



FORT DRUM CHAPTER HOSTS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REUNION AT HOME OF THE TENTH

Gil Pearsall, Association Secretary (10th Mtn Div. [LI])

The 2019 National Association reunion, hosted by the Fort Drum Chapter and fully supported by the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), took place at Ft Drum and in Watertown, NY, June 20-23, 2019. Ninety Association members, descendants, veterans and family members participated in the reunion, travelling from all over the United States and overseas to re-ignite old friendships, create new ones and to celebrate the legacy and history of the 10th Mountain Division and the Association.

The reunion began with attendees celebrating the modern 10th Mtn Div at the annual Mountain Fest activities on Ft Drum. Despite the cold and rain, few spirits were dampened as participants got an up-close look at the Division and its soldiers. The evening culminated with a country western concert on Ft Drum which a few hearty reunion participants attended.

A memorial service was held at North Country Honors the Mountain monument in Watertown's Thompson Park the next day with greatly improved weather. The monument was unveiled in July, 2016, to honor the sacrifice and service of the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division (LI), their family members and the Ft Drum civilian work force. An honor guard from Ft Drum participated in the ceremony and Division Commanding General, MG Brian J. Mennes, and former Association President, Michael T. Plummer, laid a wreath at the foot of the monument. SFC Christine Permenter performed a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem and SPC Nicholas Smith played taps. Mr. Plummer was the ceremony's guest speaker.

The rest of the day was dedicated to visiting Ft Drum, where participants saw some of the modern equipment of the 10th, walked through the Ft Drum Museum and gift shop, visited the 10th Mountain monument and memorial park dedicated to soldiers killed in action since the Division's reactivation in 1985, visited a battalion headquarters and toured their barracks, attended the 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT) change of command as special guests of honor and viewed the

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annual “Salute to the Nation” ceremony held at Division Hill. The evening culminated with a no-host social at the hotel back in Watertown.

One of the very special opportunities on this day was to hear Susan Grant Raymond, Friend of the Division and sculptor of the reliefs on North Country Honors the Mountain monument, as well at the 10th Mountain Division monuments on Ft Drum, discuss her inspiration and processes in building these wonderful tributes.

On the reunion’s final day, participants visited beautiful Sackets Harbor on Lake Ontario and toured the 1812 Battlefield site, enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the brand-new North Country Welcome Center in view of the Thousand Islands bridge, shopped at the “Made in New York” store at the center and enjoyed a tour and wine tasting event at the Thousand Islands Winery near Alexandria Bay. The winery was founded by Steve Conaway, a 10th Mountain Division veteran and Association member, in 2002, and is now distributing its products across the country, featuring a number of 10th Mountain Association-labeled wines, of which a portion of the proceeds goes back to the Association. So far the winery has donated over \$25,000 to the Association’s scholarship and Wounded Warrior programs through these sales.

The final event of the reunion was a wonderful farewell dinner at the Watertown Hilton Garden Inn on the last evening. Special attendees recognized included not only Susan Grant Raymond but also special friend of the Association, Giovanni Sulla and his family, who travelled all the way from Italy to attend, and German Army COL Peter Eichelsdörfer, Deputy Commander, 23rd German Mountain Infantry Brigade, representing the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers (IFMS), of which the Association is a proud member.

On the day following the reunion, both the National and Descendants’ associations held their formal board meetings at the Hilton Gardens Inn. A special thank-you goes to past president, Galen Jackman (10th Mtn Div [LI]), who served the Association admirably over the past six years.

At the National meeting the new leadership team assumed their positions:

President:	James Redmore (10th Mtn Div [LI])
Senior Vice President:	James Creighton (10th Mtn Div [LI])
Vice President:	Steve Coffey (Descendant)
Executive Director:	Rebecca Toomey Redmore (Friend)
Treasurer:	Richard Babbitt (10th Mtn Div [LI])
Secretary:	Gilbert Pearsall (10th Mtn Div [LI])

With the 2019 National Reunion now history, a Chapter is being sought to step up and host the next-such event in 2022.



National Assn retired President Mike Plummer, left, with retired President Galen Jackman, right, Division Commander MG Brian Mennes and Descendant Trux Dole.





LTC Kyle Upshaw with sculptor Susan Raymond at Mountaineer statue; reunion organizer Gil Pearsall stands by.



Display at Division headquarters Hays Hall honors Medal of Honor recipients from WWII to today.





REUNION 2019 PARTICIPANTS AT MONUMENT TO 10TH IN THOMPSON PARK, WATERTOWN, NY





Thousand Islands Winery welcomed participants. CSM Samuel Roark sported Army's "new" uniform, here with Italian supporter Giovanni Sulla & COL Peter Eichelsdörfer of International Federation of Mountain Soldiers.



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Greetings Fellow 10th Mountain Division Descendants and Friends,

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and has been able to attend one of the 10th Descendants or Association events. I saw several folks at the 10th Mountain Division National Association reunion in Watertown, NY, in June. What an excellent event they put on for us. It was also fun to mix with the 10th LI folks, both active and retired. Fun times! Those of you who have attended events whether local or national know we have a special bond and are truly like a family.

Save the date events:

“Italia 1945-2020”: The Pre-trip to Normandy will begin June 8, 2020, thru June 12, joining the main trip that starts June 13 in Florence, Italy. We will spend a few days in Tuscany, then head to the Hill Towns to honor our fathers, grandfathers and friends and walk the battlefields where they fought for our freedom. We will also be spending time with our Italian friends and meeting new ones! From there we will head to Lake Garda, then Slovenia, Salzburg, Eagle’s Nest and on to Munich, to fly out on June 28. For those who are only interested in the Hill Town portion, they will be with us from Florence, June 13 through the Hill Towns, leaving on June 21. Stay tuned, registration packets will be going out no later than October 15, 2019. You will also receive emails, and it will be posted on the Descendant web page. Hope to see you there!

