



AFGHANISTAN DEPLOYMENT RECOGNIZED WITH AWARDS CEREMONY



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI), were awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device & the Army Commendation Medal with Valor device for their heroic actions under fire against the Taliban while serving in Afghanistan. BG Patrick Donohoe, 10th Mountain Division (LI) deputy commanding general, recognized these soldiers during a ceremony at Ft Drum. --Photo by 1st BCT Public Affairs, 10th Mountain Division (LI)

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"It was a really, really hot night. We had a full moon, and our platoon was moving through Afghan farmlands," said SSGT Kevin F. Aetonu, squad leader, 1st Bn, 87th Inf Regt, 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 10th Mtn Div (LI).

"We were doing some clearance operations through some compounds in Afghanistan," said platoon leader 1st LT Tyler Wojtasinski. "Once the elements reached their limits toward the end of the compounds, there was a field. Once we were going through the field, that's when we started to take indirect fire."

Soldiers often deploy to many countries around the world. Many find themselves in places where combat is a far-off thought, and the day-to-day mission they are tasked with doesn't come close to dangerous. For Wojtasinski, SPC Brad Cook, SPC Miles L. Shoemaker and Aetonu, that danger ambushed them during their most recent deployment to Afghanistan on Oct. 26, 2017.

"When we reached the edge of the buildings, our whole element started taking fire," said Shoemaker, a 1-87th team leader. "The sky erupted in fire."

Three elements of soldiers were moving through the territory when they were ambushed by roughly 30 Taliban forces, who were using rocket propelled grenades, mortars and machine gun fire. "The sky lit up with fire, and it didn't really seem real at the time," said Cook, a machine gunner. "But, everything kind of clicked. All the training that we had, everything built up to that moment, and we reacted."

"First thing that went through my mind, I was a little scared," said Aetonu, who is a Pomu Pomu, American Samoa, native and has been in the Army for eight years. "I wasn't scared of the Taliban. I was more scared for my soldiers' safety. As soon as I got accountability of my guys, I knew I needed to get them into the fight. So, that's exactly what we did."

Once the fighting started, the soldiers knew that they had to get back to a safer position to fight off the insurgents. Wojtasinski got the call that one of the other platoons in the firefight took some casualties. Orders came over the radio to fall back to the compounds.

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"We bounded back because we were in an open field. We took over a small compound. We got perimeter firing going and dudes on the roof," said Cook.

They had an idea that the Taliban was in the area, but once the shots started to ring out, some of the Afghan soldiers abandoned their post. That's when the Americans knew that they had to get their weapons into the fight to stop the quickly-encroaching enemy.

Shoemaker and Aetonu identified a rooftop where they would have the best vantage point to engage the Taliban fighters. "One of the Afghan soldiers had abandoned his machine gun," said Shoemaker, of Great Mills, MD. "I grabbed his machine gun and took it to the roof with a couple of others and that's when we came in direct contact with the enemy."

"About three to four Taliban were maneuvering in the wood line, and we stopped their advancement toward our position," said Aetonu. "As soon as the Taliban hear that machine gun, they know we mean business."

"We had bullets flying over our heads every second," said Shoemaker. "You could hear them snap, whizz and pop. We got as low as we could and just got our guns in the fight and tried not to get shot."

Elsewhere on the battlefield, Wojtasinski saw some Taliban fighters who were trying to flank the safer positions his soldiers had taken. "Me and one of my teammates started engaging one of the machine gun positions," said Wojtasinski, of Braintree, MA. "We continued to engage --went through about seven magazines-- and a Taliban fighter got to within 25 meters of us. And that's when my partner threw a hand grenade."

After the immediate threat of the Taliban fighter had been dealt with, Wojtasinski and his teammate bounded back to the compound, got accountability of their element and checked on casualties.

An Afghan National Army soldier had been injured by an improvised explosive device (IED), and Cook jumped into action. "We got notified that there was a casualty, so me and the medic I was attached to went out there," said the Manhattan, KS, native.

In the moment, Cook thought more about the foreign national who had been injured than his own safety. "We got the casualty back in the compound, and he was in pretty bad shape," said Cook. "We gave life-saving treatment as best we could on the ground."

Reflecting later, Cook had an idea why he put his life on the line for someone else. "I went out there because, it doesn't matter what uniform you're wearing or where you're from, we were out there in the same fight, and I would expect that from everybody out there," he said.

While Cook rendered aid, Wojtasinski joined Shoemaker and Aetonu who were already engaging the Taliban from the roof. "Up on the roof, SPC Shoemaker was engaging with his 240 [machine gun] that was malfunctioning and SGT Aetonu was engaging with his rifle and also trying to call up targets," said Wojtasinski. "I tried to help with the malfunction while also calling out targets and engaging enemies in the woods."

"I think that was the turning point for us being pinched by fire by the Taliban," said Aetonu. "Once we were on that roof, everybody heard it and knew that it was a machine gun. That alone stopped their advancement and bought us more time to think about our next step."

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Wojtasinski, Aetonu and Shoemaker continued to engage Taliban fighters who were trying to get around, and trying to flank their position until attack planes arrived. Once the jets came in, they repeatedly attacked the insurgents with machine guns and bombs. After that, the fight was over.

"Our actions on that rooftop absolutely stopped and slowed down the enemy," said Shoemaker. "They were very quickly advancing toward our position with heavy fire. We grabbed one of the machine guns that wasn't being used. We got on that roof, and we did our job."

An awards ceremony this summer noted that the ambush was thwarted due to the decisive actions and dedication of soldiers who put their life on the line for the sake of others. For their actions, Wojtasinski, Cook and Shoemaker were awarded the Bronze Star with Valor, and Aetonu was awarded with the Army Commendation Medal with Valor. They received their medals from BG Patrick Donohoe, 10th Mtn Div (LI) deputy commanding general, during a ceremony June 14 at Ft Drum, NY.

PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER, FIRST-EVER MEMORIAL TO MONUMENT RUN

Fort Drum Public Affairs

It's the first Ft route that starts neighboring invited.

The inaugural Monument Run, nearly 11 miles Memorial Park Honor the Thompson Park,

Hosted by Ft Welfare and Watertown's an optional 5-K be offered in registration was

Al Janssen, and aquatics, three water the finish line. close to the end

Park, but the post-run party at the park is a good incentive to muster up the hill and cross the finish line. Festivities include live music and a deejay, food and beverages, a rock-climbing wall and bounce house.

Janssen said the event originated from the concept of a division run. He said that many Army divisions will conduct one annually that goes off post as a way to let the civilian population see the formation of soldiers running through their neighborhood.

"It gives people the chance to see the soldiers, and it's always a big morale booster for the division and community," he said. "The 10th Mountain Division hasn't had this kind of run before, so we thought we could put one together that also gets civilians involved."



Drum running event to have a on post and ventures out to the community, and everyone is

Climb to Glory Memorial to set for 9 a.m. on Sept. 29, 2018, is in course length --beginning in at Ft Drum and finishing at the Mountain Monument in Watertown.

Drum's Family and Morale, Recreation and the City of Parks and Recreation Department, course, also starting at 9 a.m., will Thompson Park. Deadline for Aug. 31 at www.eventbrite.com.

FMWR chief of sports, fitness said that it is a flat course, with points along the way and one at There is one challenging incline when runners enter Thompson

Janssen said that because Ft Drum shares intricate bonds with its North Country neighbors, this event was always intended to be all-inclusive. "I think we have such a great relationship with our local communities, that this could really be a big event to show that partnership," he said.

In addition to FMWR and 10th Mtn Div (LI) personnel, the Watertown Parks and Recreation, Watertown Police Department, Black River Police and NYS Police Department are also providing support for the event. The Thompson Park Zoo is offering half-price admission that day to registered runners and their immediate family members.

Participation for the Memorial to Monument Run is capped at 5,000 runners, and Janssen believes this is an attainable number. "There are a lot of runners in the Watertown area, so I think we can easily draw a couple of thousand civilians to this," he said. "On the soldier side, that's harder to anticipate because they are so busy with training and deployments, but I hope we can get them excited about this. You don't really have to do much to entice them --I think a lot of them will come out to do it just to say they did it."

