RETURN HOME FROM DJIBOUTI DEPLOYMENT

Members of 1-32nd returning from Afghanistan are greeted by 10th Mtn Div (LI) Commanding General MG Walter Piatt and command staff.
ARMY’S MOST-DEPLOYED RESPOND TO YET-MORE NEEDS

--With information from Public Affairs Office, 10th Mtn Div (LI)

Approximately 180 soldiers deployed this September to assist local authorities, relief agencies and civilians in areas of North and South Carolina affected by Hurricane Florence. Soldiers from 110th Composite Truck Co and 548th Combat Sustainment Support Bn, 10th Mountain Division Sustainment Brigade, returned on Sept. 28, 2018, from Hurricane Florence relief efforts. The soldiers were credited with providing clean drinking water, food, fuel and support to Federal relief agencies and the local population.

Soldiers and aviators from the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mtn Div (LI), had returned from a month-long rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center and Hurricane Florence relief preparations on Sept. 22 at Ft Drum, NY. Soldiers from Task Force Knighthawk left the US Army’s combat training center in Ft Polk, LA, and immediately went on standby status at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA, for Hurricane Florence relief efforts.

Forces from the US Army, the US Army National Guard, and the US Army Reserves continue to respond to citizens in crisis as a part of the Department of Defense's support of civilian authorities. Rotary wing aircraft and high-water vehicles were the first to receive “Prepare to Deploy” orders in the wake of the storm.

The 10th soldiers demonstrated they are committed to responding to calls to action on the domestic front as well as abroad. Though they did not get called into an active status, the immediate jump from the demanding, simulated challenge of JRTC, into hurricane relief preparations, was a unique experience in integrating with other DoD units to exhibit the Army’s levels of readiness, no matter the task at hand.

“I’m extremely proud of our soldiers in Task Force Knighthawk,” said COL Darrell A. Doremus, 10th Combat Avn Bde commander. “Without hesitation or grievance, our soldiers postponed their reunions with their families and answered their nation’s call to act by moving their aircraft and equipment to Georgia. It’s a fantastic example of the resiliency found all throughout our ranks in the 10th Mountain Division, and we’re happy to have them back home with their families.” The battalion flew multiple formations of helicopters up the East Coast over varied routes due to weather and airport impacts as a result of Hurricane Florence.

Meantime approximately 100 soldiers from A/1-32 IN returned from a six-month deployment to Djibouti, in early October, 2018. They had been serving as the East Africa Response Force, (EARF) in support of the Regionally Aligned Force mission in Africa. Along with the EARF assignment, the Soldiers conducted multiple civil affairs missions, to include teaching English classes at a local university and partnering with a host nation orphanage.

COL Shane Morgan, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division Commander, said “These soldiers were prepared to operate for a crisis that never emerged, because our adversaries understood the lethal deterrent option from the 10th Mountain Division. Mountain Warriors, you’ve answered the call and you’ve done your duty. You made every 10th Mountain veteran, your fellow soldiers, families, loved ones and our nation very proud.”
SAVE THE DATE
June 20 – 23, 2019
2019 Reunion

National Association 10th Mountain Division, Inc.
hosted by the Fort Drum Chapter
at Fort Drum, NY

“Recruit, Assemble, Climb to Glory”

Schedule Overview:

June 20 – Mountainfest/ Salute to the Nation, fireworks and concert
June 21 – Fort Drum Day: Memorial ceremony, Ft Drum tour, lunch with unit soldiers, Ft Drum Museum, etc.
June 22 – Tours Day and Dinner: Sackets Harbor, Thousand Island Winery and Farewell Dinner
June 23 – Departure and board meetings

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: gpearsal@tweny.rr.com

Registration information in December 2018

Make new friends and reacquaint with old comrades
Tell your Mountain Buddies!!
GOLDEN DRAGONS, ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTERS HOST REUNION

John Russell (10th Mtn Div [LI], ret.)

A national reunion was held over Labor Day weekend, Aug 31 - Sept 2, 2018, centered around Breckenridge and Camp Hale, CO.

Forty-eight veterans, descendants, friends, and members of the Foundation board of directors attended a number of events over the 3-day period. Co-sponsors were the Golden Dragon (14th Infantry Regiment) Chapter and Rocky Mountain Chapter, in the persons of Pete Tingstrom (10th Mtn Div [LI] ret.) and John Russell, respectively.

Highlights were the Friday night get-together at Breckenridge, a visit and guided tour of Camp Hale with lunch at Ski Cooper on Saturday, and a Sunday visit to the Colorado Snowsports Museum and Hall of Fame in Vail, CO. At the Friday night bash, a ceremonial cake was cut by the oldest attendee, 93-year-old George Spence (86-I) and Corey Flannery of 2-14 Infantry (2004-08), the youngest veteran present.

On Saturday, David Little of the Living History Group provided a terrain walk and tour of Camp Hale. In addition, six members of Company C, 1-157th Mountain Infantry of Grand Junction, CO, Colorado Army National Guard, demonstrated military roping skills with old and new equipment and techniques. Several veterans of 2-14 and 2-87 Infantry rappelled for the first time since leaving the Army in the late-80’s.

After lunch at Ski Cooper Lodge, all attended a memorial service at the 10th Mountain War Memorial. Chaplain (MAJ, ret) Roger Rahill previously of 1st Inf Bde at Ft Drum, provided the invocation and benediction. A formal banquet capped the day with a keynote speech by LTC John Hancher, outgoing commander of 1-157 Mtn Inf. Pete Tingstrom set the backdrop with an inspiring display of photographs of the 10th from WWII to today.

Sunday’s activities were a visit to the Snowsports Museum in the famed Vail ski resort, featuring a brand-new 10th display and film, and the chance to meet with Sandy Treat, a 95-year-old skier who spends every Friday afternoon telling about a soldier’s life at Camp Hale. Sandy went from being four-time NCAA ski champion to a 10th Mtn Div machine gunner in service to his country. He is a Hall of Fame member as well. Finally, we visited the 10th Mountain Whiskey store, but because of events going on in Vail Village, were unable to partake of spirits.

Two remarkable observations came from this small reunion: most of the Golden Dragons enlisted in the infantry for three years, became the backbone of 2nd Bn 14th Inf, and never set foot on Ft Drum. They completed their enlistments at Ft Benning, GA, serving in our first COHORT battalion. Thus the visit to Camp Hale more than cemented their brotherhood within the Tenth family of soldiers. Secondly, our national association president, MG (Ret) Galen Jackman, remarked that despite the relatively small attendance, he was given the opportunity to spend a lot of time with “each and every” attendee, which made it a fundamentally good event. All in attendance share that sentiment.