New for the 2020 Return to Italy trip, fifteen \$1,000 grants will be available to descendants of WWII 10th veterans and to descendants of the modern 10th. Details can be found on the 10th Mtn Div Descendants’ website beginning Sept 1, 2019! Check <http://10thmountaindivisiondescendants.org>

Armadillo Chapter reunion: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Sept 27-29, 2019. Contact Karen Lanoue for details, at karencase0303@gmail.com

Armadillo Chapter reunion: New Orleans, Jan 31-Feb. 2, 2020. Contact Phebe Davol for details at phebe.davol@gmail.com

45th annual Ski-In Daze Feb 26-March 5, 2020, in Colorado, with the main event at Cooper Hill, Feb 28. If you stick around after the Ski-In, we can go over to Vail for the 10th Mountain Legacy parade on March 6. Mark your calendars and stay tuned.

Also, should you be in the area around any of these times, Vail will be having 10th Mountain Division Legacy Parades on 11/29, 12/27, 1/3, 1/17 and 3/6. The big events will be the Legacy Days, Feb 14-Feb 18, to honor the 75th anniversary of the Battles of Riva Ridge and Mt Belvedere which includes a parade on the 14th, a Ski down, and celebrations on Feb 18, and other activities during the dates in between.

The Descendants webpage is coming along and should be redone and ready to accept online registrations by Nov 1, if not sooner.

Please let me know of volunteer or community service events you would like to have in your chapter. There are many great ideas such as trash pick-up (or as we call it in the RM chapter, trash-bashing) trail work whether in the mountains or a park etc., and visiting Vets of any branch in Nursing Homes. What gatherings would you like to see at the chapter or national level? YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Thank you all for your interest and support of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants!



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Whether thanks to weddings, funerals, picnics, vacations, or other gatherings, the long, hot, wet summer – sometimes it’s been all of those at once—has meant time for many of us to be together with family. In the case of members of the National Association, it was a matter of beginning the season with a Reunion in Northern New York.

The event was based out of Watertown, with the first day planned around the traditional Mountainfest observances that draw soldiers, families and the public to Fort Drum’s Division Hill. There were displays and foods of all sorts, many by local organizations, others by soldier groups. The 10th Combat Aviation Brigade lined up helicopters near where grandstands awaited a parade, and a stage set up for a concert that night. So, true to the early summer pattern that had been happening, it poured. The show went on, as they say, except for the Salute to the Nation which was postponed a day.

Next day, indeed, the sun was out, the helicopters took to the blue skies, and soldiers and vehicles moved onto the parade ground and showed their stuff. A USO tent featured food and drinks, and reunion participants mixed and mingled with the troops and generally got a fine taste of today’s 10th Mountain Division (LI).

And that was a primary reason for bringing people from across the country to the post, to see and learn more about the activities of the Army’s most-deployed fighting force, to be proud of today’s 10th. They talked with soldiers at the museum, at a dining facility that surprised them with the hard-to-believe choice of shrimp and/or lobster in the lunch line, and at the unit where supplies are dispersed throughout other units, and soldiers live in the comfort of dormitory rooms that are a far cry from what many consider traditional barracks.

There was also a warm welcome from new commanding general MG Brian Mennes and his staff, who showed them through Hayes Hall/headquarters and then included them as spectators at the 1st Brigade (BCT) change of command. It’s one thing to read about the ceremonies, but quite another to be there when they happen.

The rest of the weekend featured the North Country, as we call it, with a visit to the welcoming Thousand Islands Winery which was established by a retired member of the 10th, and to the War of 1812 battlefield in the thriving village of Sackets Harbor which is still home to many military. But the focus had been the Division, with the men, women and children who live and work and deploy and wait behind, all with the intent of making the 10th Mountain Division what it is today.

It has been, as I said earlier, a summer of family occasions, and the reunion was no exception. Participants were all ages, from WWII veterans to their children and grandchildren, to more-recent 10th vets from units who had served in the Division when it was reactivated (believe it or not 30-some years ago), to today's active duty soldiers.

And, borrowing liberally from Sister Sledge, indeed, "We are family"! It's an old way for some of us to think of our Army (take it from a "Brat"), and a new way for others. But any way you look at it, it's an affirmation of how people feel and respond when they are part of something bigger or, as the song says, "All of the people around us they say, "Can they be that close? Just let me state for the record, We're giving love in a family dose."

Love of country ...love of comrades ...love of family ...you decide.

(And with that, dear members, your co-editors --Felicity Hallanan and Evelyn Rule-- are bidding a fond farewell to the "Blizzard." It has been a fulfilling 12 years, at-once stimulating and challenging. During that time we have built friendships and participated in activities --ranging from opening the WWII monument in Washington, D.C. during a government shutdown to climbing Mount Belvedere in Italy-- that will remain special memories. But it's time for others to carry on the traditions and sharing of the story of the 10th Mountain Division, while its soldiers and families will continue to remain a part of our lives.)

NEW YORK'S NORTH COUNTRY RECOGNIZED AS GREAT MILITARY COMMUNITY

South Carolina's Greater Columbia Region near Ft Jackson and New York's North Country near Ft Drum have been selected as 2019 Great American Defense Communities. They were picked because they are "great places for our military families to live and work," the Association of Defense Communities said in a statement.

This is the fourth year of the program, which has also seen honors for the communities around Ft Carson, CO, Ft Leonard Wood, MO, Ft Campbell, KY, Ft Sill, OK, and Ft Hood, TX.



2020 Return to Italy

Grant-in Aid for Descendants of 10th Veterans



WHAT: Fifteen \$1,000 Grants to attend the 2020 Return to Italy Trip

WHO: For descendants of WWII 10th and modern 10th veterans

WHEN: June 2020

WHY: A generous benefactor wishes for 10th descendants to better understand and appreciate the accomplishments and sacrifices of the 10th Mt. Div. during WWII.

CRITERIA and EXPECTATIONS:

1. Must be a member or associate of TMDD or the 10th National Association
2. Must be their first time attending a Return to Italy trip.
3. If under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
4. Minimum age - entering 7th grade, Maximum age - 35
5. Only one grant available per family of the 10th veteran.
6. Upon returning from the trip it is expected that a minimum 2 page reflection paper will be submitted to TMDD.
7. BOD members of TMDD, 10th National Association or Tenth Foundation and their immediate family members are not eligible.