One group that has expressed interest has a membership roster that includes civilians, veterans and active-duty soldiers. The non-profit, veterans support organization Team Red, White and Blue (RWB) has a Ft Drum-Watertown chapter whose members are incredibly active in volunteerism and athletic activities in the area.

"The very nature of this run --beginning at Ft Drum and ending in Thompson Park-- presents such a wonderful opportunity to connect local civilians and veterans with our active-duty soldiers and families," said Kate Vreath, Team RWB chapter president. "Having grown up in this community and witnessing the reactivation of the Division, I love that this is all-inclusive and an opportunity to continue to build on the unity of both communities."

Team RWB members are easily recognizable at events by their red shirts with the eagle logo, and are often seen at races running with an American flag on a staff. "I have spoken to multiple members who have either signed up or are planning to, so you will definitely see some red shirts running it," Vreath said. "We are also exploring the possibility of volunteering --as we do enjoy that too."

The group schedules a leisurely Saturday run at the Black River Trail that ends with a coffee social. On this last Saturday in September, Team RWB will be sharing the trail with thousands more. "It is hard to imagine just what that will be like to have thousands of runners on Black River Trail with us," she said. "But I just know it will be exciting and a great time."

Janssen said that he never ran the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., run during his career in uniform. Having run it twice as a retired sergeant major and a Department of Defense civilian, Janssen said it is one of those "bucket list" races that people simply have to experience.

That's what he envisioned the Memorial to Monument Run being --an opportunity for those who might not be able to run the Army Ten-Miler but have an equally fun and memorable run that merges military and civilian communities.

Shuttles will take runners from Thompson Park to Ft Drum, starting at 5:30 a.m. The last shuttle leaves the park at 8 a.m., so that everyone is assembled for the playing of the national anthem by the 10th Mtn Div Band before the start of the race. Participants who need to return to Ft Drum after the race can use the shuttle service, starting at 11 a.m.

Department of Defense civilians and soldiers can pick up their race packet at Magrath Sports Complex during business hours from Sept. 24-28, or on race day at the starting line. Non-DOD civilians can pick up their race packet at the Fairgrounds YMCA in Watertown from Sept. 24-28.

Janssen said that he hopes this will become an annual tradition, and one that passionate runners will add to their race calendars every year. "I'm excited about this one, and I really think that people are going to enjoy it," he said. "It's a lot of work, but I hope it's something we can continue into the future." To learn more about the Memorial to Monument Run, visit <https://drum.armymwr.com/> or call #315.772.9670.



Climb to Glory Memorial Run will take runners from Mountaineer Statue in front of Hayes Hall, Fort Drum, to Honor the Mountain Monument atop Watertown's Thompson Park.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Galen Jackman (MG, Ret., 10th Mtn Div [LI]): National Association President

Hello fellow members. As I write this, we're on the eve of our National Reunion in Breckenridge. I'm looking forward to seeing the greater 10th Mountain Division family on the high ground in Colorado.

I'm sure everyone has had a busy summer. Cathy and I drove half-way across the United States to participate in my nephew's wedding in Nebraska. The trip reminded us of the many PCS moves we made with the family during our Army years. We've lived in one place now, 5 years, longer than any stretch in the Army.

I want to thank all of the donors who have helped support the 10th Mountain (LI) Scholarship Program. Since 2007, the National Association has awarded 66, \$5,000 one-year scholarships to current or former 10th Mountain Division (LI) members or family members. In the past, we awarded 5 scholarships per year. This year, we will award 10 scholarships. These are merit-based. We work closely with the Northern New York Community Foundation who helps us manage these funds. If you would like to contribute, you can do this through the National Association's website. Gil Pearsall is our contact if you want to speak with someone personally.

Veterans of the 2-87 Infantry "Catamounts" are in the process of establishing a virtual chapter, much like our Golden Dragon (14th Infantry) chapter. This is a great way of staying connected and sharing old times in the brotherhood. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Pavey, our Executive Director.

Now is the time to start coordinating your calendar for next summer, as the Northern New York Chapter is hosting our National Reunion in Northern New York, near Fort Drum. This will be very special as the 10th Mtn Div (LI) headquarters will have returned from deployment in the Mideast. MG Walt Piatt is looking forward to this event. It is not only an opportunity to reunite with old friends, but also see what has changed, and what has remained the same, at Fort Drum. I encourage you to keep plugged-in to our website and the "Blizzard" for coordinating instructions on that Reunion as we get a bit closer.

Next summer, we will also elect new officers for the National Association. A Nominating Committee will coordinate the slate, or slates, of candidate officers for a vote. We will have the Nominating Committee point of contact on the website shortly.

Finally, the Department of the Army recently announced the deployment of the 2d Brigade Combat Team (BCT) of the 10th Mountain Division (LI) to Afghanistan this coming winter. They are hard at work preparing for this challenging deployment. I would ask all of you to keep these soldiers and their families in your thoughts and prayers. As we always say, the sun never sets on the 10th Mountain Division.

Climb to Glory!

DESCENDANTS' PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F)



10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc. (TMDD) continues to fulfill our mission of preserving the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division and to give support to the veterans, wives and widows of the Division. We also strive to provide learning and social opportunities for our members across the country. Some of the current TMDD highlights include:

Membership: We continue to ask for everyone's help building our numbers by renewing, recruiting or signing up family members (makes a great gift), so we can reach or better-yet surpass the 1,000-member goal we've set again for this year. Memberships are our only real source of revenue, revenue that is needed to continue the education, support and outreach to meet the TMDD mission.

Scholarship: Anyone interested in supporting this fund can do so by sending their donation to Don Perkins at 1900 Sunset Harbour Drive, #711, Miami Beach, FL 33139, noting that the amount 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: Please visit the TMDD web page or contact Melanie directly to view and purchase items from the QM. In addition, 10th Mountain items remain 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>).

Italy 2020: This will be the 75th anniversary of victory and the end of WWII in Europe and we anticipate it will be well-celebrated. We will go back to the more-traditional version that will begin at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial and include the complete combat route to Lake Garda, along with more sightseeing opportunities. We are beginning the early planning for this next trip now. Look for a survey in the coming weeks and please respond so we can select dates and major elements that meet the majority preferences.

Social Media: People from all over the world visit and post on the 10th Mountain Descendants and Friends Facebook page that has over 2,200 followers. This continues to provide a venue for sharing pictures, stories, asking questions, making connections, etc. Amazing amounts of 10th Mountain history is surfaced and discussed on this page, so please visit and contribute often. *Also, please help us remind people that acceptance on that page does not constitute membership in the TMDD as some seem to think.*

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

As always ... When your chapter hosts an event please attend if possible. It's the best way I know of to show our respect for our 10th Mountain veterans and all they've done.

A few details FYI: This version of "Blizzard" will appear at www.10thmtndivassoc.org, four times a year. We will send email reminders to our faithful contributors including Chapter presidents, EXCOM, Foundation president and Resource staff, to notify them that a new version is upcoming. And of course we will continue to appreciate all other contributions including entries for Taps, personal stories, search requests, etc., sent to www.blizzard@du.edu or Editor, 95 Zahler Tract, Sandy Creek, NY 13145.

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 The University of Denver cordially invites you to celebrate
 THE MOUNTAINEER'S VIEW by Jacques Parker

This retrospective exhibition showcases the exceptional work of artist Jacques Parker, dating from his service in World War II as part of the 10th Mountain Division, the first U.S. mountain and winter combat infantry. During his deployment, Parker was in charge of a machine gun squadron, and, when he could, would sketch, creating artworks of pencil, ink, and watercolor which reveal first-person visual accounts of military life and skiing warfare. During a recent on-camera interview, he told his story of each piece from his collection. The University Libraries welcomes everyone to experience these artworks together for the first time in the Colorado Rockies, the birthplace of the 10th Mountain Division.