It was definitely a “climb to glory.” Thanks to all who participated.
10th Mountain Division Reunion
Camp Hale 2018

Photo by Susan Jackson
Breckinridge reunion included a special cake-cutting by oldest, 93-year-old George Spence (86-L) & youngest, Corey Flannery of 2-14 Infantry (2004-08), 10th Mtn veterans doing the honors. Middle photo, reunion planner & President, Golden Dragon Chapter, Pete Tingstrom; guest speaker & commander, 1st Bn 157th Inf, LTC John Hancher; & reunion planner & President, Rocky Mountain Chapter, John Russell (10th Mtn Div [LI], ret.). Members also had a chance to rappel down the mountain at a training site at Camp Hale; here Jerry Eller, original member, 2/87 Inf Bn.
10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.
President’s Message: Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F)

TMDD 2018 Board Meeting: The Board held our annual meeting on 21 Sept. in Rockford, IL. Several important decisions were made, none more-so than the election of new officers to take over starting 1 January 2019. Our new leadership team will be: Denise Taylor (President), Ron Sawdy (Senior VP), Melanie Loveland (Secretary), and Don Perkins (Treasurer). We will be updating the TMDD Board Directory before 1 January, but in the meantime, Denise may be contacted at dtaylor10thdesc@gmail.com with any questions.

Membership: We continue to ask for everyone’s help building our numbers by renewing, recruiting or signing up family members (makes a great gift). Memberships are our only real source of revenue, revenue that is needed to continue the education, support and outreach to meet the TMDD mission. We are very close to implementing online renewals beginning early next year. It is our hope that this, along with some other process improvements will make signing up less burdensome for everyone and save us money in the long run. Our membership has been shrinking in the last couple years and we need everyone’s help to reverse this trend.

Scholarship: Another decision made by the Board was to raise the Finn-Thornton scholarship award from $2,500 to $3,500 beginning in 2019. This was made possible by the generous donations from all of you so keep them coming. 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 several sightseeing opportunities. We are beginning the early planning for this next trip now. We’ve narrowed the start date
options to either 23 May to allow for participation in Memorial Day ceremonies at the Florence American Cemetery, or 8 June to allow for a Normandy pre-trip on 6 June. We will have this locked down by the first of the year so people can begin planning for this important trip. As we develop the details they will be sent to the TMDD members (another good reason to sign up), and posted on our web and Face Book pages.

2019 National Reunion: Please consider attending the 2019 National Reunion at Fort Drum next June. Details on this may be found elsewhere in the Blizzard edition.

Social Media: People from all over the world continue to 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.

THANK YOU, STEVE AND ADRIAN COFFEY!

Val Rios  (Desc 87-K), 10th Mountain Division Descendants - Immediate Past President

In 2012 Steve Coffey was elected President-elect for the 10th Mtn Div Descendants and began his six-year term January 1, 2013. His daughter, Adrian Coffey, was elected Secretary as part of Steve’s slate. A President can serve no more than two, three-year terms so Steve will step down at the end of this year along with his daughter Adrian.

Six years is a long time to serve as President, but Steve pretty much knew what he was getting into. He served as my Senior Vice President, on the Association as Vice President, and on the Foundation board. I thought the job was demanding enough just being President of the Descendants Inc. but to serve on all three boards was over the top! Yet Steve remained loyal to the 10th patch, and all three branches of the 10th family have benefitted from his dedication and willingness to serve.
Steve isn’t retiring just yet. He still plans to be involved and he will remain on the Descendant board as Immediate Past President. He also wants to get more involved with the Foundation and work on the Monuments and Memorials Committee; that, I know, will benefit all three organizations. You will also see him on the 2020 Return to Italy trip as he is an integral part of that committee.

As for Adrian, let me tell you a little background to her coming onto the BoD as Secretary. When Steve ran for President there were not a lot of people who stepped forward to volunteer for the Secretary position. Then Steve told the board, “I was able to convince Adrian to be Secretary, but she said she would do it for only a year.” Well, Adrian didn’t leave after a year and remained all six years of her dad’s term. This dedication to the 10th definitely runs in the family!

Steve and Adrian, the 10th Mountain Division Descendants Board of Directors cannot thank you enough for your service over the past six years. It has been a pleasure working with both of you and I look forward to future times together. SEMPRE AVANTI!

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Felicity Hallanan  (Editor, Associate)

When the 10th Mountain Division was officially activated on 10 July, 1943, it began a military tradition that continues to this day. And when the first soldiers of the Division had children, they were rightly termed “descendants.” World War II veterans later formed the National Association, in August, 1971; and their childrens’ allegiance to the 10th was so strong that eventually they formed the Descendants Association in support of their parents. It is a lively and active group and has in recent years begun picking up responsibilities from the Chapters originally founded by the Veterans.

Unlike many U.S. Army divisions, however, the 10th experienced a hiatus, a period when its services were not seen as needed in the grand schemes of America’s military. That changed on a snowy, 13 February, 1985,
when a ceremony at a hangar of Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield, Fort Drum, New York, was the scene of the re-activation of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry—an additional designation clarifying the essential role of the unit to move in first to situations without a need for heavy equipment—speed was of the essence).

That was 33 years ago—yes, do the math, in which time units are beginning to observe anniversaries of actions they have been involved in around the world as the Army’s most-deployed Division. Along with serving their country, they have raised families so that now it stands to reason there are many new descendants of the 10th Mountain Division. The earlier ones, dare we say it? are now in retirement years; the younger ones are serving in today’s Division, or graduating from high school or college, or just being born. But they are just as much descendants as those born 70-some years ago.

The point—and your Editor feels this as personally as anyone—is that there are many descendants of today’s 10th. The question is, where are they? To answer that, one has to look at membership rolls of the National Association and ask, first, where are the more-recent veterans themselves? Some of them have, indeed, signed up for the Association. A few even attend meetings and other gatherings of the original, WWII Chapters. At the same time, several have opted to form their own, online Chapters, staying in touch through Facebook and other electronic media; they have begun, however, to realize the value to getting together on occasion as, for example, the reunion at Breckinridge, CO, this past September (see this edition).

But where are the others, those men and women who’ve served in the 10th since 1985 and then gone on to life in the civilian world and created new careers and raised new families? And, speaking of those families, where are they in all of this? There is a Descendants Association primarily run by WWII “children,”—but where are today’s Descendants?

The “Blizzard” has long intended to cover any and all who are a part of the 10th Mountain Division, whatever their rank, age or position. But it’s come to the point where the “newer” generations are needed to step forward and become a part of this effort to record the ongoing history of the Division. So this is a plea to veterans—and descendants—of any generation—to join us in helping tell the story.

(Note: In the meantime, we continue to receive word from families of the passing of veterans of all ages, and want to put in a word here asking that, whenever possible, all of us think of preparing obituaries ahead of time so that they are a complete record of lives well-lived. We know from experience that a time of death is a difficult time in which to find details about the person we have just lost. It is so sad to know that sometimes we cannot tell the story of a life because it has not been sent and/or is not to be found elsewhere. —F.H.)
ARMADILLO

Phebe Davol (Desc 86-L, 86-HQ)

The Armadillo Chapter is planning one of two 2019 Annual Chapter Reunions in New Orleans during the weekend of April 5-8, 2019 (tentative, to be finalized soon). Preliminary plans are underway and will include a visit to the National World War II Museum. Members of other Chapters including Veterans (WWII and 10th [LI]), Descendants and Friends of the 10th are invited. If anyone is remotely interested in attending, please contact Phebe Davol at 512-917-0423 and/or phebe.davol@gmail.com. This will ensure we request an adequate number of hotel rooms. Once you are on our list of potential attendees, updates and registration will be provided to you as the time draws near.

