direction of the attack. With outstretched arm he pointed toward a field of chin- high grass that clearly sloped downhill. This would be the way toward bloody gulch. I quickly darted that way.

I could not hike all the way down, but just enough to know that somewhere down there on the night of Feb. 23, 1945, my Dad, then only 20 years of age, was in a foxhole. No doubt he was contemplating what could have been his last night.

As I descended the hillside, John M. Garrett's grandson followed behind me taking pictures. Dylan, whom my Dad never met, stood on Mt. della Torraccia at the age of 20. After seeing this pathway, I wanted to find Hill 991 and Le Borre, so I ran in the direction where I thought they would be. I crossed a potato field and stopped to take pictures. I was running out of time and returned toward the bus. There I was directed to yet another path and told to hurry in that direction. As it turned out, I believe this final path was most likely the path of the I Co attack. My first path was likely the direction of K Co. Both lines of attack would have begun from a common starting position at 0700 Feb. 24, 1945.

When our time on Mt. della Torraccia was over, I boarded the bus with my pictures, GPS data, and a myriad of new thoughts including

a fixation on what began at 0700 Feb. 24, 1945.

Many 10th Mountain descendants have been fortunate enough to visit Italian war sites with their fathers. I was not. Had my Dad lived longer, I believe we would have made a trip to Italy together. As it turned out, we did not. In fact, we did not even discuss the war except for one brief period of time in the early 1970s. The reasons for this sparsity of discussion are many, but they may be summed up by saying I was not ready, and my Dad was not ready.

In the early 1970s after reading *Remount Blue*, some communications about the war emerged between us. My Dad asked me, "Have you ever been so tired that you couldn't move?" I was somewhat startled by the question — and how my dad asked it. Although he asked the question of me, his gaze made me think he was distally focused. Still I answered affirmatively, "Yes, I have been pretty tired at times."

In a manner similar to how he asked the question, my Dad responded, "I have, and I took a knee in the middle of an open field. When I saw the ground sputtering in front of me, I knew it was a machine gun and moved out." His eye and head movements pierced right through me — as though I were not there. His finger pointed forward flicking up, "the ground sputtering in front of me." Nothing more was said.

We did not discuss the war in a traditional sense at all. There were only a few exchanges like this one. So much can be said in a few words. Thankfully, I have these few discussions to reflect upon. And I do, many times.

Message

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for example — please forward them to "adriancoffey@10thmtndivdesc.org". Members also continue to visit and post on the 10th Mountain Descendants and Friends Face Book page. This continues to provide a wonderful venue for sharing pictures, stories, asking questions, etc.

I'm amazed at how much 10th Mountain history is surfaced and discussed on this page, so please visit and contribute often.

How You Can Help: Attend Chapter and National Meetings: At the most basic level, we can all simply attend the chapter or national meetings and other gatherings — Ski-Ins, Memorial Day at Camp Hale, National Reunion, Italy trips, etc. — to support those members who give their

time and effort to organize these events.

Volunteer: Volunteer to organize activities or suggest ideas to your chapter Directors or the Association Board. We also continue to look for expertise in some key areas such as membership, education, and social networking to name a few.

Please visit the Descendant web page (<http://10thmountaindivisiondescendants.org>) often for information on activi-

ties and initiatives, and don't hesitate to call on any of us with your ideas and suggestions.

As always ... we all know that we are losing our WWII generation at an increasing pace. We receive another notice weekly it seems. When your chapter hosts an event, please attend if at all possible. It's the best way I know of to show our respect for them and all they've done.



ARMADILLO

Phebe Davol (Desc 86-L, HQ)

The Armadillo Chapter held a reunion in Little Rock, Arkansas, during the week-end of June 10-12, 2016. This event is hosted by Karen Case (Desc James W. Stanley, Sr. 86-HQ) and Dr. Ann Keese Thomas, widow of Sam Terrell Thomas (87-I).



Armadillo Descendants ready for a sail on a sub, back row from left, Brad and Charlie Thomas (Desc 87-I), Ray Sisneros (Desc 85-HQ, 604 FAB), Chad Jones (Desc 86-HQ), Don Perkins (Desc 87-I) and Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F); front row, Phebe Davol (Desc 86-L, HQ), Karen Case (Desc 86-HQ) and Wanda Gilbert (Friend of the 10th).

There were 24 attendees, including two WWII Veterans, Hulin Robert (86-K) and Tom Jones (86-B) with his wife Betty.

The attendees met for dinner at the Flying Saucer Friday evening. On Saturday, many toured the Clinton Presidential Library in the morning. In the afternoon some toured the USS WWII Razorback Submarine adjacent to the USS Hoga both on the Arkansas River. Saturday evening the attendees held a lovely banquet at the Copper Grill.

During the banquet, Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F) presented Charlie Thomas (Desc 87-I) the Finn-Thorton Scholarship. Dr. Thomas (Widow 87-I) presented Arkansas Traveler plaques recognizing distinguished accomplishments signed by Asa Hutchinson, the Arkansas Governor and Mark Martin, the Arkansas Secretary of State. Dr. Thomas and Karen Case (Desc James W. Stanley, Sr. 86-HQ) presented the plaques to Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F) Jeannie Geuras (Desc 710-Ord Div HQ), Don Perkins (Desc 87-I) and Phebe Davol.

During the business meeting on Sunday, the Chapter nominated Karen Case to be next Chapter Director/Association President. Jeannie Geuras is nominated to be Treasurer for each organization.

Farewell

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And just last week after hearing about dad's passing, our cousin Cruz Neri told me that when he was a young boy and spend the weekend with granny Rios, my dad would often come over checking up on his mom. And granny Rios would always tell my cousin, "He (my dad) is a good son ... He makes sure that we are all doing fine." ... Cruz of Service.

Regarding the church, dad was a faithful servant, going above and beyond just being the average parishioner. After moving from the St Helen's parish, he and mom became fully involved with Sacred Heart Church. Dad served as an usher and in the Guadalupana society for years and only retired from both when his hearing loss and dizziness prevented him from continuing. He played an instrumental part in helping to build Guadalupe park just across from the church and when Channel 49, the local Roman Catholic tv station came into being, he once more loaded a truck with Mexican food supplies and with another gentleman traveled up and down the valley selling tortillas, with the proceeds going to Channel 49.

But the area of service for which he was most proud was serving his country during WWII. Dad was a member of the 10th Mountain Division, 87th Regiment, Company K, and served in both the Pacific and European Theatres. He was humbled to join such a wonderful group of "boys" as he would call them, and developed a unique and special relationship with his comrades. They would die for each other, and many of them did. Dad understood the horror of war, but believed it his duty to serve his country.