Selections will be made on a first come, first served basis

For more information about the grants and how to apply please go to the TMDD web site at: <http://10thmountaindivisiondescendants.org> and search 2020 Italy Trip Grants-in-Aid for Descendants of 10th Veterans.

SECOND BRIGADE MAKES ITS WAY HOME FROM WAR

Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT) have been returning home this summer from a nine-month deployment to Kosovo and Afghanistan.

Approximately 2,000 soldiers deployed last fall in support of KFOR Multinational Battle Group-East, U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR), and Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Commando soldiers supporting KFOR contributed to the NATO-led international peacekeeping force, while Commando soldiers in Afghanistan Operation Freedom's Sentinel participated in a NATO-led effort supporting Afghan security forces.

Families cheered from the bleachers inside Monti Physical Fitness Center as those soldiers of marched onto the basketball court of the Monti Physical Fitness Center, on July 11 and again the 15th, 2019. Indeed, there were several welcome home ceremonies for several days. Soldiers returning in the advanced party represented nearly every one of the Commando brigade's seven battalions.

Next to go will be the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, which is currently preparing to leave the North Country in early 2020.

YOUR RESOURCE CENTER IN ACTION

David Little Collections & Public Resources Team Leader

The Collections and Public Resources Team of the Foundation gets to work with some great folk with some cool collections of 10th Mountain artifacts. While working with the History Colorado collection (3 dimensional artifacts), one of the artifacts we looked at was a wine bottle --or more correctly, a Champagne bottle. There was provenance, naming the 10th Mountain soldier, Sherman Smith, who had donated it, but little else in the way of explanation as to why it was in the collection. Sherm donated many items, some from his fellow Chapter members on the West Coast.



The accession notes tell us more: "Liberated by 10th Mountain Division soldiers first week of May, 1945 from captured Wehrmacht Officers' Supply Train in Lake Garda District. In celebration of the end of the War in Europe (May 8, 1945), 10th Mountain enlisted soldiers were each issued two bottles of champagne or two bottles of wine from this cache." Okay, so this is captured booze given to our soldiers to celebrate the end of the War! We cross-referenced this annotation at History Colorado with notations at Denver Public Library that a German Army supply train had been captured in the Lake Garda area close to the end of the War. This supply train reportedly had boxcars full of wine, Champagne, beer and other spirits. This appears to confirm the story we have so far.

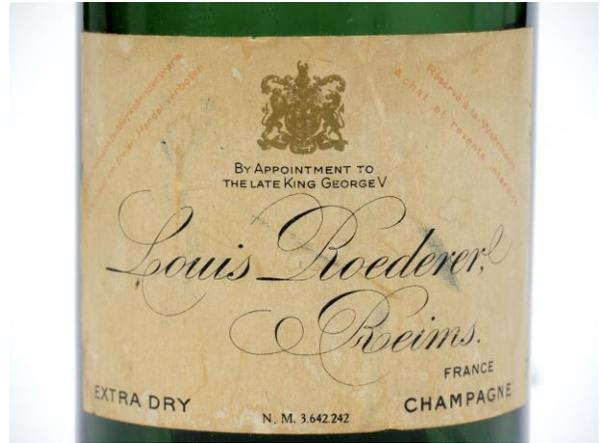
Looking at the bottle itself, there is more to this story. The bottle was French Champagne from "Louis Roederer," one of the premiere brands. It was probably bottled for consumption in England, as the bottle was marked with the Royal Warrant "By Appointment to the Late King George V," which dates it after 1936 and before the loss of the English market in 1942.

The bottle's paper label had an additional marking added after bottling, reading: "Wehrmachts-Marketenderware" and "Verkauf im freien Handel verboten": *German Armed Forces troop merchant goods*

and *Free market sales are forbidden*. This indicated that this bottle had been requisitioned by the German Army *Wehrmacht* for use by their soldiers only --NOT FOR SALE-- giving the German soldiers the best available rations and supplies. This would confirm the likelihood that this was indeed wartime captured goods.

To celebrate the German surrender in Italy May 2nd, or the end of the War in Europe May 8th, it appears General George P. Hays authorized the distribution of a portion of this supply train to the soldiers of the Division. This bottle must have been part of this celebration disbursement ordered by Hays.

It truly reflects the international nature of the War: French Champagne, bottled for sale in England, captured by the German army and reserved for their soldiers, shipped to Italy to support the troops, and captured there by American soldiers, who consumed it in celebration of the end of hostilities. What makes this more remarkable is that one of these soldiers



preserved this bottle for 50 years and it is now part of the historic collection. This bottle has a summary history of the War in Europe contained in this one object alone. And it is part of YOUR collection!

First: So, who comprises the Foundation's Collections and Public Resources team? As with your other Foundation teams, a couple of volunteers --myself, Flint Whitlock and Galen Jackman-- work with key partners. In this case, our primary partners are of the Collections and Public Resources team and the fine folks at Denver Public Library --Keli Schmid-- and History Colorado --James Peterson. Together these two organizations make up the 10th Mountain Resource Center, created by our WWII veterans to preserve their story.

We have added other partners, including the Colorado Snow Sports Museum and Hall of Fame, the Historical Collection at Ft Drum, the University of Denver (DU) Library collection, and other institutions that have significant 10th Mountain collections or exhibits. The Collections Team can also provide resources to assist cataloging efforts that are available to any interested agency. If your local museum has a collection and would like help cataloging their resources, please contact the Foundation for more information.

If you want them preserved for generations to come, consider donating them to the 10th Mountain Resource Center. Both History Colorado and Denver Public Library are constantly looking to add to their collection.

Second: Finally, we are currently looking for a specific artifact to fill a gap in the History Colorado collection. The mountain climbers at Camp Hale used a jute soled climbing shoe to climb on slippery rocks, and these shoes are not in any of the known collections. If you have a pair of these unusual shoes in storage somewhere, please consider donating them to History Colorado --they are a rare part of the Division's history, and we need them to help tell this story. These shoes are like a high-top tennis shoe but with a rope sole. Can you help?