Other Chapter news includes the presentation of an autographed copy of the book “World War II at Camp Hale --Blazing a New Trail in the Rockies,” by David R. Witte to Merrill Clark (85-K). Flint Whitlock (Desc Btry A 605th FA Bn) prepared the Foreword to the book and notes that “Mr. Witte has performed a great service for all history buffs by creating this fascinating, richly detailed and thoroughly researched portrait of a unique place.” The book also contains historical photographs never published. I am enjoying my book I obtained through Amazon. This is the perfect book for a gift to anyone intrigued by the history of WWII, especially since it is devoted to Camp Hale and the history of the 10th Mtn Div.

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

DELAWARE VALLEY

Barbara Catterall (Desc 85-G)

The Delaware River Valley Chapter was to host its Veterans Day luncheon on Nov. 11, 2018, at the Overbrook Country Club in Villanova, PA. We anticipated about 25 attendees including two 10th Mountain vets, Paul Kitchen (86-I) and Weldon Storey (87-A) and vet Patrick Devine (10th Mtn Div [LI]). Photo and details next issue. I participated in the Descendants’ Board meeting in Rockford, IL. We elected Denise Taylor as our next president, which I feel is an excellent choice. Denise will succeed Steve Coffey in January, 2019.
FORT DRUM

Felicity Hallanan (Associate)

Members of the Fort Drum Chapter gather monthly at the USO and Museum on post, which helps provide incentive to take on activities for the soldiers around us.

Within the past year that has included responsibility for a new monument at the top of the Thompson Park hill in Watertown sharing the story of the 10th Mtn Div with others, especially since with current security measures many people can’t easily get onto the post to see other monuments and activities. The Honor the Mountain Monument reminds the civilian community about the importance of Fort Drum in the North Country, and was the object of the September “Memorial to Monument”, 11-mile run (see “Blizzard,” Edition 3, 2018).

Other efforts by the chapter under president Michael Plummer (COL, 10th Mtn Div [LI], Ret.), have garnered major funding for Wounded Warrior programs. There is also a fund responsible for scholarships for soldiers and their families; this past year the Chapter awarded over-$15,000, administered through the Northern New York Community Foundation.

Plummer was also guest speaker at the Nov. 8, 2018, Veterans Day observances on post; soldiers of the 10th were involved in 19 events in communities throughout the region over the same period.

Members continue to respond to orders from families and friends for memorial bricks, which are laid around the Mountaineer statue in front of Hayes Hall, the Division headquarters. The Chapter also supports other, local one-time efforts like this season’s Toys for Tots organized by the Sergeants-Major Assn, to which the group donated $500.

In the meantime, Gilbert “Gil” Pearsall (LTC, 10th Mtn Div [LI], Ret.) is heading-up preparations for the 2019 National Reunion to be held in the greater Fort Drum area from June 20-23 (see “Save the Date” information, this “Blizzard”).

LOWER MICHIGAN

Camilla Williams (Desc 87-E)

It was a very hot but beautiful day at the Michigan Military and Space Heroes Museum in Frankenmuth, MI, for the Lower Michigan Chapter Memorial Day Ceremony.

Chapter President Robert Lafean, son of John S Lafean (86-K), led the group of about 30 in the Pledge of Allegiance, introduced the veterans and the chapter officers, and opened with a prayer. There was a moment of silence. The 10th Mountain Division song was played followed by “God Bless America.” Before and after the ceremony some of us toured the Museum.

We then went to the Bavarian Inn for fellowship and a luncheon. After the luncheon, Professor James Smither, Director of the Veterans’ History Project at Grand Valley State University, spoke about interviewing 10th Mountain Lower Michigan WWII veterans about the history of the Division. We mourned the passing of Charles Hoffman (87-L) and Henry Bonnes (MP). Veterans of the 10th attending included Howard Garland (87-E), Floyd Erickson (87-H), Robert Kilmer (Div HQ), Palmer Couillard (87-F).
The Chapter would like to thank Bob Lafean for his 9 years of dedication as president for Lower Michigan and thank Robert Kilmer for stepping up to be the new president.

We look forward to visiting the Museum again!

GOLDEN DRAGONS

Pete B. Tingstrom (2-14th Inf, 10th Mtn Div [LI], Ret.)

Aloha from Hawaii! The Golden Dragon Chapter is full of veterans from the 1985-1988 era of the 10th Mountain Division spread all across America. People ask me often how a virtual chapter works. Since we are not all co-located in a geographical area, we find other ways to keep the military bonds alive. The Chapter leadership gets together via Skype. Chapter members and those who served with them are all members of our Facebook page (Sand Hill Bldg. 3210), where we are 238 members strong now. Sand Hill Bldg 3210 was the building we all lived/worked in while we were all stationed at Ft Benning, GA, before our Brigade moved to Ft Drum.

We add new members often. There are a few that are not on Facebook and I send them individual updates via e-mail to keep them in the loop. Members of our Chapter were so excited about the National Reunion in Breckenridge, CO., over Labor Day, that about one-third of the attendees were from our chapter or era of service in the 10th Mountain. Since the last “Blizzard,” our members have been getting together all across the country, from Hawaii to Florida, in places like New Orleans, Detroit, Fort Lauderdale and Waterloo. Life is too short and it is all about relationships and networking. We are a brotherhood that will always be there for each other. Golden Dragons - Right of the Line!

Golden Dragons meet each other across the country; here Brian Rodzik, Andrew Ealy & Rich Norton get together in Detroit, Michigan. And members share stories and photos from serving back in 1985. Pictured are: Michael Bradley, Chris Elson, Patrick Pape, Wayne Ferguson, Ken Woodall, & Tom Cappo.
METRO NY

Rosario Salemi (Desc 10-HQ)

The Metro New York Chapter assembled a number of members in East Islip at the Irish Coffee Pub on Oct. 20, 2018. We had a wonderful group. It included two WWII 10th Mtn Div veterans, Herman Freeman (85-E) of Long Island, who celebrated his 101st birthday earlier this year, and Anthony J. “Tony” Sileo (85-I), who travelled with fellow Connecticut Descendant Roger Miller (Desc the late Eugene 87-G) from Connecticut. He was especially pleased to see two ladies he had not seen since they were children, Linda Rehm Hoda and her sister Renee Rehm Maiale, both of Long Island. Rudy Rehm was their father and he served with Tony in 85-I. The fact is, Sileo probably saved Rudy’s life one fateful day in Italy in 1945. And the rest is history, as they say.

Other guests were Freeman’s wife, Annette, their daughters Marjorie Rubin and Donna Grosso and her husband Joseph, all of Long Island. Also happily with us were Harriet L. Brooks of Brooklyn (Husband: the late author Thomas R. Brooks 85-G), Tracey Morrison of Queens (Dad: the late Samuel Meiselman-Morrison of 87-HQ-3), Karen Olsen (Father-in-law the late Alfred B. Olsen 38th RCT, MT TR), her mother Ruth Silverstein, both of Long Island, and Richard Woolf of Westchester (Dad: the late Leopold “Bob” Woolf of 86-B).