Friday, September 21, 2018
 University of Denver
 Anderson Academic Commons
 Gregg Kvistad Special Events Room
 2150 E. Evans Ave
 Denver, CO 80208
 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvre and wine reception
 Questions about the event? Please email nancy.clark@du.edu or 303-871-3958

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Felicity Hallanan, Editor (Associate)

An adventuresome relative who had moved out West from the East Coast was attracted to a local mule club. Family members familiar with tales of soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division during World War II did suggest he talk with some of them, or at least read their accounts of challenges with the strong but unpredictable creatures, before making any commitments in terms of owning a mule. Undaunted, he found and bought one anyway and began to enjoy activities with the group.

On a trail ride when the mules were being led over rough terrain, getting too close to the animal in front resulted in a mighty kick by the mule (they can be jealous when it comes to their owners). The blow shattered the leg of the intrepid walker behind. Tenth Mountain soldiers at Camp Hale could have related.

Then no sooner had the leg begun to heal than the rider, as true riders do, climbed aboard his mule again. When it was startled one day it—somewhat predictably—bucked, and now there is the matter of healing time for a severely broken shoulder.

This is just to say that we can learn from previous generations. Today's soldiers of the 10th are interested in what went before, including the mule unit for which this column is named. And today's newer soldiers can learn, not only from those some-70+ years ago, but also those who've served since the reactivation of the Division over-35 years ago.

We urge them to read, and visit the museums at Fort Drum and Denver, CO, and find veterans to talk with. At the same time, "Blizzard" would really like to hear from those more-recent vets, like the one who described what it was like to land an Army helicopter on a Navy carrier en route to Haiti, or to be surrounded by enemy forces in a valley in Afghanistan. We'd like to hear, and to share with our readers of all generations. Because that's how we learn, as well as preserving history.

By the way, the mule's name is Black Jack. That's a familiar name for anyone acquainted with the institution at West Point, NY. And therein lies another tale...

Have a story about your unit in today's 10th? Help us preserve and share history. Just write to blizzarded@gmail.com and let's get started!

ENGINEERS CELEBRATE 25-YEAR HISTORY WITH TENTH



Members of the 41st Engineer Battalion gathered at Ft Drum 25 years after they first served together, to celebrate and rekindle the brotherhood and camaraderie they shared those many years ago in the 10th Mountain Division.

Patrick J. Devine (41st Engr Bn, 10th Mtn Div [LI], Ret.)

During the weekend of the June 23-24, 2018, former soldiers of the 41st Engr Bn, 10th Mountain Division, gathered at Ft Drum to pay their respects to their fallen comrades. This group came to celebrate and rekindle the brotherhood and camaraderie they shared 25 years ago. Also joining were more recent former soldiers who served in the 41st as Engineers and in the Division's Special Troops Battalions. Though the groups were decades apart, their common bond of brotherhood was fostered and created an even greater group of brothers that will continue forward, together.

The gathering included a visit to the buildings they had lived and worked in as young Sappers, Communications specialists and Mechanics. The buildings are now the home of the 7th Engr Bn. For many, it was as if they had never left. There was a familiar comfort in their surroundings that conjured up both good and some not-so-good memories. For many the occasion was bittersweet as the barracks' building has been dedicated to one of their own, SGT Cornell Lamont Houston (KIA) Somalia' 93. The feelings expressed by many of the Veterans were shared, and none seemed to want to leave as they connected once again with SGT Houston.

The weekend continued with a visit to the Ft Drum Museum where they read about the Division's operations around the world for the last 17 years. They learned how the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division have led the way in the fight against the War on Terror, filling them with a sense of pride in the men and women that now wear the patch that they once wore in places like Mogadishu, Merka, Port-au-Prince and Sarajevo. It proves truly that "The Sun Never Sets on the 10th Mountain Division," as 10th soldiers are deployed in countries across the globe.

Many of these Veterans served in other units and saw combat before they came to Ft Drum; many also served for years after leaving Ft Drum in OEF and OIF in other units. But all agreed their time as members of the 10th was special and this group of men hold a very special place in their hearts.

The final event was a combined arms exercise, as Sappers of the 41st linked up with members of the 2nd Bn 87th Inf who were there for *their* 30-year reunion. These men were members of the first Cohort unit to go through OSUT at Ft Benning, GA, and then became the first soldiers to wear the 10th Mtn Div patch as members of the reactivated 10th Mtn Div (LI) and occupying Ft Drum as the new home of the Division.

We combined to secure and occupy The Commons for dinner, where we again paid our respects to all those that have given their lives as members of the 10th Mountain Division.

SINE PARI --Tip of the Spear-- and Climb to Glory!

DESCENDANT'S JOURNEY A REMINDER OF FEATS OF THE DIVISION

Mary Donaldson-Evans (Desc Lawrence J. Prudhomme, 710th ORD CO)

I've just reconnected with my long-dead father during a trip to Italy with my husband Lance. It started with the discovery of hundreds of letters exchanged by my parents during WWII. Reading them sparked an interest in Dad's war experience, so we joined the National Assn of the 10th Mtn Div Descendants & Friends, and signed up for a battlefield tour of the Apennine Mountains.

Dad wasn't trained as a mountain soldier. He was plucked from a replacement depot in January, 1945, and assigned to the Ordnance Company of the Tenth. Visiting the places where he had been stationed during the last several months of the war included several speeches by mayors, two parades, countless repetitions of "The Star Spangled Banner" and the Italian National Anthem, two Masses, eight wreath-laying ceremonies, and in a lighter vein, many songs (some rather bawdy) that the soldiers of the Tenth were known to have sung to keep their spirits up.

Early-on in the tour, we were told not to mourn but to celebrate our soldiers, and there was great pride in the accomplishments of the Tenth, so decisive in changing the course of the war in Italy. The warmth with which we were welcomed in the hill towns of Emilia-Romagna, from Lizzano to Vidiciatico, touched us deeply. In Trignano, a town on the "German" side of Riva Ridge, a man old enough to have remembered the war approached Lance and asked, "Americano?" and without waiting for a reply, cried "Welcome!" and shook his hand warmly, then kissed me on both cheeks.

One of our more memorable excursions was a climb up Mount Belvedere. It was a steamy day, and when we reached the end of the mile-and-a-half climb, our hearts pounding, we were told to imagine what it must have

been like to make that climb in the dead of winter, at night, with a 90-pound pack on our backs, not knowing if we'd be picked off by German soldiers waiting in trenches at the ridge of the mountain.

After the tour, we traveled to the town of Cividale where thanks to an Internet search, my husband had made contact with the descendants of an Italian family who had been kind to my father in the last months of the war. Dad wrote of his loneliness for his toddler (me!) and of his encounter in a park with two little girls, Franca and Laura, 3 and 8 years old respectively. The children took him to meet their parents and an international friendship developed.

Our dinner with members of the extended family was one of the highlights of our trip. The thrill I felt can scarcely be described when, in a rush of Italian syllables I scarcely understood, her eyes ablaze with excitement, Laura, now a woman of 80, reminisced about my Dad, pulling out old photos of her family as they were when he knew them. And I was deeply touched when Laura's cousin Claudio said to me, "You know, we will always love the Americans. Your country sent its young men to die in order to liberate us. We owe our freedom to you."

He was not exaggerating. The Tenth Mountain Division played a vital role in the Allied victory in Italy. They paid a price: 992 men in the Tenth gave their lives to defeat the Nazis; another 4,154 were wounded in action. This trip was a wonderful antidote to current politics, a reminder that once upon a time, our country was willing to make tremendous sacrifices for others and was admired and respected the world over.



ARMADILLO

PHEBE DAVOL (DESC 86-L, HQ)

The Armadillo Chapter Annual Reunion held their annual event in Houston, TX, during the weekend of June 22-24, 2018.

There were 22 attendees including three Veterans and wives. The Veterans were Merrill Clark (85-K) with his wife Bette, Sean Ellis (2/22 Inf, Co B, 10th Mtn Div [LI]) and wife Sandy, and Shaun Juhasz (10th Cav 189). Others included Becky Joyce (Desc 604-HQ, 85-HQ), the Roadrunner Chapter Director, and her brother Ray Sisneros (Desc). Ray lives in New Mexico but is an avid Armadillo Chapter member and traveled to Houston for the reunion.