In closing, we at the Foundation would invite you to contribute to this, our ongoing efforts. Through the generosity of a 10th Mountain Descendant, we have been blessed with a matching funds grant, up to \$10,000, to help improve the works of the Resource Center and the work of the Collections and Public Resources team.

Every dollar you can donate to this Resource Center Matching Funds, and the matching funds donation, will double in the value of your contribution. If your employer has a matching funds program, it could triple the

value of what you give! Both History Colorado and Denver Public Library are looking to add to their collection --consider them if you have artifacts, and want them preserved for generations to come.

Thanks from your Collections and Public Resources to all who have supported or visited any of our partner organizations. Keep up the good work.

CEREMONY RECOGNIZES TENTH SOLDIER'S SACRIFICE IN AFGHANISTAN

SGT Jerod Hathaway, 27th Public Affairs Detachment

SSGT Michael Ollis, a 10th Mountain soldier who gave his life shielding Polish Army Lieutenant Karol Cierpica from a suicide bomber while deployed to Afghanistan in 2013, was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. James McConville, during a ceremony on Staten Island, NY, on June 8, 2019.

The Distinguished Service Cross is the second highest military honor that can be awarded to a member of the United States Army. SSGT Ollis's father and sister, Robert Ollis and Kimberly Loschiavo, received the award from McConville at a VFW post named in Ollis's honor.

"Every generation has its heroes," McConville said. "Michael Ollis is one of ours. I was privileged to serve with Michael and Karol when I was the 101st Airborne Division commanding general in Regional Command East while they were deployed. Their actions that day in August against a very determined enemy saved many, many lives."



"Through the tears, we have to tell the story of Karol and Michael," said Robert Ollis during the ceremony. "They just locked arms and followed each other. They didn't worry about what language or what color it was. It was two battle buddies, and that's what Karol and Michael did. To help everyone on that FOB they possibly could."

The Distinguished Service Cross ceremony, held in a small yard just outside the post, was packed with veterans, friends and family members who all came to honor him. To close out the weekend, a 5-k run was held to commemorate the memory of SSGT. Ollis and to raise money for veterans.



ARMADILLO

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

Three Armadillo Chapter members (Karen Case, Desc 86-HQ), Phebe Davol (Desc 86-L, HQ) and Sean Ellis (2-22 IN, 10th Mtn Div LI) attended the June, 2019, 10th Mountain Division Reunion in Watertown, NY, in June 20-23, 2019. We all made new friends, reacquainted with old friends and overall had enjoyed a wonderful reunion with activities and camaraderie.



Armadillos at Reunion, front row left to right: Al Schwab (10th Mtn Div LI 2-14), Benny Deese (10th Mtn Div LI 2-14 IN), Phebe Davol (Desc 86-L, HQ); back row, left: Barry Hitechew (10th Mtn Div LI HHC 2-14). Karen Case (Desc 86-HQ), Mark Lanoue (Karen's new husband), Sean Ellis (10th Mtn Div LI 2-22).

The Armadillo Chapter is planning two events and we invite and welcome everyone, young and old, to gather together for the upcoming reunions.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma September 27-29, 2019

All Chapters are Invited: We are planning our annual reunion in Oklahoma City, OK, for Sept. 27-29, 2019. We will visit the Alfred P. Murrah bombing memorial and museum as well as the WWII 45th Inf Div Museum. There are streetcars and water taxis to catch a ride in the area. There will be a banquet on Saturday night.

The hotel we selected is the Hyatt Place OKC / Bricktown, [20 Russell M. Perry Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma](#). Room rate will be \$139. /night plus \$19.63 in state, local and occupancy taxes. Parking is \$15. a night if you arrive by car. There are options to find more affordable parking in the area for \$10. nightly. The hotel provides a 24-hour restaurant and bar. Breakfast is \$9.95 per room (not person) or free if you join or are a member of the World of Hyatt (frequent sleeper) program. If you are interested, please contact Karen Case by cell phone #501.472.4588 or e-mail her at Karencase0303@gmail.com. She will send you a registration form.

Contact the hotel directly by Sept. 3, 2019 for the group rate

- By calling 1-888 HYATT HP (1-888-492-8847) (Hyatt Place)
- By going online to Hyatt.com and entering reservation using G-MDAC as the group/corporate number:

Direct Link is: https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/oklahoma/hyatt-place-oklahoma-city-bricktown/okczd?corp_id=G-MDAC

New Orleans 2020

For 2020, the Armadillo Chapter is also planning a fabulous reunion in New Orleans and invites **all Chapters**.

Plans are solidifying for a long weekend (Jan 30-Feb 4, 2020) in New Orleans, LA, in 2020. The Maison Dupuy is a boutique hotel in the residential area of the historic French Quarter. Negotiated rates are \$139./night plus \$22 in state, local and occupancy taxes. The rate is negotiated for each of the nights Jan 30 (Thurs) through Tues, Feb 4, 2020. Make a plan to go somewhere warmer in early 2020, for those in colder climates.

Events include a tour of the National WWII Museum, on Saturday, Feb 1, 2020, with a banquet in the evening. Optional tours may include a visit to the world-renowned Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, trip to the Houma Mansion and Plantation, Dinner cruise on the Mississippi River, or a canoe tour trip on the Shell Bank bayou. Your input is greatly appreciated.

For more information you can contact Phebe Davol @ phebe.davol@gmail.com or by cell phone #512.917.0423, or if you would like to be sent the event registration form (to come out later this summer). **MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW!!!** Below is the link to make your reservation for the hotel. You can also call #1.800.535.9177 and ask for “10th Mountain Division Reunion Group.” Personally, the hotel prefers the online link, but it is up to you: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/103691?groupID=2528357>

LOWER MICHIGAN

Robert Kilmer (10th Mtn Div [LI]. Ret.)

The Lower Michigan Chapter held its annual Memorial Day service and luncheon in Frankenmuth Michigan with 10th Mountain veterans and descendants in attendance, including the newest member of the chapter, veteran Dennis Sensolis.