The elder son of my Dad’s best buddy in the war, Long Islander Mr. John N. Yost (Dad: the late Henry J. Yost Det. 2680, HQ Co., M.I.S., I.P.W. Teams) was also a most-welcome guest. We thank him too for his generous donation and we’re sorry that his wife Denise was not feeling well and thus unable to join us. We also regret that the Roberto Medinas of Brooklyn (Veteran: 107th MP 10th Mtn Div [LI]) were unable attend at the last minute due to an injury she suffered. We hope both ladies are quickly feeling better.

We were also most pleased and honored to have with us Dawn Esposito, a Gold Star Mother who also hails from Long Island. Her son, SGT Michael J. Esposito, served in Afghanistan with 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf Regt,10th Mountain [LI]). He was killed on March 18, 2004. His mother enlightened us immensely about her life experiences and insights at home, Ft Drum and in Washington, D.C. Finally, yours truly, Rosario O. Salemi (Dad: the late Salvatore J. Salemi of the same unit as Henry J. Yost -Det. 2680, HQ Co., M.I.S., I.P.W. Teams) completed our luncheon guest list. Our first prize raffle winner this time was Harriet Brooks, who took home a tray of my second effort for these gatherings, that of homemade lasagna. There was to be more at the next, Nov. 10, 2018, gathering.

Before I forget again, please consider joining the 10th Mountain Descendants. It’s a great group with memberships available to friends as well as family members of WWII era veterans. It’s simple and easy. Just click on the link to our membership application page and either fill it out right online or print out the application, then fill it out in ink and send by regular mail to the name and address indicated –our Treasurer, Don Perkins. Here’s the link: 10thmountaindivisiondescendants.org/joincontact.html. Don assures me that applying for a membership now with the 2018 application form will entitle you to more than a year of membership benefits (through December 31, 2019).

NEW ENGLAND

Robert Linscott (Desc 86-G), Matt Fitzgerald (COL, Ret. VTARNG)

A dedicated group of Chapter members and descendants along with Vermont Army National Guard (VTARNG) troops assigned to the 86th Inf Bde Combat Team (IBCT) (Mountain) and Army Mountain Warfare School (AMWS) soldiers stationed in Jericho, VT, ascended the Ammonoosuc Trail to the Lake of the Clouds hut for the next day’s 36th annual memorial ceremony.

Led by NE Chapter President Matt Fitzgerald, the group included his wife Kathleen, descendants Sue Hagerman (86-SVC), Linda Taylor (Associate), Sergeant Major (Ret) Slade Farnham along with his wife Lynette and son Cooper, BG (Ret) Tom Shailor, CSM (Ret) Paul Edwards and son, SGT (Ret) Shawn Jenkins and his daughter, 1st SGT (Ret) Mark Shiner along with his wife CW5 Kim Shiner, CSM (Ret) Forest Glodgett and SFC Duncan Domey and his sons.

The Mt Washington memorial is the New England Chapter’s most popular annual event and this year’s memorial, while hosted during brutally cold winds and rain, was no exception! The 50-60 Chapter members, descendants and guests who attended included distinguished guests: New England Ski Museum Executive Director, Mr. Jeffrey Leich; New Hampshire National Guard (NHANG) State Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Lore Ford, Vermont National Guard (VTANG) Command Sergeant Major Toby Quick, along with numerous other 86th Brigade soldiers. WWII 10th Mtn Div veterans in attendance included Dick Calvert (86-HQ-2) and his wife Millie.

The formal ceremony commenced with a brief history of the formation of the 10th Mountain Division and the division’s accomplishments in WWII through present-day conflicts, followed by a roll call and the placing of a memorial wreath and flowers commemorating the nine WWII New England Chapter veterans and two 10th Mtn Div (LI) veterans who have died since our 2017 memorial. The playing of “Taps” formally concluded the ceremony. Following the memorial, chapter members and guests enjoyed a traditional picnic lunch hosted by staff at Wildcat Ski Area in nearby Pinkham Notch, NH.

Looking into the last few months of 2018, the NE Chapter Board of Directors was to host their semi-annual meeting on Nov. 4, 2018, at the Makris Restaurant in Concord, NH. After the holidays and with adequate snowfall, Chapter members will begin planning and prepping for next year’s Hannes Schneider Meister Cup Race at the Mt Cranmore Hotel Resort, North Conway, NH, on March 9, 2019.

ROADRUNNER

Rebecca Joyce (Desc 604-FAB)

The Roadrunner Chapter is quiet this quarter. We will have a February dinner together on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, in honor of the Belvedere/Riva Ridge battle. The restaurant is still in the air, but we will go Italian!I’ll be in contact with the members after the New Year begins.
The Sierra Nevada Chapter had its fall meeting Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, at the Old Spaghetti factory in Redwood City.

While attendants were few in number, the fellowship and conversation was wonderful. Art Schimke (87-K) was the sole representative for the Chapter vets and at 99 he was looking great! Everyone enjoyed listening to his stories and he was equally appreciative of hearing the connections of those attending to the 10th.

Those in attendance included Eugene Miya who is a "Friend" of the 10th and who also represents the local Sierra Club Chapter. The Sierra Club has a hut named after LT John Benson (87-F) who was KIA during the Mt Belvedere offensive. Eugene was also a friend of David Brower (86-HQ-3) and Edwin "Rocky" Rockwell (87-K).

Tom Graves, a friend of the 99th Division, was also at the meeting. Tom has a special interest in military history, has written a book on the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and has enjoyed attending several of our Chapter events. Skip Engle also was present. Skip's uncle Charles Engle (85-L) was KIA during the 2nd Offensive in the small village of LeTane near Iola.

The luncheon was especially nice for my wife, Georgia, our Chapter Secretary, and me as we were able to visit with our son Jacob, daughter-in-law Lauren and grandson Caleb. Caleb was the youngest in attendance at 23 months and Art Schimke the oldest, and most distinguished, at 99.

A final treat for Georgia and me was when we dropped off Art at his home in Lodi, he played "Lili Marlene" for us on his accordion!
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bruce K. Campbell (86-I, M)

The Southern California Chapter gathered for what I believe is the 13th annual Summer Picnic on June 16, 2018, hosted by my wife Mary and me.

We were anticipating cooler weather than the typical July event. It was cooler all right, in fact sweaters were out and on in full force. One of our regular attendees not only at the picnic but all other activities, Warren Asa (86-G), had passed away not long before this date. Then another incident occurred when Rocco Siciliano (87 INF-Hq 1st) suffered a stroke in his left eye and needed immediate medical attention. He's recovering, but has lost sight in that eye. Just another reminder that time is rolling along and I would imagine that other chapters are having similar misfortunes.

Howard Koch and I are still carrying the torch with many thanks to our 10th Mtn Div friends and the very supportive descendants, Yandell Bishop, our president and particularly Kathleen Jones (Desc 85-L, A), our treasurer who does all of our wonderful mailings and personal contacts with many others. The latest flyer from Kathleen announces our Christmas program to be held on Dec. 1, 2018, at Madera's Steak House in Los Alamitos, CA.

As a final note of interest (I think) is that I have been invited as guest speaker at the San Marino Rotary Club on Nov 15. Class A's will be in order followed up with many fond memories, some Q and A, and possibly ending with a yodel! Should be fun --tune in! Sempre Avanti!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

The Rocky Mountain Chapter will be holding its annual Christmas/Holiday Party Brunch on December 29, 2018.