On Saturday the group toured the Battleship Texas and the San Jacinto Monument, south of Houston along Galveston Bay. During our walk to the battleship we encountered another 10th Mtn Div (LI) Veteran, Robert Scheffel (4th BCT, Field Artillery, Forward Observer) who had just attended a memorial service on the battleship.



Following lunch at the 8th Wonder Brew Pub, adjacent to the Astrodome, the group returned to rest before going to the banquet. The banquet was organized by Sean Ellis, who is commander of the VFW Hall in Tomball, TX, north of Houston. Sandy Ellis prepared a fabulous homemade Italian dinner for the group.

The Armadillo Chapter history project continued during the Houston reunion with a recorded interview with Merrill Clark (85-K). We are recording Veterans' stories so that they will not be forgotten by future generations. Future interviews will be with Tom Jones (86-B) and Hulin Robert (86-K).

In 2019, the Armadillo Chapter will have two reunions. One will be in Oklahoma and the other in New Orleans. Specific plans are underway, and information will be provided in the next "Blizzard," on the 10th Mtn Descendants website (Chapter News), or on our social media sites.

The Armadillo Chapter is now active on social media!

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS2MSxm3FPUWQs-a8TpOG2A>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/10thMountainArmadillo/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/10thArmadillo>

Instagram: <http://www.Instagram.com/10thArmadillo>

BIG SKY

Suz Rittenhouse (Desc 87-HQ-2)

The Big Sky Chapter annual meeting to be held in Missoula, MT, Sept. 7-9, 2018, has, unfortunately, been cancelled because some WWII veterans were unable to attend.

Board members headed by president Linda Siebel are discussing possible dates for a future meeting. Notification will be sent to members as soon as a decision has been made.

METRO NEW YORK

Rosario Salemi (Desc HQ 10th Div)

The Metro New York Chapter held a luncheon at Parto Trattoria in Carmel Hamlet, NY, on June 9, 2018. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow descendants, four WWII veterans and friends.

A raffle went well and contributions are going toward our Adopt-a-Platoon, 2nd Plt, C Btry, 5-25 FAR, 3-10th Mtn Div, which recently arrived in Ft Polk, LA, under the command of 1st LT William J. Raymond.

Twenty attended, including Harriet Brooks (Thomas R., 85-G), Barbara Catterall (Joseph Croke, 85-G), Joseph Cravanzola, Ruth Cravanzola (Joseph Sarri, 87-A), Donna Duncan (William J. Duncan, 86-A), William Duncan (Desc 86-A), Beverly T. Folderman (Desc William A. Millette, 605 FA-A), Adolfo Marino, Roger Miller (Desc Eugene Miller, 87-G), David Morrison (William M. Morrison, 86-L), Tracey Morrison (Samuel J. Morrison, 87-HQ-3), William M. Morrison (87-L).

Also David Perkins (Desc Clifford Perkins, 86-MED-I), Rosario O. Salemi (Desc Salvatore J. Salemi, Det 2680, HQ Co, MIS) Anthony J. Sileo (85-I), Kate Sileo, Richard Sileo (Desc 85-I), Anthony J. Sileo (85-I), Albert Soria (87-L), Sydney M. Williams II (Desc Sydney Williams, 87-C), Mrs. Sydney Williams (W).

Special thanks to Sydney Williams for his talk about his upcoming book of letters between his parents – “Dear Mary: Letters to and from Italy, 1945”-- due to be published in 2019. Thanks also to Roger Miller for his tireless work in preparing for the luncheon and helping the Metro NY Chapter with ideas; he has been spreading the word from Southwest New England to Albany, NY.

Thanks too to Tracey Morrison for 10th Mtn Div memorabilia gathered through the years by her father Sam. And thanks to Tony Sileo, and to our hosts the Spaccarelli family including Angela (Desc Isadore DeLuccia, 85-G), husband John and her mother Margaret.

Thanks also to those who responded even though they were unable to attend: Edwin C. Fancher (86-B), Judy Kufert (W Jesse B. Shapiro, 86-A), Edward A. Lisciandro (86-L), Jason Shershefsky (Desc Max Shershefsky, 110-SIG Co), Walter Shmerler (86-H), Elsie Tallmadge (Ralph H. Tallmadge, 604-FA-HQ), James Tallmadge (Desc) & Ralph H. Tallmadge (604-FA-HQ).

DELAWARE RIVER VALLEY

Barbara Catterall (Desc 85-G, KIA)

The Delaware River Valley (DRV) Chapter held its annual Memorial Day luncheon at Barbara Winter's farm. Barbara hosts us every year in honor of her deceased husband, Dr. Fred Winter, who was a huge supporter of the 10th Mountain Division.

Fred's brother Bud Winter (85-M) was killed in action. The Winter family supports Uncle Bud's Hut and the chapter makes an annual donation to the hut in honor of the Winter family.

This year Paul Kitchen was our only 10th Mountain WWII veteran who was able to attend, with his daughter Janis Darlington. We were happy that a very enthusiastic 10th Mtn Div (LI) veteran, Patrick Devine, joined us with his wife and daughter. Patrick came to our Veterans' Day luncheon and since then has formed a connection with WWII veteran Weldon Storey (87-A). I am hopeful that through Patrick we will be able to expand our membership by reaching out to some of the newer 10th vets in our area.

Our next event will be our annual luncheon at the Overbrook Country Club in Villanova, PA, on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018. If anyone plans to be in the Philadelphia area at that time we would love to have you join us. Please email me at barbacat9@aol.com.



Delaware River Valley Chapter Memorial Day event May 20 included only WWII vet to attend, Paul Kitchen (86-I), seated, center. On his left is his daughter, Janis Darlington; Barbara Catterall is behind him, & Judi (Desc Gerald Brenn (85-A) and Bob Anderson to his right.

MIDWEST

Janice Fuglsang (Desc 126-A)

This year MidWest Chapter members met for two luncheons. On Feb. 17, 2018, 10 descendants enjoyed our Mt Belvedere Day lunch at Aurelio's Pizza in Addison, IL.

Happily on May 6, 2018, Vets Joe Badamo (86-B) and Jake Pollack (85-HQ-2) with spouse, Sophie, joined Flo Nawrot, widow of Stan (87-MED-D), along with 11 descendants for our spring lunch at Shoeless Joe's AleHouse & Grille in Addison, IL. The manager surprised Joe and Jake with a complimentary lunch. As always, delicious food and engaging conversation with laughter were plentiful.

On June 14, 2018, four Chicago area descendants and two Kankakee descendants traveled to Danville, IL, to have lunch with Bob (85-L, M) and Regina Foreman. It was another enjoyable event visiting with 10th family and remembering all our wonderful reunions over the years.



Midwest Chapter members at first of two luncheons: 10 descendants enjoyed Mt Belvedere Day lunch at Aurelio's Pizza in Addison, IL.

We thank Patty LaRocca for serving as the MW Chapter President for many years and we welcome Joy Nelson Hafer (Desc 87-G) as our new president. Diane Jurina (Desc 616-B) will continue as secretary and Carl Nawrot (Desc 87-MED-D) will continue as treasurer.



At second Mt Belvedere observance, Midwest members traveled to Danville, IL to join Bob (85-L, M) and Regina Foreman for lunch.

NEW ENGLAND

Bob Linscott (Desc 86-G), Michele Bartlett and Bonnie Beyer (Descs 87-I)

New England Chapter members, descendants and guests gathered on Saturday, June 2, 2018, for the Chapter's 9th Annual spring luncheon at the Makris Restaurant in Concord, NH, to commemorate the life, memories and many contributions of Chapter member and past President, Chester H. Morley, Jr. (85-C) who passed away in March 2013.

Members attending included Dick (86-HQ-2) and Millie Calvert, Phil Twombly (86-HQ), Carolyn Emmons (W 86-F), Barbara Macauley (W 86-E), Chapter President, COL (Ret.) Matt Fitzgerald (VT ARNG), Chapter VP for Veterans and Veteran's Affairs, CSM (Ret.), Steve and April Houten (VTARNG), Brewster, Michele and Warren Bartlett (Descs 87-I), Sue Hagerman (Desc 86-SVC), and Bob Linscott (Desc 86-G).