The second theme that I believe threads Dad's life comes from the Latin motto of the 87th Regiment: Vires Montesque Vincimus which means Strength to Conquer Mountains. And whether it was literal or figurative, Dad did overcome a few mountains during his lifetime.

The first was language and education. When Dad entered Garfield Elementary School in Colton, he only spoke and understood Spanish. He felt alone, isolated and inferior. Then he said something, nothing less than a miracle, happened about 3rd grade; he finally could understand, speak and write English. It was as if a new world opened up to him and he looked forward to Saturdays so he could ride the trolley to the San Bernardino Library to check out books that he could finally read.

Sadly, though, my grandpa Cruz didn't believe in education and wouldn't allow our dad to start high school. But great-grandma Martina intervened

and said it would be okay for dad to live with them in Las Vegas and attend high school. So he began his freshman year and even played on the football team, but he wasn't allowed to finish as his father needed him to help in the fields with work. Dad said he would get teary-eyed and sometimes cry as he watched the yellow school busses, filled with children, drive by as he worked in the cotton fields. He so wanted to be on one of those busses.

So fast-forward a number of years and dad is now a well known and respected mechanic in the Fresno area. He is offered a teaching position at a new vocational school. He accepts the position and goes back to finish his high school diploma at night. Then, when he is offered an automotive mechanics teaching position at Fresno City College, he is encouraged to get his Bachelors degree, which he does at Fresno State. ...Vires Montesque Vincimus.

Another mountain to overcome was that of prejudice. The 10th trained briefly at Camp Swift, TX, just before being sent to Italy. He remembers going on weekend passes into Austin and seeing signs on some of the bars and restaurants that would read, "No niggers, no Mexicans, no dogs." And yet when he would return to base, his fellow 10th soldiers, many of whom came from Ivy-league colleges, would treat him as a "brother." He felt completely accepted by his fellow 10th soldiers, and when they were sent to Italy, he could not believe the acceptance by the Italian people, especially their greeting to everyone with a kiss on both cheeks. That is also probably why he fell so in love with Italy and its people.

The greatest mountains to overcome were those of Italy—the Apennines. But Dad had fallen in love with Italy and its people. He returned four times, each time visiting his foxhole buddy Fred Palmer, who is interned at the American Cemetery near Florence. He even told me that he would like to be buried in Italy, but when he talked to mom about it, she said no!

Mom and Dad were married for 64 years. They have 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. And now, most of all, I can see Dad sitting on the green slopes of the Apennines of Italy, catching up with his foxhole buddy Fred, Marion Coleman, Sergeant Felix Dunbar, Captain Roger Eddy and all his Company K buddies of the 10th Mountain Division. There he will wait, until his lovely bride Lucy joins him.

The song "Signore delle Cima" is an Italian religious song dedicated to the Italian mountain soldiers of WWI and WWII, the Alpini, who have fallen in battle but who are also, now, free. Cruz of Service ... yes you were dad, yes you were ... Vires Montesque Vincimus.

WELCOME HOME!



FORT DRUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

A welcome home ceremony was held for approximately 250 soldiers with 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI). The unit returned to a ceremony at Magrath Sports Complex at Ft Drum from South Korea late Tuesday, June 14, 2016. They had spent the past nine months in the Republic of Korea as part of a rotational force attached to US Forces Korea.

VETERAN LEADS ATHLETES IN 2ND INVICTUS GAMES



CPT William Reynolds

The second Invictus Games for wounded, sick or injured service members around the world included representation from the 10th Mountain Division.

Meeting in Orlando, FL, the U.S. team won 51 gold medals, beating out Great Britain for the highest total.

CPT William Reynolds was co-captain of the winning team. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2002, he was a platoon leader with 2-14 Infantry, when he was wounded in Iraq in 2004. His left leg was amputated as a result; he competed with a prosthesis and won two gold and three silver medals, in cycling and track & field.

As fellow members of his former unit have noted in Chapter news online, we want to “share his story everywhere — Golden Dragons ... Right of the Line.”

ARMY ‘BATTLE BUDDIES’ RUMOR SPREADS AGAIN

To paraphrase a longtime truism, old rumors never die, they just crop up again, and again.

In 2010 a reporter with “The Stars and Stripes” newspaper sought to quash the word going around that the Army had issued a directive that soldiers would use the term “warrior companion” instead of the more-common “battle buddy.”

Jeff Schogol talked with an Army spokesman and with commanders and was told by the former that the rumor wasn’t true, and by the latter that, if it were, it would be demoralizing. In a word, the reporter wrote, the report was fake.

Well, it’s cropped up again. Quoting a supposed directive from ALARACT — All Army Activities — an unnamed source wrote recently that “the term ‘Battle Buddy’ is to be dropped and

replaced with ‘Warrior Companion,’ as the term Battle Buddy is unfair and hurtful to those new soldiers who have not served in battle.”

The directive supposedly went on to say there were “instructions requiring anyone witnessing someone using the now outdated term ... to report to their Chain of Command so an investigation can be initiated.”

“In my 15 years of service,” the source wrote, “I never thought I would see the day where the ‘everyone gets a trophy’ mentality propagated by helicopter moms would be fully embraced by the Army. We are done for. If I didn’t have this ALARACT sitting in front of me I never would have believed it.”

To date, the “Blizzard” has neither been able to obtain confirmation nor denial of the entire controversy. Stay tuned.



ARMADILLO

Phebe Davol (Desc 86-L, HQ)

World War II Veterans E. Thomas “Tom” Jones (86-B) and lovely wife Betty as well as Hulin Robert (86-K) attended the Armadillo Chapter annual reunion in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 10-12, 2016.

Activities included a get acquainted dinner on Friday night, sightseeing on Saturday and an awards banquet plus a White Armadillo Raffle on Saturday night. We are blessed to have our Veterans travel

to our reunions and participate in our activities. Please refer to the 10th Mountain Descendants Armadillo Chapter Section of the Blizzard for a description of the reunion.

Other Chapter news includes a vote during our business meeting to elect Karen Case (Desc James W. Stanley, Sr. 86-HQ) as our Armadillo Chapter President representing for the 10th Mountain Association starting in late 2016 calendar year.



Armadillo Chapter members Tom (86-B) and Betty Jones at lunch.

Ceremonies

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and support the soldiers and veterans of today’s highly trained and accomplished Division. We welcome this new mission, and your Foundation has begun to fulfill it with enthusiasm.

The Foundation now provides indirect scholarship aid to today’s 10th Mountain families through our support of the 10th Mountain Division KIA Scholarship Fund. Your Foundation has contributed \$144,000 to the Fund since its inception.

We also assist today’s 10th Mountain wounded soldiers in their recovery efforts by supporting winter rehabilitation and

recreation programs across the U.S. Over the past decade, the Foundation has provided over \$93,000 in support for these programs.