Events get under way at 10:30 a.m. and continue to 2:30 p.m. This year's party will ring in a new location and menu! The event will be held at Applewood Golf Course, at 14001 W 32nd Ave, Golden, CO 80401, and will feature brunch. Also, the cost of the party is less expensive, so we encourage everyone to bring the whole family.

Registration and advance payment are requested by Dec. 15. Questions? Contact David Christie, #303-319-1952, or Connie Nelson, #303-935-3312.
UPSTATE NY

Dave Morrison (Desc 86-L)

It is with heavy heart that we submit this quarter’s report. Two of our chapter members have completed their “Climb to Glory.” Otis Levanway (85-G) and Bill Morrison (86-L) have assembled at the top. They both led exemplary lives and will be missed. (see- Taps)

On a more cheerful note, we recently met at the Log Jam restaurant for our annual fall luncheon. There was some discussion of the new book by author Matthew Rozell called Up the Bloody Boot- The War in Italy. It is the latest installment in his series “The Things Our Fathers Saw”, and contained excerpts from interviews with late chapter members Bill Millette 605-FA, and Art Thompson F-86 among others.

During new business we voted to make donations to the Fort Drum Chapter for its Wounded Warrior Project in the names of our most recently departed.

Attendees included Loraine and Harold McAfee L-85, widows Nancy Looby (Jim Looby I-85), Emmy Santasiero (Phil Santasiero K-87), and Bev Folderman (Bill Millette-605 FA). They were joined by Descendants Charlie Wheeler (Charles Wheeler I-87 Med), Jill Hamlin (Norton Stanton A-86), Paul Sonricker (Earl Sonricker B-87), and Bonnie O’Shea and Dave Morrison (Bill Morrison L-86). We were also joined by Harold and Loraine’s niece Jennifer Chernick currently serving in the Navy. She was also kind enough to act as our official photographer.

We are now looking forward to upcoming Veteran’s Day celebrations and our annual Belvedere Day luncheon.
TENTH’S HERITAGE RECOGNIZED AT NIKE, INC.

Pam Rinella (Desc (daughter-in-law, Frank Rinella 87-I)

The role of the 10th Mountain Division in the firm of shoe giant Nike, Inc., was highlighted at an event Sept. 6, 2018, at the company’s Beaverton, OR headquarters.

The occasion was a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of their slogan “Just Do It” and included Veterans in their celebration.

One of the NIKE, Inc., co-founders, Bill Bowerman (86-I), deceased 1999, was also a 10th Mtn Div Veteran.

Co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of NIKE Inc., Phil Knight was on hand to welcome the Veterans who helped to fill the day with celebrating diversity among our universe.

Sightings of Phil Knight on campus are very rare these days and he attended just to meet Veteran Frank M. Rinella.

JACQUES PARKER AND HIS ART HONORED AT UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Flint Whitlock (Friend)

The night of September 21, 2018, was a gala evening as the University of Denver presented a retrospective exhibition—titled “A Mountaineer’s View”—of a lifetime of paintings and drawings by artist and 10th Mountain Division veteran Jacques Parker.

Born in France in 1921 to a French mother and American diplomat father, Jacques grew up in East Orange, NJ, where he loved to draw, paint, and cross-country ski. In 1942 he joined the ski troops and trained at Camp Hale, CO.

As a sergeant in a machine-gun unit, he made the historic climb of Riva Ridge, Italy, on the night of Feb. 18-19, 1945, and took part in the fierce battle for the heights. Afterward, he made sketches and paintings of the fight—the only visual evidence of the division’s first major battle.

Throughout his time in Italy, Parker continued to paint and draw whatever subjects interested him—fellow soldiers, captured Germans, or mountain scenes. He also created the pen-and-ink sketch of a line of mountains that became the 10th’s masthead for the division newspaper, the “Blizzard.”

Once the war was over, Parker returned to the U.S. to follow his dream of being a full-time freelance illustrator in New York City; he spent several decades illustrating advertisements and brochures for clients and advertising
agencies, and painting covers for “Ski” magazine. Although unable to personally attend the festivities, the 97-year-old veteran watched the event over Skype.

WWII poster is a prime example of Parker’s painting, as is the logo on the front page of this (and all) “Blizzard”s. The master of ceremonies of the evening, the University of Denver’s Dean of Libraries, Michael Levine-Clark, announced that the university had acquired over 100 of Parker’s paintings that will become a permanent part of the school’s collection.
TENTH REPRESENTED AT 33D CONGRESS
OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MOUNTAIN SOLDIERS

Anna Marie Mattson  (Desc (Uncle, Ralph Mattson, 87-L)

James Redmore (10th Mtn Div LI ret.) and Anna Marie Mattson participated in the 33rd IFMS Congress of the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers (IFMS), in Verona, Italy.

This trip brought back so many memories from a previous Return to Italy experience. I shared the stories of the liberation of Verona on April 23, 1945, by the 10th Mtn Div, and the time when the DUKW (amphibious craft) sank in Lake Garda on April 25, 1945.

Then there was Harvey Wieprecht’s anecdote of when he met German LTG Von Senger (Fridolin Rudolph von Senger und Etterlin) at an orphanage near Riva Garda on the last day of the war in Italy. It was May 2, and the German Panzer Division was looking for 10th Mtn Div commander MG George P. Hays, so that they could surrender.

Besides all the camaraderie, friendship and great Italian food and wine, the Secretary-General of the IFMS BG (Ret.) Renato Genovese as well as the President of ANA, the Italian Alpinis, stressed the importance of the goals of IFMS. He spoke of how the mountains are never meant to divide but to unite and to bring together cultures and peoples.

He noted also that the IFMS is a true example of peace and brotherhood among nations. This example must be spread to all members of the IFMS and their country organizations. The Mayor of Verona welcomed us to the city of Romeo and Juliet, a city of love.

The Congress included visits to an organic wine cellar; a WWI historical site including trenches that protected the border from the Austrian-Hungarians; a presentation by the Italian Rangers; a museum where the King of Italy signed the entry of Italy into WWI, and a funicular ride above beautiful Lake Garda.

Members participated in a moving ceremony when the IFMS wreath was laid at the Alpini Monument. Not least to be mentioned were the delicious lunches and dinners with a regional Veronese flavor organized by the different Alpini Sections from Verona.

The General Assembly took place at the Chamber of Commerce in Verona, where the Secretary-General made opening remarks, followed by a moment of silence for two members of the IFMS who died this last year, one from Slovenia and the other from Spain. The Treasurer's statement was followed by each country’s report. Certificates of merit were awarded.

The 10th Mountain Division Association delegates highlighted our upcoming events like the National Reunion in 2019 and the Return to Italy Trip in 2020 and urged all to attend. There is special interest in an IFMS Scholarship program following the example of the 10th Mtn Div Assn. The Secretary General also urged everyone to contribute articles and invitations to events in their countries on the IFMS website.

Thank you for letting us represent you at this event!


Hayes, Melvin W. “Jug” (85-C), 96, May 10, 2018, Gloversville, NY. Survived by wife Dorothy (Werle), one son, one daughter, a granddaughter, several nieces & nephews. Employed as a textile worker for many years for GC Mills in Gloversville. Member of the Bleecker Fish & Game Club & Pinnacle Mountain Ridge Runners. Enjoyed hunting, fishing and skiing, which he did until he was 87.