On the 4th of July, Dan and Pat (Desc 87-HQ) Schuster, along with their daughters Clara and Maria, ventured to Bristol, RI, to observe and attend our nation's oldest, continuous Fourth of July celebration on the front lawn of the home at 692 Hope Street of former WWII veteran member, John Barton (87-HQ-1). Sadly, John passed away last year and (equally sad) this year's 233rd Fourth of July celebration will mark the last traditional New England Chapter event of its kind in Bristol, RI.

John Barton, 4th of July 2015John Barton in Spirit, 4th of July 2018

In the early 1990's, Warren Bartlett (87-I) placed a white cross in a forest clearing behind his home in Lancaster, NH, in memory of Orval McDaniel, his closest wartime pal who was killed in Italy on April 16, 1945 during 87th I platoon's ascent on Mt. Mosca. Over the next few years, Warren would place crosses for John Burgess, Cal Farnham and Eugene Rice; they were lifelong friends whom he enlisted with in the 10th Mtn Div, and who'd recently passed away. With these four crosses the New England Chapter in 1998 began its tradition of re-dedicating Warren Bartlett's 10th Mountain Division Memorial Garden each year on the second Thursday of July. This year on July 7, Warren's widow Shirley, along with Lois Crist (W 87-I), family members and approximately 60 New England Chapter members and friends hosted the 20th Annual Bartlett-Crist Memorial ceremony, second at its new location in Landaff, NH.



New crosses were added this year in memory of and with deep appreciation for Richard Aldrich (87-E, MTG), John Barton (87-HQ-1), Robert Dakin (87-D), Francis “Fran” Lathrop, Jr. (87-I), Malcolm “Mac” Mackenzie (85-C) and Alden “Al” Robinson (86-HQ). They join the 104 white crosses that stand in honor of deceased New England 10th Mtn Div veterans. Concluding the memorial service; family, friends and Chapter members gathered to enjoy a little camaraderie and a “prepared on-site” BBQ luncheon.



New England Chapter members, back row left to right, Brewster Bartlett, (Unknown), Matt Beyer, (Unk), Warren Bartlett, Bob Linscott; middle row standing, left, Linda Aldrich, Ernie Loomis, (Unk, Unk), Sue Hagerman, Susan Barry, Becky Bartlett Crawford, Dick Calvert; front row seated, left, Lois Loomis, Lois Crist, Bonnie Beyer, Shirley Bartlett & Millie Calvert.

New England Chapter members look forward to enjoying each other’s friendship and camaraderie along with those from other chapters at the following upcoming events:

- The 36th annual Mount Washington Climb and Memorial (held August 8-9)
- The Jean Dearborn Memorial Fall Luncheon at the Makris Restaurant, Concord, NH, (date to be announced).
- Veterans’ Day flag ceremonies, Nov. 10 & 18 at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA.

ROAD RUNNER

Rebecca Joyce (Desc 604-FAB)

The Roadrunner Chapter is invited to attend the 75th annual Los Alamos ski club's celebration.

There are actually two events related to this celebration. Number one: Aug. 21 at the Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos there was be a talk. Number two: On Oct. 26-28, there is another anniversary weekend at Pajarito Mountain ski hill. That will include a dinner on Friday night, talks on Saturday with booths, celebrations, acknowledgments, historical photos and installation of plaques along the mountain trail.

I hope all of you can attend. The Holiday Inn was suggested to me. Maybe we can reserve a block of rooms if you let me know.



Roadrunner Chapter members, left, Becky Joyce with Merrill (85-K) Clark & wife Bette at Armadillo Chapter reunion this summer in Houston.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Susan Bathelt Jackson (Desc 87-HQ-3)

About 30 descendants and 3 veterans attended the Rocky Mountain Chapter summer picnic on July 21, 2018, at Anderson Park, Wheat Ridge, CO.

Among those in attendance were veterans Dick Over (110th Signal Corp), Hugh Evans (85-C) and Neal Yorker (87-L).

There was a very lively auction with hotly-contested tickets to a Denver Rockies game. Several speakers mentioned continued support for the 10th Mountain Descendants organization.

Pot luck food with several family favorites was served up, and there was an exciting game of horse shoes on the grass. Participants especially enjoyed visiting with other descendants and families.

Wildfires have been of concern throughout the area over the summer, and so of course became a topic of discussion. Most attending were from the front range and Fort Collins area, and probably the furthest from the Western Slope. Smoke from the Lake Christine fire (outside of Basalt) was visible all the way into Denver until correspondent Susan got to Floyd Hill coming into Denver.

Upcoming plans are being made for our Rocky Mountain Chapter Christmas party on Dec. 29, 2018; before that there'll be the annual trash bashing along Hwy 70 for the fall. Members are also looking forward to the National Reunion in Breckenridge during the Labor Day weekend, and making plans for this coming winter Ski-In.



Photo left, Rocky Mountain Chapter WWII veteran members Neal Yorker, Dick Over & Hugh Evans. There's a wide range of ages in the Chapter. In second photo, here are youngest to oldest, Liam James Gaskins, 2 1/2 year old, great-grandson of William C Mason, (86-F) with oldest vet, Neal Yorker. --Photos by Neal Yorker Liam

SIERRA NEVADA CHAPTER

Val Rios (Desc 87-K)

On Saturday, May 19, 2018, the Sierra Nevada Chapter held their annual picnic on the grounds of Sebastiani Winery in Sonoma, CA.

Chapter President, Val Rios, gave updates regarding the 10th Association, Foundation and Descendants. Stories and anecdotes were shared by the attending veterans while descendants enjoyed talking with each other and with the veterans.

Three members of the Sierra Club also attended as there is a shared interest regarding LT John Benson (87-B). One of the local Sierra Club huts is named after Benson and the Sierra Club is interested in finding out more about him.

The day ended with a heartfelt singing of "Ninety Pounds of Rucksack." The great-granddaughter of Al Alcaraz (86-B), Natalia Alizaga, was the youngest descendant in attendance (5 yrs.) while Art Schimke (87-K) had the distinct pleasure of being the most senior member (99 yrs.) attending. A good time was had by all!



Sierra Nevada Chapter assembles for annual picnic at California winery. Group includes, left to right back rows: Eugene Miya, Paul Meyerhof, Dick Simpson, Miguel Alizaga, Elena Alizaga, Ann Reisenaver, Candy Toy, Joe Rasmussen, Betty Nase, Skip Engle, Sonja Stayton, Terese Little, MaryAnn Little, Val Rios, Georgia Rios, Lisa Schallenberger, Paul Larson. Front row left to right: Natalia Alizaga, Al Alcaraz (86-B), John Hawkins (10thRECON), Ken Stayton, (87-L), Art Schimke (87-K). --Photos by Val Rios



Veterans, left, Al Alcaraz (86-B), John Hawkins (10th RECON), Ken Stayton (87-L), Art Schimke (87-K).

UPSTATE NEW YORK CHAPTER

William Morrison (86-L) & Dave Morrison (Desc)

It has been an eventful summer for the Upstate Chapter so far.

It began on 9 June when we were pleased to join members of the Metro New York Chapter for their luncheon in Carmel, NY. We thank the organizers Russ Salemi (Desc HQ-10th Div) and Roger Miller for the invite. It was a nice luncheon with a Tenth Mountain tie-in. The restaurant is owned by the Spaccarelli family, descendants of Isadore DeLuccia (85-G). We got to see our old friend Tony Sileo (85-I) again, as well as fellow WWII veteran William Duncan (86-A). The four intrepid travelers who piled into the car for the 2-hour trip were: Al Soria (87-L), Bill Morrison, Bev Folderman, (Bill Millette 605-FA), and Dave Morrison.

June 14th brought another get-together organized by Descendant President Jill Hamlin (Desc Norton Stanton 86-A). We met in Little Falls at the Travel Lodge. We set the location a little farther west than usual, in an attempt to lure a few more Central NY members. It must have worked, as we got to meet two new faces. Descendants John BeGasse (Bruce BeGasse 86-M), and Joseph Ciancetti (Armand Ciancetti 87-I). The usual suspects included veterans Al Soria and Bill Morrison, widows Emmy Santasiero (Phil Santasiero 87-K), and Bev Folderman (Bill Millette 605-FA), Descendants Jan and Dan Mancini (Ray Farmer 86-I MED), Mary Sonricker Rinaldi, Joe Rinaldi and Paul Sonricker (Earl Sonricker 87-B), Jill Hamlin and Dave Morrison.