Veterans and members of the 10th, this is YOUR Foundation! We invite your participation and volunteer spirit in identifying and developing programs that fulfill the needs of today’s soldiers and their families. Visit the Foundation’s web site at tenthmountainfoundation.org, and help us continue the mission.

As the World War Two 10th Mountain soldiers would say in farewell, “Sempre Avanti!” —Always Forward. As today’s soldiers put the same sentiment, “Climb to Glory”! Thank you.

BLIZZARD SCHEDULE 2016

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bruce K. Campbell (86-I, M)

The annual summer picnic of the Southern California Chapter was to be held in mid-July at the home of Bruce and Mary Campbell in San Marino. While numbers are down, members attending expect to have a traditionally good time.

Since the last picnic, however, that membership is down by six with the deaths of Gino Hollander, John Carroll, Phil Lieberman (38 RCT, 2 ENG-C), Glen Dawson, (85-HQ-1, MTG), Cuiz

Rios (87-K) and Stu Chalfant (86-G). At last count, however, there are five vets in the chapter, along with a pretty active descendant and Friends of the 10th contingent.

The annual Riva Ridge and Mt Belvedere luncheon was held February 20, 2016, at the ever-reliable Marie Callender's in San Juan Capistrano.

For the future, the Christmas party is scheduled for December 3 at Cameron's in Pasadena.



Southern California Chapter members at a favorite restaurant in February. Front row, from left, Warren Asa, John Carroll (since deceased), Howard Koch; back row, Phil Lieberman (deceased), Bruce Campbell & Kathleen Jones enjoyed dining at Marie Callender's in San Juan Capistrano.

UPPER PENINSULA

Walter R. Cook (10-HQ)

To begin news from the, now closed, Upper Peninsula Chapter, some memories of WWII from the last Chapter president.

I took my basic training at Camp Hale, Colorado, in 1943. We did exercises, rifle range training, mountain climbing and skiing as part of our training. I was assigned the job of Clerk Typist at this time because I had learned the skill in high school. This probably saved my life.

From Camp Hale we were sent down to Waco, Texas, for more training. We were then sent on a troop train to the East Coast. We didn't know where we were going. They didn't tell us until we were in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean that we were going to Italy.

We arrived in Naples in December, 1944, and were there for a short time. The front at that time was up in the Po Valley in Northern Italy. We were sent to a small town called Campo Tizoro a few miles from the front. It was headquarters for the 10th Mountain Division. We were housed in a couple of schools. We could

hear the shelling all the time.

The troops on the front lines would come back to Campo Tizoro to rest and change clothing. They were exhausted. When they came back they were just staring, completely worn out.

At one point, Torger Togle, an outstanding ski jumper from Norway, and Lyle Munson from Iron Mountain, Michigan were on a scouting mission for 86-A in the village of Iola. While on the mission, Torger yelled to Lyle, "You go this way, Lyle, and I'll go that way." "OK, said Lyle." A short time later, Lyle heard that Torger had been hit. It was the end of one of the best ski jumpers of all times, dying for his adopted country.

Joe Perrault, an Olympic ski jumper from Ishpeming, Michigan, was awarded the Silver Star for carrying an injured comrade through a minefield.

Since then, the Upper Peninsula Chapter of the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division has been in existence until recently. But we have lost many more good members over the years.

ARIZONA

Carol J. Maywood (Friend of the 10th)

The Arizona Chapter met in Scottsdale on May 10, 2016, president Egils Krolls (10th Inf) presiding.

Members attending were Al Field (85-I), Mike Middlemas, Gil Krolls, Bill Payant (87-K), Carol Maywood & Nancy Payant Middlemas (Desc). The group visited and enjoyed lunch.

Members interested in participating in the East Valley Veterans' Day Parade in Mesa Nov. 11, please contact Carol, #520.795.3511 or Gil, #520.882.7367 before Labor Day (Sept. 5).

Guest speakers Don Dickinson and Barbara Hatch are advisers for the Veterans Heritage Project in Arizona schools. Barbara founded the Project in 2009, which is now in 24 schools. Don presented his background and his reasons for getting involved in the project. His father was killed in WWII; his stepfather was a WWII pilot, killed training pilots in Korea; his third father-figure survived POW from Battle of the Bulge. He expressed genuine enthusiasm for the role of the 10th Mountain Division in WWII.

Barbara shared information about the successful accomplishments of students who participated in previous years, including one female student about to graduate from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. Students and/or advisers interview veterans, creating a videotape which is copied for family and sent to the Library of Congress, similar to the Veterans History Project which was described at earlier meetings.

This project takes the interview further. The student works from the video to create a written account of the veteran's story which is then published as part of a collection of such stories in a beautiful hard-cover book. Students provide the artwork, editing, and the chapter introductions for the book. Veterans who provided their stories are invited to a celebration and book-signing each year at the conclusion of the project.

All Tenth vets from any service era are

encouraged to participate. Interviews can be conducted in your own home, or most convenient location. Bill Payant was interviewed after the meeting, and Bob Shuck, Mac McKenna and Gil Krolls have also volunteered for Project interviews. In addition to having your story preserved, students gain listening, writing and presentation skills that help them mature and succeed in future activities. They also gain a real-life glimpse into our nation's history.

Contact information was provided for the ongoing Honor Flights taking vets to Washington, D.C.

Carol advised that many banks offer special perks for veterans' accounts. Check with your bank for such items as free safe deposit boxes, cashiers checks and checking accounts.

Al Field presented Newsletter #73 from his ongoing efforts to record Division history, and distributed copies to attendees. The latest edition includes the story of Vail ski resort, envisioned and developed by 10th Mountain veteran Pete Seibert. Now, 64 years later, Vail is ranked #1 or #2 in US/world. The 10th documentary video "Climb to Glory" features Pete Seibert's grandson, Tony, whose own obituary, ironically and sadly, is also included in the newsletter.

Al also shared the story of Bob Dole's (87-I) first excursion to the front line, replacing one of five officers who had been killed in the assault on Mt Belvedere. The newsletter also contains excerpts from "My Father's Eyes," the story of LT James Loose (86-A), hero of Pizze de Campiano; attack on Riva Ridge; detailed maps of the multiple attack routes used to conquer Riva Ridge and Mt Belvedere; "Hale and Farewell," A Commemorative Book of the 10th Mountain Division; an essay by CAPT John B. Woodruff entitled "The 85th Mountain Infantry Regiment, Jan, 1945 - May, 1945;" as well as several articles of diverse interest.

The next Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016.



Members at Arizona Chapter meeting, from left, Bill Payant, Don Dickinson, Barbara Hatch, Gil Krolls, Al Field, Nancy Middlemas & Mike Middlemas.