Levanway, Otis Roscoe (85-G), 93, August 20, 2018, Troy, NY. Survived by a son, 4 daughters, 11 grand-, 13 great-grandchildren, nieces & nephews; predeceased by wife Rosemary (Flanigan), 2 sons. A talented machinist & carpenter, worked at Ross Valve, Ford Motor Co, retired from Watervliet Arsenal. Served as deacon in his church; most recently attended Grace Fellowship Church, Watervliet. Golfing with friends & road trips with his wife brought him much joy later in life. Loved to ski & taught his children how to as well, and was Boy Scout leader.

McLellan, John W. (87-HQ-1, K), 96, June 22, 2018 Thayne, WY. Survived by wife Margene E. (Johnson), 2 daughters, 2 sons, 2 grandchildren. Started teaching skiing for Hannes Schneider in North Conway, NH, after high school. Arriving at Camp Hale, CO, with new 10th Mtn Div, continued teaching skiing to troops or improving skills of others who were already knowledgeable skiers. After WWII, headed West, working in Jackson Hole area; attended U of Wyoming & coaching UW ski team. State geologist for US Soil Conservation Service. Couple moved to Star Valley Ranch, WY where they lived for 25 years.

Morrison, William (86-L), 95, October 5, 2018, Voorheesville, NY. Survived by 6 sons, a daughter, 9 grand-, 5 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Lois Jane (Schildhauer). Taught elementary school in Portland, OR, for two years before returning to the east coast; fifth grade teacher, Slingerlands Elementary School, Bethlehem School District; transitioned to middle school as sixth grade teacher. A founding member, NYS Middle School Assn. Interests: theater including Slingerlands Community Players; active in productions, Bethlehem HS Theater program as scenery advisor, mentoring students. Member, Boy Scouts; scoutmaster in Fairfield, also Cub Pack 73, Boy Scout Troop 73, Voorheesville; held Silver Beaver award. Volunteer, teacher & board member, Heldeberg Workshop for 45 years. President, Upstate New York Chapter, National Assn, 10th Mtn Div, involved in ceremonies at Ft Drum & Whiteface Mountain. Member, Presbyterian Church, New Scotland.

Pigg, William “Bill” Harvey (85-HQ), 94, June 21, 2018, Long Beach, CA. Survived by wife Geraldine (Gerri), a daughter, a son, 2 grand-, 3 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces & nephews. Veteran of WWII & Korean Conflict. Sales Trainer with General Electric Co. in Dallas, TX. Loved to travel, covering the country from the East Coast to West Coast. Lifelong gardener & an avid scuba diver well into his 70s. Could fix anything, & had an affinity for puns & bad jokes.

Sampson, Harold Y. “Sammy” (87-L), 97, August 7, 2018, Colorado Springs, CO. Survived by five daughters, 2 sons, 19 grand- & 12 great-grandchildren; predeceased by first wife Mary Iris (Day), & wife Rosemary Susan (Foster). President, CEO and majority stock holder, Wilkerson Corp., top 2 global leader in manufacture of compressed air products. Loved mountains, skiing, hiking and camping; built one of the early homes in Aspen. Became one of first investors in Vail in 1962, building second home on the mountain so family could ski in & out, as well as hike & camp. Enjoyed retirement playing golf, building homes & traveling, building his last home in Sedalia, CO.

Siciliano, Rocco Carmine (87-HQ-1), 96, November 6, 2018, Beverly Hills. Survived by 5 children, 7 grand-, 10 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Marion (Stiebel). Special Assistant to President Eisenhower for Personnel Management in the White House after having served four years as Assistant Secretary of Labor. In April 2001, elected chairman of newly-established national Eisenhower Memorial Commission, which is charged with creation of a suitable enduring memorial for President Eisenhower. Memoir is entitled, “Walking on Sand: The Story of an Immigrant Son and the Forgotten Art of Public Service.”
Vass, Hassell Golden (10-AT-A), 96, October 30, 2018, Baltimore, MD. Survived by a daughter, 3 great-, 4 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Iva (Rakess) & one grandson. His occupation was in sales; retired after 25 years of service with Wynn Oil Company. Active in the Washington, D. C. Chapter, National Assn of the 10th Mtn Div.

Walkenbach, Harold John (87-K), 92, September 15, 2018, Hermann, MO. Survived by nieces & nephews & great-nieces & nephews. A meat cutter for over 20 years at Clover Farm Market, & additional years at Loutre Market. Enjoyed hunting, woodworking, fishing & gardening, sharing his garden produce with friends. Member, St. George Church & VFW.

Wood, Morton Stanley “Woody” (86-H), 94, August 16, 2018, Seattle, WA. Survived by wife Martha (Coachman), a son, 2 daughters, 2 stepchildren. Studied forestry at Univ of Alaska Fairbanks & Univ of California Berkeley; in Fairbanks, met buddies Ginny Hill & Celia Hunter. Married Ginny; they had daughter Romany. Ranger at McKinley National Park; the 3 founded Camp Denali on boundary of McKinley Park. In 1954 with 3 others, climbed South Buttress of Denali (then Mt McKinley) for first time, reaching the peak with intention of descending by North side (also first traverse). But most experienced climber of team died, third climber dislocated hip in a fall halfway down. Woody & fourth climber hiked out to catalyze a rescue team. Second career teaching French, German & Russian, Whitman College, & Lakeside School. Raised three children with second wife, Sandra (Ney). In 1980 married Martha (Coachman). Enjoyed 40 years of world travel, hiking, European folk dancing, music-making, gardening, woodworking & political activism. Committed environmentalist, volunteered at non-profits including Chicken Soup Brigade, Audubon Society, Seattle Folklore Society & Northwest Folklife; taught English as second language to immigrants.

IN MEMORY DONATIONS, WITH THANKS

In Memory of Harold Walkenbach:
Margaret Spurrier, Sam L. Fink, Don & Lois Kruse, Robert & Karen Hagedorn, Brad & Jessica Walenbach, Ernestine Muller, Emma C. Schmidt

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ELECTRONIC BLIZZARD SCHEDULE

ISSUE #2/1-2018  Deadline for copy: February 1 to be Online: March 1
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WORLD WAR II 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION CONNECTION TO FT DRUM?

Sepp Scanlin, Museum Director, 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum

As we all know, the modern 10th Mountain Division is now based at Ft Drum, NY. What many probably don’t know is that members of the WWII era 10th Mountain Division actually spent time here as well, back in 1943. As I always say –history connects us all, and the linkage is especially interesting in this case.

For background, as the War Department began expanding the US Army Mountain Warfare capability from the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment to a full division, a support organization called the Mountain Training Group (MTG) was formed at Camp Hale, CO.

Its role was to assist in the development of the tactics and training of all the US Army ground forces. Consisting of many of the best mountaineers and skiers already recruited by the American Alpine Club and National Ski Patrol, this force would also be based at Camp Hale, forming the nucleus of the Mountain Training Center.

At this stage, the MTG members were not technically assigned to the Division, but the reality of a far deeper informal connection existed. Either through prior service with 87th Mtn Inf, physical proximity at Camp Hale or the nature of the small pre-war skiing and mountaineering community, the MTG and 10th Mountain Division is history deeply entwined.