A service was held at the Michigan Military Museum, followed by a luncheon at the Bavarian Inn. All who were there received a bottle of 10th Mountain Division Warrior Red Wine from Thousand Islands Winery, Alexandria Bay, NY.



This was the final time the event was to be held on Memorial Day. Next year the service and luncheon will be held at a date TBD. I want to thank all who attended.

Please note that this past spring our chapter lost one of our members. We send condolences to the family of veteran Richard Coughlin (10th INF).

NORTHWEST

Martha Rainey (Desc 87-D)

The Northwest Chapter had a successful tree watering and garbage pickup at the Memorial Tree Grove on May 11, 2019. There were quite a few of us there and that made it go quickly. It was a hot morning so the trees needed water and, as always, we had plenty of trash to pick up.

Thank you to Ty Baker, Debbie Metzler, Rich Metzler, Ellen Driscoll, John Driscoll, Chris Emerson and Reed Rainey for coming out and giving those thirsty trees some love. Maria had to miss it but did the coordination --

thanks Maria! Thank you to Rich and Debbie for hauling the water in their truck, and to our local farmer friend for the water.

We had a small group at the Willamette National Cemetery ceremony. My husband Reed, my son Noah and I attended. The rain was coming down in buckets and the wind blowing hard when we arrived but it stopped and stayed dry for the whole ceremony. It was well done and a very patriotic, emotional and honorable event. It is a sight to behold! We also laid flowers at my parents' gravesite.

The third Electronic Blizzard for 2019 is now online at the National Assn website, www.10thmtndivassoc.org under "News." If you know anyone without computer access who would like a paper copy, please let me know and I can print them off and send them.

Our National Descendants President, Denise Taylor, sent out a great newsletter this summer about improvements to the Descendants website, plans for the 2020 Italy trip and the bench project at Mt Belvedere. If you didn't receive it and would like to, please let me know.

We are working on the calendar for the rest of 2019 to include tree watering/care, as well as our annual summer picnic. It will be Sunday, Sept 8, 2019, at the home of Debbie and Rich Metzler in Tigard. We would love for more families to join us. Kids are more than welcome!

I encourage everyone to become a member of our group. It is our role to keep the memory of our fathers and grandfathers alive. Membership applications can be found online.

ROADRUNNER

Rebecca Joyce (Desc 604 FAB)

The Roadrunner Chapter is looking for 10th Mtn Div (LI) veterans and descendants to join.

Please contact Becky Joyce at rlynnjyc7@icloud.com. We look forward to our Tenth Mountain family growing and sharing our love for the sacrifices of our fathers, mothers, and our whole family's sacrifice toward making us free.

Our next banquet was to be held at the St Claire Winery in Albuquerque on Aug. 18. We had not had a banquet in two years. We need to reunite and remember our duty to carry on our legacy. Our strong and brave men and women of the Tenth Mountain Division deserve that.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Melanie Loveland & Kayla Kohake (Desc George Loudis 86-H)

On Saturday, July 13, 2019, the Rocky Mountain Chapter held their annual summer potluck at Anderson Park in Wheat Ridge, CO. It was attended by approximately 40 people including WWII veterans Hugh Evans (85-C, A) and Frank Romano (86-K).

This year's menu featured five dishes made using recipes from a book put together by the wives of veterans of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, given as a memento at the 1983 reunion in Vail, CO. These dishes were made by members of the Steering Committee and were all delicious. The recipe book has been refurbished thanks to the talents of Buck Andrews. Books are still available for purchase at \$10. + shipping.

A raffle was held for a multitude of items that included bottles of wine, restaurant gift certificates and many other great items. An auction was also held featuring a gorgeous hand-made necklace made by descendant Jill Whitener. Thanks also to Diana Gant for gathering the door prizes, great-granddaughter Kelsey Gant for assisting with distributing door prizes, and Jill Whitener for keeping track of the auction bids.

There was also a beautiful original painting by Jane Christie, wife of descendant Dave Christie (Desc 85-F), and an incredible book basket put together by 10th Mountain veteran John Russell (10th Mtn Div[LI], ret.) and his wife Sandy that included books that Sandy has written, along with books by Tom Duhs & Kris Tualla. There was other 10th Mountain swag and other goodies; bidding was fierce and competitive but many walked away with some great prizes.

A steering committee meeting was Aug 3 at the Denver Public Library. The 10th Mountain exhibit that they have on site is full of artifacts, photos and stories, including 150 research requests this year so far, three big donations, military documents and a photo album for Joseph Goldberg (85-G); a military career overview and photo album from the family of Irving Hale; a copy of "This Damn Tree Leaks" by Bill Mauldin that was signed by many soldiers; over 3,000 10th Mountain Division items are on the digital assets website, including oral histories, maps and photographs.

Rocky Mountain Chapter Director Kayla Kohake thanks all of the other regional directors who read and/or responded to an email writing campaign to acquire financial support to finish the Italy donation bench project.

Put it on your calendar that the holiday party will be at Applewood Golf Course, Dec. 28.



Hugh and Ann Evans
Hearty Artichoke dip
Boozy auction items
Kayla Kohake and Frank Romano
New 10th Mountain Mess Recipe book

SIERRA NEVADA

Val Rios (Desc 87-K)

The Sierra Nevada Chapter held their annual picnic on Saturday, June 1, 2019, on the grounds of Sebastiani Winery in Sonoma, CA. This picnic was first started by Bob Yank (85-K) some years ago and we continue to enjoy not only the venue but especially the attendees!

Chapter President/Director, Val Rios, gave updates regarding the Association and Foundation and really talked up next year's 2020 Return to Italy trip sponsored by Descendants Inc.



We raised our glasses in remembrance of chapter members who recently passed away as well as toasted our two veterans in attendance, Chuck Bartley (605 FA-C) and Art Schimke (87-K) who turned 100 in April.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bruce Campbell (86-I, M)

The 14th annual Summer Picnic of the Southern California Chapter was held at the Campbell home on June 8, 2019.