DELAWARE RIVER VALLEY

Barbara Catterall (Desc, Joseph P. Croke, KIA 85-G)

The annual spring picnic and memorial service for veterans and their families of the Delaware River Valley Chapter was held at Barbara Winter's North Coventry, Pennsylvania, farm on May 22, 2016. The azaleas were in full bloom due to perfect spring weather. We enjoyed a tour of this historic property and the Thai temple that the Winters had built.

We had three 10th Mountain WWII veterans in attendance: Paul Kitchen (86-I), Weldon Storey (87-A) and newcomer Albert Soria (87-L). Peter Binzen (86-H), who is a regular at these events, was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Ted Burkhardt (85-A), Dale Alwine, Al Condo and Wilma Brenn (Gerald Brenn 85-A), who were loyal attendees until recently, were unable to travel the distance to the farm due to ill health.

Our guest list was completed by hostess Barbara Winter (Burdell Winter, KIA 85-M & 10 RECON), Judi and Bob Anderson (Gerald Brenn 85-A), Evelyn and Jerry Throne (Weldon Storey 87-A), Peter Soria (Desc 87-L), Janis Darlington (Paul Kitchen 86-I), Ginny Condo (Richard Condo,

KIA, 85-G), Frank Thornton, Joe Hare and Kate (Fred Finn, KIA, 85-A, L), and Barbara Catterall and Adolfo DeMarco (Joseph Croke, KIA, 85-G).

Keith Smith, who has a great interest in World War II, set up his extensive collection of memorabilia from the war era which proved quite interesting to all. He also added signatures of our veterans to his collection of WWII vets' signatures.

In the spirit of Memorial Day, Barbara played a video of her husband, Dr. Fred Winter, reading the poem "Silver Skates," which was written by her father-in-law in memory of his son Bud, who was killed in action. It was very moving to hear Fred's voice. Barbara talked about Uncle Bud's Hut, which her family established in honor of him. As we gathered around Barbara's living room it felt like we had really become a 10th Mountain family.

Our Veterans' Day observance will be a luncheon held on a Sunday in November at the Overbrook Country Club in Villanova, PA. The date has not yet been set. If someone plans to be in the Philadelphia area in November, please notify me at barbacat9@aol.com and plan to join us.



Get-together of Delaware River Valley Chapter included WWII vets Paul Kitchen, Weldon Storey and Albert Soria; also, left, Frank Thornton, Joe Hare, Barbara Winter, Judi Anderson, Barbara Catterall & Adolfo DeMarco. Missing from the picture are Bob Anderson, Ginny Condo, Peter Soria, Janis Darlington & Evelyn & Jerry Throne.

ROADRUNNER

Rebecca Joyce (604-FAB)

The Roadrunner Chapter had to cancel our June 4 lunch but will reschedule one at Buca Di Beppo as soon as we get a date when a majority will be able to attend. Look for the coming news.

Becky Joyce and Ray Sisneros attended the Armadillo Chapter reunion over the weekend of June 10-12. Our chapter had two veterans there: Hulin Robert (86-K) of Louisiana and E. Thomas C. "Tom" Jones (86-B) of Arkansas with his wife Betty.

The Armadillo Chapter will have the story about the reunion, but I would like to add the family of the Tenth is more special to me than I can express. You have to experience it for yourself. I encourage all of you to go to events like the Ski-in

in Colorado in February, the Tennessee Pass Memorial Day in Colorado and the Return to Italy trips during summertime. Leadville and Camp Hale, though no longer with barracks or buildings, hold the memory of the soldiers' lives in the cold country of Colorado. You can feel their presence, their difficulties and their thrills of skiing on Cooper Mountain.

The next Return to Italy trip is in 2017, then the 75th anniversary trip in 2020. This daughter appreciates her father's encouragement to join the descendants of the 10th, and I am so glad he did that for me, too, along with bringing into our family his Tenth Mountain life of experience.

Encourage your families to join in. They won't regret it. Ask any one of us.

FORT DRUM CHAPTER

The fifth annual Strongest Warrior competition sponsored by the Fort Drum Chapter on June 4, 2016, drew an estimated 400 spectators to cheer on some-40 competitors from around the country.

In what has become an annual event at the Alex P. Duffy Fairgrounds in Wattertown, NY, men and women of all ages huffed and puffed their ways through weight lifting, pushing and pulling. For about four hours they stayed active picking up huge concrete balls, pushing sleds, deadlifting hundreds of pounds, and pulling trucks.

In a preview of the event, organizers noted they would be preparing by transporting 5,000 pounds in Atlas Stones,



Retired 10th Mtn Div (LI) veteran Michael Schlitz was injured in 2007, but hasn't stopped encouraging fellow soldiers to keep on trying.

1,080 pounds in Fingals Fingers, 200 pounds of chain, 2,000 pounds of plate weights, 200 pounds of sleds, with a total weight for all equipment of 15,000-plus pounds. A tractor weighed an additional 15,000 pounds, for a grand total of over 30,000 pounds of steel, cement, blood, sweat, and chunks of skin.

This year the competition raised \$12,000, which will be split between the 10th Mountain Division Scholarship Fund and helping 10th soldiers who have been wounded in battle.

Now-retired Division soldier Michael Schlitz led onlookers in cheering the athletes. He lost his lower arms in 2007 when an IED hit his vehicle in Afghanistan. "The heat from the fire was so intense that it stopped me from being able to move and I laid there down, face down in the dirt and I thought that was going to be it for me," said Schlitz.

But that wasn't it for Schlitz. He came to the Wounded Warrior competition to tell his story; he says exercise is one of the things that helped him. "The more you work out the better life you live, the better you feel, and it's no different for these guys out here competing today."



Tough way to move a truck!



Strongest Warrior competitor shows her grit.



LOWER MICHIGAN



Gathering during Lower Michigan meeting are, front row from left, members Charles Hoffman (87-L), Arne Hanninen (90-B), Arthur Schwartz (86-H), Floyd Erickson (87-H), Palmer Couillard (87-F); back row, MAJ James Turner (Div-HQ), Harold Humble (604-HQ) & Howard Garland (87-E).

Camilla Williams (Desc 87-E)

Beautiful, warm sunny weather was the backdrop of the Lower Michigan Chapter festivities for Memorial Day, May 30, 2016. We met at the Michigan's Military and Space Heroes Museum in Frankenmuth, MI.

The ceremony began with John Auger, assistant museum curator, hoisting the flag from half staff to full staff at noon. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Lafean, president of the chapter and descendant of John Lafean (Desc 86-K), greeted everyone and introduced veterans attending: Harold Humble (604-HQ), Howard Garland (87-E), Charles Hoffman (87-L), Arne Hanninen (90-B), Arthur Schwartz (86-H), Floyd Erickson (87-H) Palmer Couillard

(87-F), and Major James Turner (Div HQ).