The technical separation facilitated the MTG’s ability to train non-10th Mtn Div units at varied locations through the United States, based on the needs of the War Department. Most-familiar were the instructor detachments that ran the assault climbing school at Seneca Rocks, WV, and the detachment that conducted ski and winter warfare training at Camp McCoy, WI.

Less well-known is that they also assisted in winter training for the Armor Forces, who used Pine Camp, NY, as their cold-weather training and testing location. As many of you know, Pine Camp would go through a series of name changes, but today is known as Ft (Hugh) Drum. Since 1985 Ft Drum has also served as the home of the 10th Mountain Division.

Well, thanks to the great work by Keli Schmid and her team at the 10th Mountain Division Resource Center in the Denver Public Library, we were able to find some specific period evidence of this connection. We knew of this tentative linkage as it was discussed in the history of the MTG, published by actual unit members in 1993.

During a research trip to the Denver Library, Keli assisted the Ft Drum team in locating two documents that finally provided direct period evidence to the association between the MTG and the Division’s modern home at Ft Drum.

Both of the documents we discovered were in the collection of John Woodward. John was an early member of the ski troops and served in several critical positions as the US Army developed its winter and mountain warfare capability. He had been captain of the University of Washington ski team prior to joining the Army.
Upon joining the Army, but prior to the formal establishment of the Ski troops, he was critical in some of the Army’s first experiment with winter warfare and skiing during January–March, 1941.

As a 1st LT he led 3rd Inf Div Ski Patrol, which would pioneer the use of Mount Rainer and was detailed to assist training the 41st Div ski patrol on the arduous two week expedition in the northern Olympic Mountains. In addition, he was an early transfer into the new 87th Mountain Inf.

Overall, he was a quiet force in developing the skiing and mountaineering techniques the Division would later adopt. The MTG clearly sent some of their best to Pine Camp. Following dissolution of the MTG and reassignment of many of its members back to the 10th Mtn Div, John Woodward would return to the 87th Mtn Inf. During the Italy Campaign he would serve as a Major, Executive Officer for 1st Bn, 87th Mtn Regt.

The first of the documents uncovered at the Library was a copy of special orders for individual travel to two of their standing training detachments. This was likely a routine movement to support training at each of the locations. In this set of orders, two officers are sent to both Pine Camp, NY, and Camp McCoy, WI, in the Nov., 1943, timeframe.

The second document is at the surface very generic, but a close reading makes it somewhat more interesting. First, it is addressed to the 5th Armored Div HQ at Pine Camp, therefore again connecting us to Ft Drum today. Most significantly it simply directs the closure of the MTG Detachment and return of all MTG soldiers to Camp Hale.

Critically, it is dated only three weeks after CPT Woodward was directed to visit Camp Hale. Sadly, there was nothing in Woodward’s holdings at the Denver Public Library to tell us if he made it to Pine Camp or not before the detachment closed.

Although we haven’t found additional supporting information in the archival record or even in memoirs, we can make some historical assumptions about what may have driven the recall. The 5th Armored Div history –Paths of Armor– states that the 5th was ordered to Ft Indiantown Gap, PA, on 25 Nov., 1943.

This is supported by an archival holding at the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum, where we have a Christmas Menu for the 5th Armored Division Trains for Christmas, 1943.

This move was in preparation for their eventual movement to Europe, where they would disembark on 23 Feb., 1944, as part of the forces posturing to support the breakout following the D-Day invasion. This was also probably fortuitous for the 10th, as with the arrival of deep winter at Camp Hale, training was likely ramping up for the upcoming Spring D-Series maneuvers in early 1944.

I hope you enjoy this recent find and see both the limits and joys of what period archival records can tell us about America’s only Mountain Division. Again, I want to thank Keli Schmid and the team at Denver Public Library. I recommend anyone that has WWII-era archival material to contact them –they are the excellent professional stewards of our WWII records.
The amphibious, DUKW craft that sank with 25 members of the 10th Mtn Div in Lake Garda near the end of WWII continues to be of interest. Remains of the boat, which went down fully-loaded on April 30, 1945 (the war in Italy ended two days later), were located in 2013 by the Gruppo Volontari del Garda. This past year a submarine vessel was able to take further photos, including leaving a US flag on the floor of the vehicle.
10th Mountain Division Descendants Quartermaster Merchandise -2019 Catalog

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**Item #2019-01**

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**ITEM #2019-02**

Victorinox Rally style Swiss Army knife in cobalt blue with 10th Mountain logo in white.

Knife features a 2 ¼ inch handle, knife blade, nail file with screwdriver tip, wire stripper, key ring and toothpick. Gift box included.

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TENTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION FOUNDATION, INC.

President’s Message : Trux Dole

General Update: Your Foundation board concluded a successful annual meeting over Labor Day weekend. By working with program team leads to develop a budget and team reports beforehand, we condensed the administrative discussion to half a day, a 66% reduction from past meetings. Also, by shifting the meeting date to coincide with a 10th National Association reunion, we were able to include the leaders of National and Descendants, as well as representatives from several key program partners. We used the saved time for a productive design session to strategize on how to better collaborate and work more efficiently going forward. Meeting minutes have been compiled and were available for distribution by mid-October, also another first for the Foundation. If you would like a copy please contact Foundation Administrative Director, Lynn Hutchinson. admin@10thmdf.org

Your new slate of board members and officers is listed at the end of this article. We have refilled three board seats and are happy to announce the addition of: Steve Coffey, Sr. VP of the 10th National Association and President of the 10th Descendants, Jack Breeding, a long-time member of the 10th Living History Display Group, and Captain Rich Piltungsgrud, 10th Mountain Colorado Army National Guard and co-founder of the 10th Mountain Alpine Group.

On a less happy note, board member and co-team lead for Outdoor Experience, Thayer Shedd has resigned to focus on his family’s health; we wish him our best and will miss him. We are also sad to announce the retirement of Foundation Chairman, Tom Hames, who was a critical member of Board leadership as we transitioned from WWII veterans to the next generation. Tom has also been a key catalyst in the Board’s evolution and the development of our key partnerships. He will be sorely missed, but we are most appreciative of his 23+ years of service.

This past quarter also saw continued progress by our program teams with their corresponding partners. It is great to see how the new structure and defined program approach is taking hold and how our partners are leaning in. I am most hopeful that we will continue to see positive dividends as we continue to collaborate more closely. As we move into year three of my term, we are now well positioned to focus more on marketing to drive more donations and thereby increase the Foundation’s ability to help 10th Mountain soldiers and their families.
Financial Update: Third quarter income totaled $25,620 with $16,956 from investments and license plate contributions. We received just under $3,000 in general donations from 58 donors, plus 22 donations worth $1,430 restricted to scholarships. Icelantic again added a generous contribution as a percentage of the sales of their 10th Mountain ski and plans for another run in the coming year.

Please note that we still have a challenge grant to support the 10th Mountain Resource Center. Our donor will match you dollar for dollar up to $5,000. You can donate via the 10th Foundation website or send checks noting the Resource center challenge.