There was a turnout of 25, mostly descendants, Friends and neighbors, but only two Vets, Howard Koch (86-C) and myself. Our remaining member, Bob Geider, was unable to attend. Bob can still drive, but this was a little too far. By the way, Bob celebrated his 101st Birthday in early July!



Our Christmas gathering will again be held at Maderas Restaurant on December 7, 2019. –Photo by Val Rios.

UPSTATE NEW YORK

Dave Morrison (Desc 86-L)

This quarter's report for the Upstate New York Chapter will deal mainly with the National Association reunion held in Watertown and Ft Drum this summer. A fantastic three days full of fun, exploration, friendship and a little wine. Kudos to Gil Pearsall (10th Mtn Div [LI], ret.) and his crew for an excellent, well-run event.

One of the high points of the weekend was the trip to Ft Drum where we got to tour the Museum and meet soldiers who showed off some of the new gear and armament as well as the equipment our fathers used.

Also the lunch with soldiers was a special treat. We got to talk to them one-on-one, and get a sense of their plans as well as what drew them to join the Tenth (LI). This was followed by a capabilities demonstration including helicopters, artillery, and armored Humvees, which was very exciting. Members in attendance included John BeGasse (Bruce BeGasse 87-M), Joe Ciancetti (Armand Ciancetti 87-I), Jill Hamlin (Norton Stanton 86-A), Bev Folderman (Bill Millette 605-FA), and Dave Morrison (Bill Morrison 86-L).

On a sadder note, we attended another funeral. This one was for Tony Sileo 85-I (see TAPS). Members making the trip to Connecticut were Nancy Looby (Jim Looby 85-I) and Dave Morrison.



On a recent trip to Lake Placid I was able to take a side trip to the Tenth Mountain Division Memorial Trail in the shadow of the Olympic ski jumping complex. A small pull-off opens up to a couple of benches, and a memorial plaque at the trailhead, and is worth the trip for a few minutes remembering the early Division.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC)

Three Washington, D.C. Chapter members, Sandy and Ralph Tuccillo (10th LI) and chapter president Kim Hudyma, attended the national reunion at Ft Drum, NY, in June. The weather and camaraderie were lovely. It was nice meeting the 10th (LI) Veterans and Descendants from other parts of the country. As promised, the Ft Drum Chapter made sure we attended a great Mountainfest observance, with the active duty soldiers showing their military prowess.

Sunday, June 9, 2019, was our chapter's annual Flag Day Picnic at the home of Kim and Gene Hudyma in Millersville, MD. We had a nice turnout on a fairly hot day. The group gathered in our Camp Hale Bar to try out Gene's home-brewed beer and then enjoyed hamburgers, pulled pork and many salads and desserts shared by our attendees.

We learned some preliminary highlights of our upcoming Italy trip in 2020. Four guests attended to liven up the day. We welcomed our newest member, Cara Ventimiglia (Desc 85-E), only two months old and a real trouper.



Washington, D.C. Chapter enjoying annual Flag Day picnic.

Next on the agenda, save the date for Saturday, Nov 2, 2019, for our Veteran's Day luncheon. Bob Patrick will be presenting "Veterans History Project -- Preserving our Veterans' Stories." Bob is former director of the Veterans History Project (VHP) of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Some chapter members may remember Bob leading our private tour of the Library of Congress in March, 2016. Stay tuned for the location and time for this meeting.



Calvert, Richard M. (86-HQ-2), 95, September 20, 2018, Laconia, NH. Survived by wife Mildred (Lorenz), a son, a daughter, 2 grand-, 4 great-grandchildren. Employed by Andover Insurance Companies, Andover, MA, as Claims Manager. Associated with Gordon Boyd & Co., Inc, Independent Insurance Adjusters, Boston, MA, serving in several positions including Executive Vice President & General Manager & President. Member, National Assn of Independent Adjusters, Inc., International Institute of Loss Adjusters, Inc., Loss Executives Assn, Society of Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriters, National Assn, 10th Mtn Div, Inc., US Ski & Snowboard Assn, Federation of Fly Fishers, & Trout Unlimited. Also member, Melvin Village Community Church. Life-long avid skier, racing USSA Masters' race circuit, racing into his mid 90's, competing in his final race at Hannes Schneider Meister Cup Race, Mt Cranmore, March, 2018.

Christian, Kevin J. (B Co, 2nd Bn, 3th Inf Regt, 3d Brigade Combat Team [BCT]), 21, June 23, 2019, Ajo, AZ. Predeceased by parents Deborah & James. Assigned to President Donald Trump's southwest border patrol about 110 miles west of Tucson, found dead of undetermined causes. Second soldier to have died in Arizona since the Army became involved in the border patrol mission; with weather hot and dry, temperatures peaked at about 98. Born in San Luis Obispo, CA, grew up in Haslet, TX. First Boy Scout to earn the rank of Eagle in Troop 2020. Studied engineering at University of North Texas, until joining the Army in April, 2018. Following Basic Combat Training & Advanced Individual Training, assigned to Ft Polk, LA. Awarded Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, & qualified as an expert with his assigned weapons. In preparation for deployment, named Soldier of the Battle based on his determination & leadership skills.

Earl, Robert W. "Bobby" (87-HQ-1), 94, July 24, 2019, Tomah, WI. Survived by a son, 2 daughters, 8 grand-, 8 great-, 3 great-great-grandchildren, many nieces & nephews; predeceased by wife Darlene & a daughter. A fireman at the Austin, MN, Fire Department. Enjoyed traveling with Darlene, doing projects in his shop, working his hobby farm. Member, Olaf Damm VFW Post 1216 in Austin.

Elmer, Peter G. (86-F), 95, December 27, 2018, New York, NY. Survived by wife Inge, a daughter, a son, & 3 grandchildren. Born in Vienna, Austria, came to New York City with his family as refugees when he was in high school. An expert skier, stayed in Austria after WWII service with 10th Mtn Div, doing relief work. Back in US, opened Penrose Knitwear, a successful sweater company. A dedicated New York Rangers fan & avid

tennis player until he turned 90, Peter often (jokingly) referred to himself as the "Tennis God" and "Pina Colada King" during summers on Fire Island & family vacations on S. Martin.