We remembered those who have made the final Climb to Glory, including our members who had passed away this last year: Edwin Johnson (85-F, 86-I), Harold Lumm (85-L), John Raymond (85-K), Jane Humble, wife of Harold Humble (604-HQ), Gertrude Meyer, widow of Benjamin Meyer (87-F), and Ray Pawloski (86-B). Floyd Erickson (87-H), chaplain of the chapter, read a prayer.

Following the Memorial Service we held a general business meeting. We're proud to have 25 WWII veterans on the membership roll (17 WWII vets and 8 wives of WWII vets). Following our service we met at the Bavarian Inn for fellowship and a luncheon.

NORTH CENTRAL

Jessica Adza (Desc Ernie Knapper 85-HQ-2)

The North Central Chapter held our Spring Luncheon on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 2016.

We met once again in a semi-private dining area of the Machine Shed restaurant in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, just outside St Paul, MN. Again the food was excellent and the company even better!

Tenth Mountain veteran Curt Bestul (85-HQ) and his lovely wife Beaty were the "stars of the show," and all in attendance were treated to hearing Curt share more about his experiences in Italy. Curt and Beaty brought with them a display of Riva Ridge that their grandson Drew Halvorson had built for a school project. He'd worked on the display to research and learn more about the 10th Mountain Division. It's so wonderful to continue to hear the interest among the generations. And by

the way, Drew received an "A" on the report.

Overall it was a beautiful Spring day, and a great day of 10th Mountain fellowship. A few new faces, and several familiar faces. Our Chapter is really starting to grow! We really appreciate all the new Chapter attendees that have joined our group and meetings from the 10th Descendants & Friends Facebook page. It's been just great to bring more awareness to our extended friends and family.

Please, if you have relatives in the Minneapolis-St Paul area, let them know about our Chapter. We'd love to see them at a future event. Our next event is tentatively have scheduled for Saturday, October 15. So please pencil that on your calendar. Any questions, please direct them to Jessica Adza, jessica.adza@gmail.com or phone 612.715.1265.



Spring luncheon near St. Paul, Minnesota, over Memorial Day weekend drew in large numbers of veterans and descendants of the North Central Chapter.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Connie Nelson (Desc 85-D)

In the last few months, Rocky Mountain chapter veterans and descendants displayed their skiing prowess at the annual Ski-In, participated in a service-oriented project called Trash Bashing, and attended the Memorial Day Ceremony.

As in past years, many descendants and veterans from across the nation participated in the annual Ski-In held in February. It is an event founded by the WWII veterans to commemorate the 10th Mountain Division's successful taking of Riva Ridge and Mt Belvedere in Italy. Spry vets Hugh Evans (85-C, A) and Jimmy Nassar (85-C), now in their 90s, skied, which was great to see. Tenth Mtn Div Special Forces stationed at Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs, also at-

tended, which provided an opportunity for the younger and older "warriors" to exchange stories.

In partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation, and despite chilly weather, veterans and descendants picked up trash along a Colorado highway as a community-service endeavor in May. Started by the WWII veterans years ago, this project is fondly called "Trash Bashing," and it continues today. Group participants have fun and as an added bit of enjoyment, a competition was held to see who could collect the most interesting pieces of trash. WWII veterans Hugh Evans and Harry Owens (86-D, A), are still regulars at this quarterly event.

An estimated 400 people attended this

year's 10th Memorial Day ceremony, organized by the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation. The ceremony took place at the Division Memorial on Tennessee Pass. This year, Colorado Senator Michael Bennet attended the ceremony and announced that he is proposing legislation that would make Camp Hale a National Historic Landscape to protect its rich history.

At the time of this writing in June, the chapter is looking forward to its annual summer picnic in July, its fall event in September that will be held near Camp Hale, three more "trash bashing," the annual Coors Veterans Day ceremony, and the annual Christmas party, the chapter's signature event.

The Chapter notes the passing of Ev-

elyn (Evie) Mary Bonan (Friend of the 10th), who was born in Leadville, CO. She met her first husband, Charles Murphy (86-I), during weekly USO dances at Camp Hale, thereby becoming a 10th Mtn Div spouse. She spent most of her life working as bookkeeper at Robinson Dairy in Denver, and was an active member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter.

With the WWII veterans passing the torch this year to the descendants, the chapter is also busy planning the 2017 national Ski-In. Keep your eyes open for more information. Lastly, the chapter is working on some new projects that are geared toward preserving the legacy of WWII veterans and supporting the modern 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry).

BIG SKY

Suz Rittenhouse (Desc 87-HQ-2)

Western Montana Big Sky Chapter members gathered in Missoula on February 20, 2016, for the annual Belvedere Day luncheon. Attendees used the occasion to honor two troopers, John Cramer (87-HQ-2) and Barney Iltersen (HQ 616 FA), who have passed away. The families were presented with memorial plaques.

Joanne Manchester (87-K) made arrangements for lunch at Jaker's in Missoula and brought cake with the 10th Mountain insignia for dessert.

Those in attendance were Larry Wilson (Desc 87-HQ-1), Jerry Reed (Desc 87-HQ-1), Ray (85-G) and Vicki Johnson, Jeff (Desc 85-G) and Vicki Johnson, Shirley Cramer (87-HQ-2), Suz and Dave Rittenhouse, Bill (Desc 87-HQ-2) and Marge Cramer, Carol (Desc 87-HQ-2) and David Knight and Lexi Rausch (Desc 87-HQ-2), David (Desc 87-HQ-2), Shelbi (Desc 87-HQ-2) and Huntley Lamb, Linda (Desc 87-HQ 1) and Whitmoyer Armstrong, Peggy (Desc HQ 616 FA), Jay, Kaylin and Kayla Noffsinger, Ted (Desc HQ 616 FA) Boldt and Joanne Manchester (87-K).

Eastern Montana Big Sky Chapter

members gathered at the Laurel Golf Club for their luncheon on February 19 to celebrate Belvedere Day.

Chuck Hauptman (86 HQ-3) presented a complete account of the assault on Mt Belvedere and the capture of German soldiers. He gave a special tribute to the 992 troopers who lost their lives and to those who have since died.

Those in attendance were Tom (87-C) and Ginny Helmer, Chuck Hauptman (85-HQ-3), Eleanor Coop (87-B), Nancy (Desc 87-B) Lausch and Dave Mura, Mike Anderson, Rick Ernst (Desc 87-B), Mike Nafts, Phyllis (Desc 87-B) and Gary Prindle, Art Honey and Arlene Priest (86-B).

Billings area members have been meeting for brunches during the year. If you are interested in attending, please contact Arlene Priest at #406.252.3013.