Finally, July 27 was the date of the annual Tenth Mountain Division (LI) re-dedication ceremony at Whiteface Mountain. It is always a chance for heroes of yesterday to meet and mingle with heroes of today and tomorrow. The soldiers of today get to put a name and a face to the history of the Division, men who fought in the battles that gave street names to much of Ft Drum, and our veterans get to look into the eyes of the future of the Division.

It is a chance to ride the gondola to the top of the mountain to see the granite and brass plaque that was sent from the Italian government as a thank-you to the Tenth Mountain Division. This year's speakers were Deputy Division Commander BG Patrick Donohoe, and Rick Hamlin, National Ski Patrol historian. Roll was called by Command Sergeant Major Samuel J. Roarke.

Attendees were: Veterans Al Soria, Harold and Lorraine McAfee (85-L), Charlie Smith (85-I), and Bill Morrison, and widows Emmy Santasiero, Bev Folderman, and Eudora Shuler (Frederick Shuler 86-MED). Descendants included Pat Benson and James Shuler (86-MED), Darlene Gero (Desc 85-I), Mary Sonricker Rinaldi and Joe Rinaldi, Paul Sonricker and Dave Morrison.

We were also very pleased to meet New England Descendant Jennifer Morrell, whose dad was Nate Morrell (A Co-10th MED). Those of you who know Nate know that he was very active with the Association, serving as president for a number of years. He also was one of the few Tenth Mountaineers to volunteer for Korea, and a driving force behind much of the statuary in Memorial Park at Ft Drum. He was also chairman of a National Reunion at Ft Drum in 1998.



Upstate New York Chapter members attended annual ceremonies at Whiteface Mountain near Lake Placid, where older & younger members of the 10th Mtn Div join to honor their heritage. The event featured the Division's band and full color guard.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC)

Our Washington, D.C., Chapter Flag Day Picnic was on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at the home of Kim and Gene Hudyma in Millersville, MD. The burgers, pulled pork and hot dogs were cooked to perfection. We have lots of good cooks in our chapter, as was seen with the pot luck contributions. The Camp Hale Bar and Gene's home-brewed beers stood the test of time.

We welcomed first-time attendees Tim O'Boyle (10th Mtn Div [LI]), his girlfriend Danielle Stateler, and Tim's beautiful service dog Sandy.

Our Veterans' Day luncheon will be on Sat., Nov. 10, 2018. Ralph Tuccillo's (10th Mtn Div [LI]) topic will be "Life of a Battalion Commander in the 10th Mountain Division (LI) in the late 1980's -Preparing for Our Combat Mission." The location is still in the planning stage.

Several Baltimore-area members met to celebrate former WDC Chapter President Hassell Vass's 96th birthday on July 23d. We met at a lovely waterfront establishment called Carson's Creekside Restaurant.

Attendees were Hassell Vass (10-AT-A), Pam Pikla (Desc 10-AT-A), Abbie Kealy (Desc 86-L), Mary and Norm Burkey (Desc 85-C), Sally Oesterling (Desc 87-HQ-3), Pete Naylor (Desc 87-HQ-3) and Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC). We had such a good time that we are welcoming other significant birthdays to find an excuse to meet for lunch.



Flag Day picnic drew Washington, D.C. Chapter members, back row: Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F), Richard Templeton (Desc 85-HQ-3, 10-HQ), Norm Burkey (Desc 85-C), Mary Burkey, Patrick Kiser (Desc 87-F), Pam Pikla (Desc 10-AT-A), Antigone Doucette, Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC), Christopher Doucette (Desc 10-QM-H, 10-HQ), Hassell Vass (10-AT-A), Ralph Tuccillo (10-LI). Middle row: Russ Ventimiglia, Brenda Pryor (Desc 85-E). Seated: Kristen Pryor Ventimiglia (Desc 85-E), Mia Ventimiglia, Sandy Tuccillo, Abbie Kealy (Desc 86-L), Bill Bealmear, Tim O'Boyle (10-LI), Sandy (service dog) and Danielle Stateler.



Asa, Warren (86-G), 92, July 10, 2018, Glendora, CA. Survived by wife Mary Jeanne (Brand), 2 daughters, a son, 4 grandchildren, 2 nephews. He taught survival skills at Philmont Scout Ranch & explored glaciers in Alaska with the USGS, was a skipper on the Jungle Cruise at Disneyland, Western Regional Director for American Youth Hostels, leading bicycle tours in Mexico & Europe. Worked for California Conservation Corps, taught high school in Westchester & was a professor at Cal Poly Pomona. Used his knowledge of horticulture to travel the world helping less developed countries grow crops. Fascinated with building things, from lapidary to woodworking to blacksmithing. Summers spent on long camping trips subsisting on fish & berries. Traveled extensively, visiting over 40 countries. Active member, St. Dorothy's Roman Catholic Church; resident blacksmith at Rubel Castle.

Bannister, Jeffrey L. (MG, 10th Mtn Div), 57, May 27, 2018, Lake Murray, CS. Survived by wife Trese (LaCamera) (LTC, Ret.) & daughter Lindsey. Originally from Rome, GA. Assigned to US Army Central, Shaw AFB, SC as special projects officer for Army Chief of Staff, awaiting retirement. Most-recently served as 10th Mtn Div commander & senior commander at Ft Drum, NY, until April, 2017; previously served as Deputy CG. Over 34-year career, served in 82nd Abn Div, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; 1st Bn 75th Ranger Regt, Hunter Army Airfield, GA; 2nd Inf Div, Republic of Korea; returned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regt. Commanded at every level from company (X2) through division level. Commanded his battalion and brigade in Germany (2000-03) & Ft Carson, CO, respectively. Deputy Commanding General for Ops, 10th Mtn Div at Ft Drum, NY; Deputy J3, Central Comd, Tampa, FL; deployed overseas on numerous occasions in support of Operation Joint Guardian in Balkans, (1998), Operation Essential Harvest in Macedonia (2000-01), 3 tours to Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, & 3 tours to Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Freedom Sentinel in Afghanistan.

Beck, Kenneth Richard (86-B), 94, July 28, 2018, Pierre, SD. Survived by wife Marilyn (Dondelinger), 2 daughters, 3 sons, 14 grand-, 2 great-grandchildren. Worked as ski instructor & ski patrol, Sun Valley, ID, & locomotive fireman, Alaska. Owned & operated City Center Motel, Grand Junction, CO; moved to Pierre, SD; purchased Chevrolet, Pontiac & Cadillac dealership. Couple spent winters in Colorado & Arizona & traveled the world, including on a balloon safari to Mount Kenya Safari Club in East Africa topped off with flight on Concorde Super Sonic Transport. Lifelong member, 10th Mtn Div Assn.

Chesna, Michael (87-1), 42, July 15, 2018, Hanover, MA. Survived by wife Cynthia “Cindy” (Doran), a daughter, a son, many cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, extended family & friends. Shot & killed as a police officer serving the town of Weymouth, responding to a call for an erratic driver; incident also left a 77-year-old woman dead. Following 9/11, had joined the U.S. Army to serve his country with the 10th Mtn Div (LI) from 2008-2012, with deployments to Iraq & Afghanistan. A massive sports fan, besides being an avid basketball player in his weekly men’s league, followed all Boston sports teams with a passion & a particular devotion to Bill Belichick. A collector of everything from watches, bobbleheads, baseball cards & football helmets.

Dirkes, Richard Sherman (86-E), 94, June 10, 2018, Edwards, CO. Survived by wife Joy (Griswald), 2 sons, a stepdaughter, 6 grand-, 4 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Laverne (Williams). Founded his firm, RS Dirkes Inc., & was manufacturer's representative for a number of domestic specialty steel producers. Lifelong member, Manhasset Bay Yacht Club; board member Sands Point Golf Club, trustee, Village of Sands Point. Also member, Roaring Fork Club & Sonnenalp Golf Club. Loved outdoors & mountain activities, retiring to Aspen & later to Edwards.