Erhart, Leo L. (86-B), 96, November 14, 2018, Belle Fourche, SD. Survived by 3 daughters, a son, 21 grand- & many great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Irene (Schafer) & 2 children. Served in the US Army along with his three brothers; all four served in combat areas, & all returned home safely. After WWII, began business, "Leo's Bus Service" owned & operated for many years. In 1976 family moved to a farm near Bozeman, MT; in 2003 moved to Belle Fourche. Couple enjoyed traveling, square dancing, & especially a 3-month trip to British Columbia, & Alaska. Member, Spearfish Fire Department for 19 years; enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting & restoring antique cars.

Gianneschi, Harry R. (85-HQ-2), 99, May 30, 2017, Louisville, KY. Survived by wife Jeanne (Cornelison Bobbitt), 4 grand-, 7 great-grandchildren, 2 stepsons, 2 stepgrand-daughters; predeceased by first wife Lorraine, 2 sons & a grandson. Deputy Director of Quality Assurance for US Dept. of Defense. Provided consulting services for IBM, GM & Ford. In retirement, divided time between Lakeland, Viera, FL, & Louisville, KY. Member, Westport Road Christian Church, serving as an Elder. A Kentucky Colonel, loved basketball, Chicago sports, singing & writing poetry.

Goguen, Clarence J. (87-D), 101, May 27, 2019, Leominster, MA. Survived by wife Blanche Mary (Vincent), a daughter, 2 sons, 4 grand-, 7 great-grandchildren, nieces & nephews. Worked for Independent Lock Company in Fitchburg, then for himself as dealer of several European car marques including VW & SAAB. A ski instructor in WWII, serving in Europe & Pacific theaters of war. Part of dedication of 10th Mtn Div trail at Mount Wachusett Ski area in Princeton, MA, during original dedication & rededication in 2018. An avid ski jumper, downhill skier, baseball pitcher, woodworker, oil paint artist & golfer. Enjoyed making stained glass, building stone walls & gardening. Proud Boston Red Sox fan; winner of Boston Silver Skate Derby, 1941.

Hodge, Mark Anthony, SFC (10th Mountain Division [LI]), 52, June 21, 2019, Shamong, NJ. Survived by wife Donna Ann (Rice), 3 daughters, a son, 3 grandchildren & nephews. Active in US Army from Jan. 13, 1987, to May 25, 2008. Last duty station Ft Drum, NY. After retiring from the military, he became disabled. Born in Houston, TX. An avid NASCAR fan, also loved his animals & spending time with his family.

Hosking, William C. "Bill" (601st FA-A), 95, March 6, 2019, Pittsburgh, PA. Survived by wife Pauline V. (Ruby), a son, a daughter, 4 grand-, 1 great-grandchild; predeceased by a daughter. Longtime Alcoa employee & Cronmiller Specialty Advertising salesperson. An avid outdoorsman & Boy Scout troop leader.

Leo, Richard W. "Dick" (10th MED-B), 94, November 1, 2018, Burlington, VT. Survived by a nephew. Career as an ornamental ironworker working on commercial structures which included the Time-Life Building in NYC & IBM Headquarters in Fishkill, NY. Lifelong resident of Secaucus, NJ, but later moved to Moretown, VT, to be closer to family. Memberships included Secaucus Hudson Masonic Lodge #72 F&AM, volunteer fire department as Captain; life member, 10thMtn Div Assn. Known for his excellence in cooking both as a chef and baker, he also loved gardening, & enjoyed skiing at Stowe & Mad River Glen.

Mansfield, Richard Corey (85-E), 94, May 14, 2019, Newport, NH. Survived by wife Genevieve, 4 sons, 7 grand-, 8 great-grandchildren. Employed by the Rohm & Haas Co. of Philadelphia, PA, as a research chemist for 35 years, authoring numerous scientific papers & receiving two dozen US Patents. Instrumental in development of biodegradable surfactants derived from sugar, as well as many other products used in industry,

the home & medicine. Member emeritus, American Chemical Society; active in church & civic affairs, including Board of Deacons, South Congregational Church & as a member, Grantham Zoning Board.

McKenna, Austin J., “Mac” (126th Combat Engr), 96, May 1, 2019, Carefree, AZ. Survived by a son, 2 daughters, 8 grand-, 7 great-grandchildren, nieces & nephews; predeceased by wives May Louise (Engler) & Frances (Silburn). Spent 45-year advertising career in executive positions at companies in Denver area; created art in his spare moments. Moved with wife Frances to Kailua-Kona on island of Hawaii, where he devoted his time to being an artist & teaching art classes for Holualoa Foundation for Arts & Culture. Member & president, Kailua Village Artists Inc., displaying his watercolor paintings in a number of regional galleries, selling to buyers around the world.

Missewicz, Stanley M. (710 ORD), 100, May 18, 2019, Beverly, MA. Survived by 2 daughters, 5 grand-, 6 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Jennie (Mazur). Worked as an Electrolytic Plate Maker for American Bank Note Company. Enjoyed reading, his stamp collection, & spending time with his loved ones. Named 2018 Grand Marshal of the City of Beverly's Memorial Day Parade, as oldest living veteran in Beverly, MA.

Payant, William “Bill” Herbert (87-E), 95, July 19, 2019, Sun City West, AZ. Survived by 3 daughters, 2 sons, 9 grand- & 9 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wives Sharon (Jacobson) & Elizabeth (Lee). After service with 10th Mtn Div, served in Philippines for two years at the end of WWII, & later in Korea. Joined Citizens Securities Company in Green Bay as stock broker & spent the rest of his career as brokerage partner. Loved teaching his children to ski; rafting the Snake River; multiple Amtrak train trips across America; RV trips to Mexico City, Nova Scotia & Alaska; an African safari; a 36-day drive through Ireland & an Antarctic cruise. Also a train journey through Australia's outback; family sailing trips to Tahiti, the Greek Isles, & Caribbean & river cruises through Europe, Russia & up the Mississippi. Instrumental in establishing Payant Family Foundation to benefit International Baccalaureate students at Notre Dame du Baie Academy.