The Big Sky Chapter will be holding its annual meeting in Missoula from September 9-11, 2016. For further information, please contact Nancy Lausch at #406.628.8547 or email at nlnancydavid8@gmail.com, or Louisa St. John Durkin at #208.818.2442 or email at leoryl1@earthlink.net.



Sharing stories at their breakfast table during the Big Sky Chapter 2015 annual meeting, left to right: Chuck Hauptman (85-HQ-3), Ray Johnson (85-G) & Hilton LaBow (85-E, 90-L).

WASHINGTON, D.C.



Washington, D.C. Chapter members learning more about the Library of Congress: from left, standing, Richard Templeton, Docent Robert Patrick, Antigone Doucette, Pam Pikla (Desc 10-AT-A), Ralph Tuccillo (10th Mtn Div [LI]), Pete Naylor (Desc 87-HQ-3), Mary Burkey, Sally Oesterling (Desc 87-HQ-3), Norm Burkey (Desc 85-C), Kim Hudyma (86-SVC), Christopher Doucette (Desc 10-QM-HQ & 87-HQ-3); seated, Hassell Vass (10-AT-A).

Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC)

The Washington, D.C. Chapter met on March 22nd in Washington, DC, at The Library of Congress.

We enjoyed a private tour of the complex and Robert Patrick gave us a presentation on the Veteran's History Project. Big thanks go to Ralph Tuccillo (10th Mtn Div [LI]) and Christopher Doucette (Desc 10-QM-HQ & 87-HQ-3) for organizing the event. One of the highlights was running into a Rosie the Riveter Honor Flight.

Norm Burkey (Desc 85-C) spoke at the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C., for a joint celebration of V-E Day and Mothers' Day on May 8, 2016. (see story, this edition). Norm, as President of American WWII Orphans Net-

work (AWON), honored his mother Anna, who raised three young children after his father was killed in action while serving with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy.

June 18 was to be the chapter's Annual Flag Day picnic at Kim Hudyma's home. We fired up the grill and shared a selection of sides and desserts. We have some spectacular cooks in our chapter.

Our Adopt-A-Platoon, 6-6 CAV, has returned home to Fort Drum, NY (see story, this edition). It was fun sending the items to Korea to let the soldiers know a little bit of home was coming their way every month. Thank to our chapter members who contributed, and a big pat on the back to Pam Pikla (Desc 10-AT-A), who mailed most of the packages.

UPSTATE NEW YORK

William Morrison (86-L)

This April, three members of the Upstate New York Chapter were privileged to be guests of Sienna College at their annual scholarship appreciation dinner.

The Company I-85 10th Mountain Division Scholarship was awarded to two lucky students this year, Jessica Leary and Brianna Olfano --who was not present because she was studying abroad in Italy. The scholarship was started by two Sienna alumni and Tenth Mountain vets from 85-L, Jim Looby and Tony Sileo. The three veterans honored to attend were Bill Millette (605-FA), Bill Morrison and Al Soria (87-L).

Every year in June, Ft Drum observes a "Mountain Day of Remembrance" hon-

oring and remembering those Division soldiers who have fallen in the past year. The formal ceremony includes an address by a former commanding general of the Tenth, a roll call of the fallen, and the unveiling of a bronze plaque bearing their names. We try to send a representative each year, and this year we were to be represented by troopers Al Soria and Bill Morrison and descendant Dave Morrison.

July 1 brought the dedication of the "North Country Honors the Mountain" monument in Watertown. It pays tribute to the history of the 10th from WWII to today and beyond, as well as the strength of support for our troops from the entire

North Country. As of this writing, chapter representatives were to include Bill Millette, Bev Felderman, Al Soria, Francis LaDuc (86-E), and Bill and Dave Morrison. A hearty thank-you to Tenth vets (10th Mtn Div [LI], Ret) Michael Plummer and Gil Pearsall for their hard work in bringing this to completion.

A thank-you also goes the National Association folks for their work on the new membership cards and registration. After years of questions, our Jim Winterbottom (85-F) can finally rest easy.

Just by chance we stumbled across a book on the New York Times bestseller list. It is "Outlaw Platoon" by CAPT Sean Parnell. It chronicles his time with the

Tenth (LI) in Afghanistan and Pakistan and the soldiers he was privileged to command. These were the soldiers of the 3d Plt, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion 87th Mountain Infantry, "Catamounts."

It is a story of the struggles endured by the platoon facing a disciplined and relentless enemy under the harsh realities of terrain, weather and uncertainty, and all the human emotions that war demands. It is a heart-wrenching look into the heroism, sacrifice, and brotherhood in a distant war that most Americans know so little about.

Our next Chapter event will be a fall luncheon meeting at the Log Jam in Lake George, NY.

Alford, Philip Jr. (604 FA-A), 93, March 7, 2016, Lewisville, AR. Survived by wife, Dorothy J., 3 sons, 2 daughters, a stepson, 8 grandsons, 8 granddaughters; predeceased by first wife Virginia (Jones). Owner/operator of Phil Alford Farms, successful dairy operator in Burleson County, TX, before coming to Lafayette County, AR; turned non-productive bottom-land into quality crop and pastureland through drainage ditches. Credited with developing first successful largescale stocker cattle operation in southwest Arkansas. Elected to Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame, Cattleman's Association. Involved in Red River Valley Assn, chairman, Red River PCA, Board of Directors, People's Bank & Loan, Lafayette County Soil and Water Conservation Dist and Red River Commission; President, Board of SW Arkansas Water District.

Baker, Orvan H. (86-L), 90, February 13, 2015, Alliance, OH. Survived by wife Ruth, a son, a daughter, one granddaughter, nieces and nephews. Engineer, Babcock & Wilcox; involved in development of first nuclear propulsion system for Nautilus, first atomic-powered submarine. Boy Scout Committeeman, member 10th Mtn Div Assn, International Fed of Mountain Soldiers, NRA. During Cold War served as first police chief, headed Civil Defense Police Unit. Sunday School teacher and superintendent, chairman of board, trustee of his church. Couple were part of 10th trip to Italy in 1984.

Beck, Allan Frank (126 ENGRS-B), 94, November 5, 2015, Jupiter, FL. Survived by a daughter, a son, 2 grandchildren, friend Daisy Wilder; predeceased by wife Lorraine (Frattini). After erecting ski lifts with Roebling Co, founded Beck & Bellucci Construction Co, gaining reputation in bridge building industry. Love of sports included tennis, golf, skiing, hiking and biking. As National Collegiate Ski Champion, first skier inducted into Norwich Sports Hall of Fame. Named 1994 Masters Champion of year by "Ski Racing Magazine." Ran New England Masters Div as chairman, won New England Masters Lifetime Achievement Award. Accepted, on behalf of the 10th Mtn Div, Congressional Record presented by Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont for defense of country and contribution to skiing.