As for expenses, the foundation is on track against the budget and is currently underspent against anticipated expenses. For 2019, the board approved a budget of $115,225 with $88,632 in program expenses. Through our efforts during the year, we have reduced our administrative expenses by 33% and increased funds for programs by 4.3%. Our program to administrative cost ratio is now more than 3:1.

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


Program Update: The following recaps the different teams’ work over the past Quarter:
Memorials & Monuments: Q3 saw a major accomplishment at the Tennessee Pass Memorial. Thanks to the relentless and diligent efforts of Steve Wilmot, we finally secured approval from the Forest Service to remove the big tree that was threatening the memorial. Steve brokered a good deal with Old Growth Tree Service of Edwards, CO, who removed it in August.

Also of note, the 10th National Association has agreed to fund a plaque dedicated to the 10th Mountain Division that will be installed on the Path of Remembrance leading to the entrance of the new National Museum of the U.S. Army that will open in 2020 outside Ft. Belvoir, VA. The cost of the plaque is $5,000; the Association will “front” the money, then ask for donations from the Foundation and Descendants to refill the Association’s coffers. Sepp Scanlin, Director of the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum, is the “point man” for this project. Donations by check with a memo to ‘Monuments team’ are most welcome. Or just go to the Donate page on the Foundation website.

Collections and Public Resources: This past quarter, team leads Dave Little and Jack Breeding spent time in organizing the 10th travelling museum for upcoming Living History events. However, the Collections team just received an invitation to work with James Peterson, the new curator of the 10th collection at History Colorado, to help identify and catalogue the artifacts collection - ranging from guitars to mortar sights, signage from Camp Hale and even a combat longbow! This is a project near and dear to anyone’s heart who has seen the volume of materials at History Colorado – a real treasure trove of 10th History.

On other fronts, a small, permanent 10th Mountain exhibit was recently installed at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Broomfield, Colorado thanks to 10th Mountain Division Historian and author, Flint Whitlock. More on this in the future. The Foundation also provided $1,000 to support the production of ‘Black Hawk Down, the untold story’, a documentary detailing how 10th Mountain soldiers fought through ferocious combat to rescue the special operations troops pinned down at the crash site. The film is poised for national distribution after successful screenings at Ft. Drum, the Army Heritage & Education Center, and the National Defense University.

Meanwhile, thanks to the good efforts of Foundation EVP, Nancy Kramer, EXCOM has just approved the updated memorandum of understanding between the Foundation, History Colorado, and the DPL’s 10th
Mountain Resource Center. This update is important in refocusing the relationship more directly with the Foundation instead of as an ancillary to the National Association.

**Scholarships:** This year we received 6 scholarship grant requests, of which 4 met the minimum requirements. Upon review, three Foundation $5K scholarships are being rewarded to the following recipients in December 2018:

- Kristin Miller-Nelson, Cal Poly Architecture, WWII Veteran Carlton Miller 85th Regiment, Co B
- Jacob Reaves, Liberty University Criminal Justice, WWII Veteran Virgil Ivan Reaves 87th Regiment, Co C
- Hannah Smith, Univ Montana School Counseling, WWII Veteran Robert Yank 85th Regiment, Co K

Hannah is also being awarded the $1250 Boddington Award.

There are a number of tasks assigned to the scholarship team including some updates and revisions to the rubrics and revisions to the application. The 1 May application deadline will remain the same.

**Outdoor Experience:** Team lead, Paul Vertrees, reported that he is continuing to evolve our partnership with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) that was created by 10th veteran and celebrated climber Paul Petzoldt. Specifically, the Outdoor Experience team is working to develop a NOLS course more appropriate for today's 10th veterans looking to translate their army training to a career in outdoor education or recreation. More to come, but there appears to be good potential to collaborate with the Outdoor Recreation Complex at Ft. Carson to help publicize the NOLS veteran's course and potential scholarship recipients.

**Outdoor Industry:** Current team efforts remain focused on product co-branding and event participation to help with funding and build longer term networking relationships for 10th soldiers and their families. The following outlines current outdoor industry partnership efforts:

- **Icelantic Skis, Golden CO:** Ski Trooper Skis are still for sale. 15% of gross sales go to the Foundation. To date, this partnership has generated $11K in donations. [Order now](#) while supplies last.

- **Deviation USA, Portland OR:** Trux Dole is handling this co-branding opportunity. Deviation specializes in customizable skis and snowboards. Designs have been considered and unique individualization of the ski is possible. The final contract and contribution amount to the Foundation is still to be determined. Stay tuned.

- **Weston Snow Boards:** The 10th Mountain co-branded split board is moving ahead. Weston has finalized graphics and design, and we are finalizing the contract with a proposed contribution level of 5% of gross sales for a 3 year period still being negotiated. Trux Dole is taking over the lead on this effort from Tom Hames.

- **Elan Skis, Slovenia:** Preliminary discussions about a commemorative international ski have been encouraging. Elan makes a folding ski for the Slovenian Mountain Troops. It will be a good way to forge a stronger link to the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association and the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers as a possible co-sponsors. This year’s Snow Show may prove critical to creation of this ski.
• **Black Diamond**: Given the unheralded but critical importance of climbing to the 10th’s history and operations, we are working with Black Diamond and the 10th Mountain Alpine Group (10th MAG) to develop a beginner’s climbing kit combined with entry level classes offered by the 10th MAG. Climbing gear is being selected, pricing to be determined. When combined with climbing classes it will be a great way to bring new climbers to the sport and to make our first co-branding entrance to the sport of climbing. Instruction to be worked out, possibilities are: NOLS, 10th Alpine or American Alpine Club instructors or a mix of the above.

• **PSIAA/AASI**: We are collaborating on a first of its kind program that will provide today’s 10th Mountain troopers with education and free certification programs to become ski or snowboard instructors. Foundation President, Trux Dole spearheaded this effort by working with PSIAA leadership to reduce by 72% the office space rent the Foundation pays and then redirect the savings to develop online educational content and to offer two free certification grants to 10th Mountain veterans wanting to become certified PSIAA/AASI instructors.

**Industry Events**: This year’s Snow Show will be held in Denver on Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2018. Thanks to last year’s efforts by Dave Little, Foundation Secretary and Collections Team Lead, we will now have the tradeshow pop-up backdrop/exhibit. This event is a key opportunity to increase awareness about the Foundation and also to uncover future industry partners. Our booth will be staffed by volunteers from the 10th Living History Display Group. Additional volunteers are welcome. Please contact Foundation Administrative Director, Lynn Hutchinson if you are interested. admin@10thmdf.org.

**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

Trux Dole
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June 20 – 23, 2019
2019 Reunion

National Association 10th Mountain Division, Inc.
hosted by the Fort Drum Chapter
at Fort Drum, NY

“Recruit, Assemble, Climb to Glory”

Schedule Overview:
June 20 — Mountainfest/ Salute to the Nation,
fireworks and concert
June 21 — Fort Drum Day: Memorial ceremony,
Ft Drum tour, lunch with unit soldiers,
Ft Drum Museum, etc.
June 22 — Tours Day and Dinner: Sackets Harbor,
Thousand Island Winery and Farewell
Dinner
June 23 — Departure and board meetings

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Registration information in December 2018
Make new friends and reacquaint with old comrades
Tell your Mountain Buddies!!