Goyer, Robert (86-H), 94, June 13, 2018, Scottsdale, AZ. Survived by 3 daughters, 4 grandchildren; predeceased by wife Patricia (Stutz), a daughter, granddaughter, & service dog. With his wife earned Master of Arts degree in Mass Communication before being recalled to 48th Inf Div, West Germany, during Korean War. An expert in organizational & interpersonal communication, served on faculties at Ohio State, Purdue, Ohio & Arizona State Universities. President, international Communication Assn, wrote several books. Active in Presbyterian Church, summer theater productions, AARP volunteer; president Arizona Chapter, National Assn 10th Mtn Div.

Hauptmann, Charles McNerney (85-3-HQ).), 96, June 23, 2018, Billings, MT. Survived by 3 sons, 3 daughters, 14 grand- & 11 great-grandchildren.; predeceased by wife Anne (McLaughlin), son Dick. Worked for The California Company (Chevron) in New Orleans, LA; moved to Billings, MT, during first Williston Basin oil and gas boom; worked on geological prospects, both mining & oil and gas. Member, Montana Geological Society, American Assn of Petroleum Geologists, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council for BLM & a founding member, Billings Petroleum Club. Charter member & president, Big Sky Chapter, Natnl Assn, 10th Mtn Div & Vice President of national association. Precinct chairman, Republican Central Committee; member, Rotary Club, NRA and DAV. Involved for 70 years in Boy Scouts; received Roman Catholic St. George medal.

Henderson, Donald Hector (87-HQ-1), 95, May 24, 2018, Fairlee, VT. Survived by wife Patricia (Salmon), a son, a daughter & two grandchildren. Graduated from Harvard with Master’s Degree in history; after year of advanced study, University of London, began teaching & coaching career at Holderness School; taught document-based history, coached skiing & other sports. Fulbright Exchange to Mo-i-Rana, Norway, & Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. In 1963-64, coach with US Women’s Alpine Ski Team; 1969-70, Head Coach, US Alpine Ski Team. War injuries deadened all feeling in his lower right leg, which could result in frostbite during ski season; invented, hand-sewed & patented “Panaja Boot Muff.” Avid reader, especially of anything to do with science.

Howard, Walter E. “Howdy” (87-I), 101, June 29, 2018, Davis, CA. Survived by wife Elizabeth “Betty” (Kendall), 2 daughters, a son, 5 grand- & 8 great-grandchildren. Hired by University of California, Division of Agricultural Zoology at University Farm at Davis to undertake field research at the San Joaquin Experimental

Range. Taught & continued research until retiring. Pioneer in vertebrate ecology, work taking him to about 80 countries. Studied environmental damage caused by red deer, rabbits, & opossums in New Zealand. Enjoyed teaching courses on issues of over- population. Founder, Vertebrate Pest Conference; involved in many professional & civic organizations.

Jessen, Vernon F. (85-E), 92, July 18, 2018, Evansville, IN. Survived by a son, 5 grand-, 14 great-grand-, 10 great-great grandchildren, nieces & nephews; predeceased by wife Kathryn. Worked at Nabisco Company in accounts payable & traffic department for 40 years. Member, numerous organizations including past master, Emulation Lodge #255 in Clinton, IA, 32nd Degree Mason with Rizpah Shriner's #8, Rizpah Legion of Honor, Madisonville, KY, Masonic Lodge #244, F& AM, American Legion Worsham Post #40, Henderson, KY, where he served on Honor Guard for many years, & 40 & 8 Society. Enjoyed traveling & camping.

Wieprecht, Harvey (86-F), 94, June 15, 2018, Troutdale, OR. Survived by a son, a daughter, nieces & nephews; predeceased by wife Betty J. After a career with the US Postal Service as a mail carrier, retired in 1979 to pursue love of the outdoors. Enjoyed downhill skiing, whitewater rafting, swimming, tennis, golf, hiking & climbing. Deacon, Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, member, NorthWest Chapter, National Assn of 10th Mtn Div, & Lions Club, Troutdale.

Wineberg, Marlin H. (85-D), Lakewood, CO. Survived by one daughter, 2 grandsons; predeceased by wife Joy Mary (Rodriquez).

Yucha, Albert J. (178 FA), 92, May 5, 2018, Camp Hill, PA. Survived by a daughter, granddaughter, grandson, great-granddaughter, nieces & nephews; predeceased by wife Anna M. (Viscovich). Served with Dept of Corrections, Camp Hill; continued his education in Criminal Justice; retired as Major, Chief of Security, after 35 years. Member, Good Shepherd Church; also member St. Francis Society (Shamokin); Our Lady of Queenship Council, Knights of Columbus 3rd degree, Bishop J.W. Shanahan Assembly 4th Degree; West Shore Elks, Mechanicsburg Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars & American Legion.

FORT DRUM REMEMBERS

An Annual Remembrance Ceremony was held on June 19, 2018, in Memorial Park, Ft Drum, NY, in honor of a 3d Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 10th Mountain Division, soldier who died in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Specialist Alexander W. Missildine, 20, was killed Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 in Salah ad-Din Province, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy.

The life of MG Jeffrey Bannister (see above) was also honored during the ceremony

ELECTRONIC BLIZZARD SCHEDULE

ISSUE #2/1-2018 Deadline for copy: February 1 to be Online: March 1

ISSUE #3/2-2018 Deadline for copy: May 1 to be Online: June 1

ISSUE #4/3-2018 Deadline for copy: August 1 to be Online: September 1

ISSUE #5/4-2018 Deadline for copy: November 1 to be Online: December 1

YOUTH INITIATIVE PROJECT: DOCUMENTARY TO TELL STORY OF TENTH ON MOUNT MANGART, SLOVENIA, JUNE 3, 1945

Chris Anthony



I have been working on an educational, not-for-profit documentary about the famed WWII American 10th Mountain Division. It's the story of time spent on Mt. Mangart, Slovenia. This piece of history found its way into my life several years ago through retired Brigadier General of the Slovenian Mountain Troops, Janez Kavar.

After trying to find others to partner with me in the production of this important documentary, I surrendered to the fact that I would have to be the one to start pushing the production uphill both organizationally and financially, or nothing would happen.

Film producer Chris Anthony, right, working on his film of 10th Mtn Div action in Slovenia post-WWII.

Further thought made me think about who would be the potential audience for this documentary and what would they gain from viewing it. The final question was, do I really need to clear profit or can we just give it away for the right reasons in the end?

I came to the conclusion that to produce such an educational documentary, it would need to be more about the passion to tell this story and not for the bottom line. A model that worked was the film "Climb to Glory" I co-produced several years ago, that now has been seen in classrooms by more-than 30,000 students and growing. This new documentary project will have immeasurable educational value. Therefore, I have decided to produce it under the umbrella of my Youth Project. It will be made available for free to schools, museums and educators for the purpose of teaching.

Recently I had success in obtaining some key recreated images on Mt. Mangart in Slovenia thanks to the help of over 30 Slovenians. This has further cemented the fact that I'm to complete this documentary.

I'm a long way from the finish line but as I move forward, so do the support and the depth of the story. I have recently recruited my editors and came across a number of volunteers that will be helping me with the research. I have given this project a deadline of 2020 in sync with the 75th anniversary of the event I am documenting. I welcome your support.

Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project, ED, 2018 Colorado Snow Sports Hall of Fame

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**FEBRUARY 27 –
MARCH 5, 2019**

More details to come.
Stay tuned!

For questions, please contact
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- ❖ Feb 27 Leadville School Presentations
- ❖ Feb 28 Copper Mountain
- ❖ Mar 1 Cooper Hill Day
- ❖ Mar 2 Ski Cooper
- ❖ Mar 3 Free Day
- ❖ Mar 4 Breckenridge
- ❖ Mar 5 Vail

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and Dinner



10th Mountain Division Foundation - President's Message

Trux Dole

General Update: Second quarter was a busy on all fronts: Memorial Day at Tennessee pass - partner meetings – new partner proposals - Resource Center challenge grant – updating contracts – uncovering further administrative cost reductions and financial operations improvements – defining budgets for the teams BEFORE the annual meeting – improving coordination with National and Descendants – fielding grants and scholarship applications – initial preparations for annual meeting. You should be proud of the dedication and diligence of your foundation executive committee, administrative director and team leads.