Brooks, Thomas R. (85-G), 91, May 25, 2016, Brooklyn, NY and Andover/Ludlow, VT. Survived by wife Harriet, 2 sons, a daughter, 7 grand- and 6 great-grandchildren. A free-lance writer since 1962, wrote for New York Magazine, New York Times Magazine, Readers' Digest, as well as the "Blizzard," among others. Author of Toil and Trouble, Picket Lines & Bargaining Tables, Walls Come Tumbling Down, Clint, The Road to Dignity, The War North of Rome, Tenth Mountain



Division History, Ninth Infantry Division History, and 'Til Noon, a compendium of published articles.

Chalfant, Stuart Archibald (86-G), May 14, 2016, Washington state. Survived by 3 sons, a stepson, a stepdaughter, 8 grand- and 6 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wives Betsy (Roberts) and Hertha (Champion). With US Justice Dept, researched Native American treaty issues. Worked with US Air Force for defense contractor in several states including New Jersey, Montana and Kansas. Worked at VA hospital in Simi Valley, CA. Enjoyed sailing, making jewelry and other hobbies ranging from rock collecting and astronomy to music, model trains and poetry.

Dawson, Glen (85-HQ-1), 103, March 22, 2016, Pasadena, CA. Survived by 2 daughters, 7 grand- and 9 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Mary Helen. A member of a prominent L.A. antiquarian bookselling family, joined his father in the bookselling business. Dawson's began on Broadway and operated in several more locations before settling in Larchmont. Became a lifetime member of the Sierra Club in 1921; its longest-tenured member, including serving on the board. In later years, helped compile a history for the group and donated hundreds of photos to its archive. A graduate of UCLA, became an ardent mountaineer and friend of photographer Ansel Adams. Climbs helped introduce modern rope techniques, launched a golden age of Sierra climbing. Historic climb of East Face of Mt Whitney in 1931 not just first-known ascent of the formidable route, but also one of the swiftest. Continued climbing for years until the death of a friend in a climbing accident, a hard fall and marriage convinced him to quit.

Gregg, Donald N. (85-H, HQ-2), New Braunfels, TX. Survived by 2 sons, a grandson, 2 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Eloise (Erickson). Couple lived in London, Rome and Singapore, before returning to Houston, TX; moved to Canyon Lake on retirement and then to New Braunfels.

Herring, William M. (87-F), 90, February 16, 2016, Longmont, CO. Survived by wife Jean (Smith), a daughter, a son, a grandson, several great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. Taught fifth through eighth grades in one-room schoolhouses at Wilson Creek and Buford, CO, then Meeker Elementary School, Columbine Elementary, Longmont Junior High and Longs Peak Junior High. Later worked for FAA as a security guard. Longtime member, Calvary Church, Longmont, was deacon and taught Sunday School.

Imbrie, John (85-C), 90, May 13, 2016, Seekonk, MA. Survived by wife Barbara, daughter Katherine, son John, 3 grandchildren. Joined the 10th Mtn Div at Camp Swift in 1944 and served in Italy; wounded in action in 1945. Received a BA from Princeton, PhD in paleontology at Yale. Joined faculty at Columbia and Doherty Professor of Oceanography at Brown. Pioneered theory that cyclic changes in the Earth's orbit paced the ice ages. Member, National Academy of Science, received numerous honors including MacArthur Award and the Vetlesen Prize. Enthusiastic collector of wine glasses and a lead historian for the men he had served with in the 10th. With Hugh Evans, wrote "Good Times and Bad Times," the story of Company C in Italy. With his wife Barbara, produced several books and videos about his time of service.

Keck, James V. (85-I), 92, May 6, 2016, Rapid City, SD. Survived by wife Joanne, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 12 grand- and 6 great-grandchildren. Joined North American Life & Casualty Company as insurance agent. Instrumental in development of YMCA, member, Cosmopolitan Service Club for over 60 years, lifelong member, First Presbyterian Church. Nebraska Cornhusker fan to the end, loved to ski, golf and travel, spend time with family. A highlight of his life was trip to Italy in 2003 to areas he fought to liberate in WWII.

Lieberman, H. Philip (38th RCT (MT-TR)), 87, February 22, 2016, Oceanside, CA. Survived by wife Juanita, 5 children, 7 grand-, 5 great-grandchildren. Served 21 years on Glendale City Council.

Martin, Howard Melvin (605-HQ), 91, April 18, 2016, Champaign, IL. Survived by wife Patricia, one son, two daughters, several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great, grandchildren. Worked as a carpenter and a member of Carpenter's Local #269. Enjoyed golf, NASCAR, Green Bay Packers and St. Louis Cardinals. Charter life member, AMA; member of Fairmount Conservation Club, NRA, Oakwood Church of the Nazarene, and a member of the Midwest Chapter, National Assn of the 10th Mtn Div.

Meilleur, Edward O. (85-E), 91, March 3, 2015, Las Vegas, NV. Survived by 3 sons, a daughter, 8 grand- and 2 great-grandchildren, nieces; predeceased by wife Althea (Blodgett) and a son. A career at New England Telephone, starting as lineman and progressing to supervisor. Worked for Ernie Thurston as 'Mr. Fix It' at rental properties. Helped maintain ice rink, coached Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. Couple enjoyed traveling, volunteering.

Monahan, Robert Joseph (616 FA-A), 91, December 23, 2015, Gettysburg, PA. Survived by wife Ann (Bullock), 4 sons and 10 grandchildren. Worked at Boyd's Funeral Home in Norristown, relocated to Gettysburg, working at Bender Funeral Home; in 1964 couple bought business and changed the name to Monahan Funeral Home in what remains a family owned and operated business. Also purchased Wilson Funeral Home in Fairfield. Devoted to family, faith and community; member, St Francis Xavier Catholic Church and served on church council. Involved in organizations including Lions Club, Eagles Club, Elks and Moose Clubs, American Legion Post #202 and VFW Post #15. Also member, WWII Last Man's Club, and served on Gettysburg Hospital board of directors for many years.

Nassar, James J. "Jim," Jr. (85-C), 91, June 20, 2016, Haverhill, MA. Survived by wife Beverly (DeCesare), 3 sons, many nieces and nephews; predeceased by a daughter. An avid skier, enjoying the sport with family and friends. As recently as this February attended annual winter reunion in Colorado, skiing with friends and members of the National Ski Patrol. Took up in-line skating at the age of 75 to keep in shape for ski season. At age 80, began piano lessons; loved jazz music, dancing and body surfing at Rye Beach.