A reminder that the Executive Committee decided to shift this year's annual meeting to Labor Day weekend, both to give the teams more time to finalize budgets against requests and to align with the National Association reunion at Breckenridge.

There's plenty more to do, including updating our website and collateral materials, improving chapter level communications and enlisting the help of some volunteers. (Yes, we'd love your participation!)

Financial Update:

This quarter the Foundation income totaled \$52,056 with \$21,761 from investments and license plate contributions.

At the halfway point in the year, we are \$5,075 below projected income for investments and license plates.

We also received \$33,343 in donations with nine general donations, 64 license plate purchase donations, a \$10,000 scholarship donation and a \$5,000 challenge grant to the Collections team for the 10th Mountain Resource center.

Thank you very much! (Remember, we do not yet budget for donations so these funds help us tremendously)

New foundation Treasurer, Joy Ellison continued to closely monitor our portfolio and believes we are on track relative to the market and our investment needs.

Financial Update: 2nd Quarter and Year to Date - 2018		
Income		
Type	Q2	YTD
General Donations	15,295	15,744
License Plates	3,048	5,996
Scholarship	10,000	40,000
Resource Center	5,000	5,000
Monuments/Memorials	0	6,905
Investment Income	18,713	40,474
TOTAL	52,056	114,119
Expenses		
Program Area	Q2	YTD
Collections and Public Resources	7,750	15,500
Education and Scholarship	0	1,600
Monuments and Memorials	3,040	19,140
Outdoor Industry	91	529
Outdoor Experience	15,600	15,600
Promotion and Awareness	1,026	1,991
Admin Expenses	9,197	15,214
TOTAL	36,704	69,574

Foundation expenses are on track relative to budget. Our main expenses in Q2 were for the ongoing support of the Curator at the 10th Mountain Resource Center for the Collections team, the disabled soldier winter sports clinic grant and two NOLS scholarships for the Outdoor experience team plus our Memorial Day ceremony at Tennessee Pass.

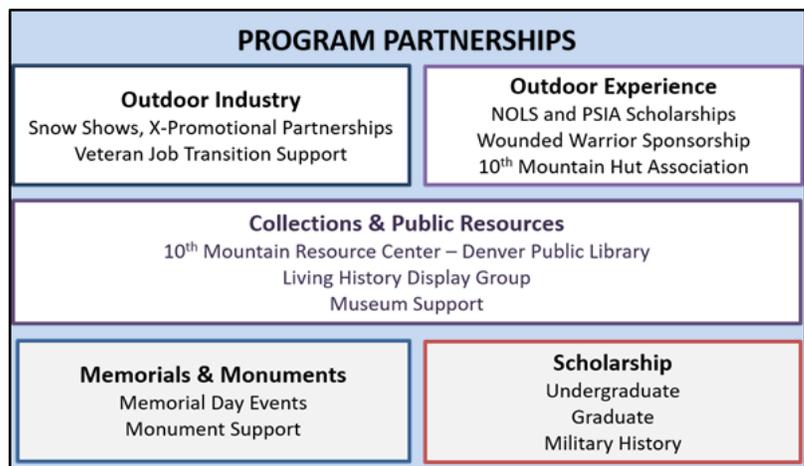
Administratively we continue to make headway on reducing our administrative costs or shift them to program funding. I am pleased to share that PSIAA (the Professional Ski and Snowboard Instructors Association of America) has agreed to reduce the rent on the Foundation offices by 72% and use that savings for Outdoor Industry program support. We are just finalizing the updated contract and should see costs reflected in the 2nd half of the year.

Donations made in Memory or On-Behalf-Of Veterans and their families (April – June 2018):

Alden Robinson, Ann and Robert Martin, Marion "Teeny" Sibley Howell Sr., Earl Clark, Frank Anderson, Clif Taylor, Alphonse E. Osowiecki, Henry Tonking, Floyd Erickson, John J Robers, Charles Payne, John William Crow, Hubert Schwandt, Charles L Gardner, Marvyn Wickum, Joe Tessari, Harold "Newc"

Program Update: The following recaps the different teams’ work over the past Quarter:

Monuments and Memorials: Our 59th annual Tennessee Pass Memorial Day ceremony was by all accounts a success. We were blessed with fine weather and even a snow shower at the end of the luncheon. LTC John Hancher, the brigade commander of the newly repatched 1-157th/10th Mountain National Guard provided the key note, and representatives from Descendants, today’s 10th and the 99th Viking battalion read profiles of the fallen.



The new evergreen wreaths were most attractive in addition to being 66% less expensive and re-usable. Big thanks again to the Monuments team, Flint Whitlock and Dave Little, as well as to Administrative Director, Lynn Hutchinson and EVP, Nancy Kramer for all their hard work and attention to detail. Down in Boulder, past Foundation leader Hugh Evans and veteran Dick Over represented the 10th at the Bolder Boulder race. On the Camp Hale front, there have been no further developments concerning HR 4883, the Continental Divide Recreation, Wilderness, and Camp Hale Legacy Act.

Collections and Public Resources: The Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame at Vail re-opened and second-hand feedback confirms that the 10th exhibit has been well done and is featured prominently at the entrance. Collections team lead, Dave Little, has leveraged the Resource Center advisory council in securing volunteer support for the collections team. One important note to call-out for anyone with papers or artifacts they are considering donating: The 10th Mountain Resource Center at the Denver public library handles any letters, papers, photographs or film/audio items, while History Colorado handles any physical artifacts or gear.

Lastly, we are most grateful to Descendant, Dan Whittemore for his generous challenge grant of \$10,000.

With your help we could provide a \$20K endowment for the Resource Center!

Outdoor Experience: Over Memorial Day weekend, Outdoor Experience team lead, Paul Vertrees, along with President, Trux Dole and EVP, Nancy Kramer met with the Development Director for NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School), and with leaders of the 10th Mountain Alpine Group to discuss options and ideas for better engaging and supporting today's 10th veterans looking to leverage their training into a career in outdoor education or recreation.

Scholarships: This year we received 6 scholarship grant requests, of which 4 met the minimum requirements. The team will be reviewing applications in detail and should be ready to announce recipients by the end of August. Given the Foundation's updated mission to serve veterans past present and future, I will be working with the team to help them refresh their thinking and initiate greater collaboration and coordination of scholarships across the 10th National and Descendants organizations.

Outdoor Industry: I am pleased to share that the PSIAA-AASI (Professional Ski Instructors of America – American Assoc., of Snowboard Instructors) agreed to our proposal to reduce our office rent by 72% in exchange for sponsoring instructor level 1 and 2 certification grants to 10th Soldiers and their families plus support of their online educational programs. We are updating our contract accordingly and this move will improve the Foundation's administrative expense ratio starting in the second half of 2018.



Icelandic as our lead industry partner has sold out of their second production run of their 10th Mountain ski for which 15% of proceeds are donated to the Foundation. They are currently offering prints of the top skin artwork, as well as t-Shirts and 10th Mountain white anoraks. Get one today at <https://www.icelanticskis.com/collections/limited-edition>



Foundation President, Trux Dole, met with and submitted a cross-promotional marketing and donation proposal to Deviation Ski's in Portland. Deviation offers customizable graphics allowing for personalized skis.



Foundation Chairman, Tom Hames is in similar discussions with Volant Ski's, Weston Snowboards, and Black Diamond climbing gear to offer discounts to National and Descendants members along with a revenue share for the Foundation.



What’s Next:

As you can see on the adjacent chart, we have great folks, but they are doing double and sometimes triple duty. If you want to make a difference, your Foundation wants you!

We can also use help on our marketing team, particularly if you have web experience. Please feel to contact me (t.dole@10thmdf.org) or Lynn Hutchinson, (admin@10thmdf.org).

Thanks in advance for your help and consideration.

Sempre Avanti



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