Pawlowski, Raymond S. (86-B), 92, May 29, 2016, Port Huron, MI. Survived by wife Elizabeth, 3 children, 5 grand- and 7 great-grandchildren. Grew up skiing in the Carpathian Mountains of Poland, before being sent to the US in late 1930's by his grandparents. Worked in building trades, retiring from Pipefitters Local 636.

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Petrone, Frank R. (126 ENG-C), 95, February 1, 2016, Chicago, IL. Predeceased by wife Theresa. Survived by 2 sons, 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren. Served as a Judge for Circuit Court of Cook County, IL, prior to retirement. Member, Midwest Chapter.

Pustz, Bernard “Bernie” J. (604-FA-B), 91, February 11, 2016, Palos Heights, IL. Survived by 2 sons, 4 grandchildren; predeceased by wife Virginia. Retired industrial engineer; also served in Korean War. Past VFW post commander and former president, Illinois 2nd Voice Club; member, Midwest Chapter.

Raymond, John B. (85-K), 90, April 7, 2016, Ludington, MI. Survived by a daughter, a son, 2 grand- and 2 great-grandchildren.

Rickey, Roy Allison Jr. (87-L), 93, February 29, 2016, Juneau, AK. Survived by 2 daughters, 2 sons, 4 grandsons, nieces and nephews; predeceased by wife Mary Jane (MacDougall). Moved to Southeast Alaska from Washington; worked with Fisheries Research Institute, then Washington Bureau of Fisheries; commercial fished aboard seine boats in Puget Sound, Bering Sea, False Pass, Kodiak and SW Alaska. Kodiak District Biologist for Territorial Dept of Fish & Game; Regional Supervisor for Alaska Dept of Fish & Game. In Juneau, Southeast Regional Supervisor, later Director of Commercial Fisheries Div. Appointed to first Commercial

Fisheries Entry Commission. Owned a fishery consulting business, Rickey & Associates. Invested in several thoroughbred race horses, and enjoyed watching sports and smoking salmon.

Rios, Cruz Floriano Jr. (87-K), 98, May 25, 2016, Fresno, CA. Survived by wife Lucy (Lango), 3 children, 10 grand- and 2 great-grandchildren. Worked at several gas stations before teaching automotive classes at Fresno City College. Loved animals, especially dogs, and enjoyed the outdoors. Proud of having served with 10th Mtn Div and belonging to the Association.

Wellington, Richard B. “Dick” (86-B), 92, May 14, 2016, Cedaredge, CO. Survived by 2 sons, 3 daughters, 10 grand- and 14 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Florence Bernadine “Bernie” (Beer). Engineer, Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp and Pueblo Ordinance Depot, then Climax Molybdenum Co. Property Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor in Colorado. Member, National Ski Patrol System and Volunteer Ski Patrolman. In Frisco, CO, member, Summit School District RE-1 School board, town board, planning commission, County surveyor. Taught skiing at A Basin and Breckenridge Peak 8, conducted Nordic ski clinics, coached high school ski racers and jumpers; certified race official and jumping judge. Started land survey firm; certified U.S. Mineral Land Surveyor. Member Cedaredge Community United Methodist Church; acted and directed Apple Valley Players; sang with Valley Symphony Chorus; inducted into Western State College Mountaineer Sports Hall of Fame. Life member, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 23 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #9221, National Assn 10th Mtn Div, Deer Creek Village Men’s Golf Club.



Your National Association needs you! In the last several months, members have gone astray, and we can’t find them. In short, we are looking for help to locate these people, whose names are listed along with their Chapters. If you are among them, or if you know where someone is, please let us know! Send any information to richard.babbitt@gmail.com, or david.pavey@twcnny.rr.com. And thank you!

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FOUNDATION PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT 10TH MONUMENT CEREMONIES

Thomas 'Tommie' Thompson
(Desc 86-F)

I'd like to begin on a personal note. I represent the Foundation today due to my father, Art Thompson, a combat veteran of the World War Two 10th Mountain

Division. After the war and college, he and my mother Norma began their married life and professional careers right here in Watertown, as physical education teachers, skiing and hockey coaches in the Watertown City Schools. In the summers between school years in the early 1950s, my father managed a Post Exchange at what was then Camp Drum.

I, my two younger sisters and younger brother were all born in Watertown's Mercy Hospital, and grew up in Calcium, Carthage and Lake Placid. Our roots are here in the North Country, and we are all proud to call ourselves North Country natives.

The Tenth Mountain Division Foundation is proud to have participated as a Leadership donor to this great project. After all, it's in our organizational DNA, because the Foundation began in 1958 when World War Two veterans of the 10th, the original "ski troops," created the 10th Mountain Division Memorial near Camp Hale, Colorado to honor their war dead. That was nearly 60 years ago.

It is fitting that your Foundation extends its original mission by assisting the creation of a monument to new generations of warriors, and their achievements in preserving and extending liberty throughout the world.

Since 1958, the Foundation has continued its good works, supporting other 10th monuments and providing college scholarship aid to descendants of World War II veterans.

As our World War Two veterans, like all old soldiers, fade away, the Foundation will continue its original mission of commemorating those veterans and their accomplishments. In addition, we are today presented with a new mission to honor

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Paula Davis with her only child, PFC Justin R. Davis (10th Mtn Div [LI]), who gave his life while serving in Afghanistan. The National Memorial Day Concert featured his story and that of his family.

MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT FEATURES 10TH SOLDIER

Felicity Hallanan
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For more than 25 years many of us have concluded Memorial Day observances by tuning in to the PBS broadcast on the Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. to hear the National Symphony Orchestra and tributes to the country's veterans of many years. (If you're really lucky you trek down the Mall to the West Lawn with refreshments and a blanket to hear it all in person.)

Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise have hosted the National Memorial Day Concert for 11 years, supported by a cast of military brass and top entertainers who tell the story of the country's men and women in uniform. This includes songs and readings by actors and actresses often portraying "real" people and their stories. This year, the story of 19-year-old PFC Justin R. Davis of the 10th Mountain Division (LI) was one of the highlights.

Emmy, Golden Globe and SAG Award-winning actress S. Epatha Merkerson told Justin's story from the perspective of his

mother Paula. Davis died June 25, 2006, during Operation Enduring Freedom. He was a member of A Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

A native of Gaithersburg, MD, Davis entered the Army in June, 2005, and trained at Fort Benning, Ga., to be an infantryman. He was assigned to Ft Drum, NY, in December, 2005, and deployed with his unit in February, 2006. The unit came in contact with indirect fire while on patrol during combat operations in Korengal, near the village of Kandalay in Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Davis' awards and decorations include the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Afghan Campaign Medal. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and survived by his father, Dennis Johnson, of Columbia, MD., and mother, Paula Davis, of Gaithersburg, MD. His mother was in the audience at the concert and recognized by Epatha Merkerson after the presentation that night.