Perry, Joseph “Joe” (10th MED BN), 95, March 20, 2019, Colorado Springs, CO. Survived by 2 sons, a daughter, 3 grandchildren; predeceased by wives Emma (Stevenson) & Bernice & a daughter. Made a career in wholesale plumbing & heating industry, & started his own company, Rampart Supply, which still operates today. Lifelong member of 10th Mtn Div Foundation, making two trips back to Italy to honor the fallen.

Scallero, Frank Patrick (85-I), 94, July 24, 2019, Elmsford, NY. Survived by a son, a granddaughter, step-granddaughter; predeceased by wife Margaret. Worked as a union truck driver for Elmsford Building Materials (Teamsters Local 456); successful business owner in construction field. Member, VFW Post 1939 in Sleepy Hollow, NY, serving as Commander.

Sileo, Anthony J. “Tony” (85-I), 96, June 27, 2019, Bristol, CT. Survived by wife Jennie V. (Bettua), a daughter, 3 sons, 7 grand- & 4 great-grandchildren. Owner of Margonelli's Paint Store in Plainville, CT. Member, American Legion, Seicheprey Post 2 of Bristol, CT; Friends of Bristol Library, & lifetime member of Republican Party. A parishioner of St. Francis de Sales parish, St Anthony Church, Bristol. Volunteered for RSVP at Southside School, Bristol. Helped establish Army 10th Mtn Div Scholarship Fund at Siena College, NY.

Wooden, James Leon “Jim” (87-F), 96, December 3, 2018, Bedford, TX. Survived by a niece, nephew & numerous grand-nieces & nephews & cousins; predeceased by wife Marcelyn “Marci” (Mueller). Began career

in Tulsa, OK, as an accountant for Sinclair Oil (now Arco Oil). Career allowed him to live abroad in Somalia, Belgium & New York City. Couple also lived in Los Angeles & Dubai, before moving back to Texas to retire. Member, First United Methodist Church, Bedford.

Yonker, Neal C., December 17, 2018, Highlands Ranch, CO.

MINT DOLE, SON OF 10TH MOUNTAIN'S FOUNDER

Dole, Charles Minot "Mint," Jr., 85, July 19, 2019, Essex, CT. Survived by wife Burgess, a son, a daughter, 2 stepsons, 2 grand- & 2 grand step-children; predeceased by a grandson.

The son of Charles Minot (Minnie) Dole*, and Jane Ely Dole of Greenwich, CT. Founded Dole Associates, a virtual corporation that conceived & produced industrial design solutions. A pioneer in user-centered product design, developed a wide array of innovations from adding bungee cords to tent poles for Eureka, to developing in-home mononucleosis & pregnancy tests & medical devices for Becton Dickenson, to engineering Duracell's initial line of flashlights.

Also co-designed New England Ski Museum & the 10th Mountain Division exhibit. An avid skier, a National Ski Patroller, regularly joined 10th Mountain Ski-ins in Colorado. A talented water color artist, loved skiing, sailing & bird hunting with his beloved Gordon Setters. Devoted to maintaining family's 120 year-old Adirondack Great Camp, a generous and gracious host.

Mint's son Trux continues the family tradition of dedicated participation in the 10th Mountain Division, as president of the Foundation. Family asks that donations be made in Mint's memory to: 10th Mountain Division Foundation, the National Ski Patrol, or Dissipated Eight Alumni Association c/o Middlebury College.

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*At the start of World War II, Mint Dole's father, Charles Minot Dole, believed the US military needed a force capable of mountain warfare. He was tenacious and campaigned to Pentagon officials and President Roosevelt until Army Chief of Staff, General George Marshall, adopted Dole's mountain-troop idea. In December, 1941, 12 officers and one enlisted man were designated the 87th Infantry, Mountain, First Battalion, reinforced, & sent to Ft. Lewis, WA, where they and soon-to-be-recruits trained on Mt. Rainier as the foundation of what became the 10th Mountain Division.



**10th Mtn. Division
NW / Rainier Chapter
Annual Picnic**

**Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019
Noon (we'll eat about 1:00)**

***Debbie (Powers) and Rich Metzler's home
11765 SW Ann Street * Tigard, OR 97223***

Drinks, plates and utensils provided

***Please bring a main dish, side dish,
salad or dessert to share.***

This is a family event – bring kids and grandkids!

PLEASE RSVP by AUGUST 30th to:

***Martha Rainey mrainey0514@gmail.com
or 503.708.4878***

with # of adults and # of kids attending

Armadillo Chapter**(All Chapters Invited)****In New Orleans, Louisiana****January 30-February 4, 2020****Activities include:****National World War II Museum Tour****Banquet on Saturday Night**

NATIONWIDE POST HOUSING SURVEY RANKS FT DRUM AMONG TOP 10

Fort Drum Public Affairs

The U.S. Army has released the results of a survey conducted earlier this year which ranks Fort Drum as one of the best places to live in on-post housing. The survey results come amid a months-long effort by the Army to improve housing conditions across the agency after learning of residents' concerns. Soldiers and families choosing to live in installation housing have a right to quality, safe, clean and healthy homes.

The survey was administered online by CEL & Associates Inc., an independent, third-party organization that also conducts housing surveys for the other military services and for the private sector. Ft Drum participation in the survey was excellent --approximately 41% of the more than 3,400 residents surveyed responded in Family Housing and an approximately 38% response rate for the more than 200 surveys distributed in Unaccompanied Housing.

Key Ft Drum findings include:

* Ft Drum Family Housing is ranked 8th in the Army and is one of 5 installations with a ranking of VERY GOOD overall.

* Ft Drum is the only home to an Army Division that ranked in the Outstanding or Very Good categories.

* Ft Drum Unaccompanied Housing (The Timbers) is ranked #1 in the Army. The Timbers has less than 2.6% Dissatisfaction Rate for any questions and 0% Dissatisfaction Rate for Services Overall. Of the five Unaccompanied Housing complexes in the Army, The Timbers earned a Platinum Award for Excellence in Customer Service for a fourth year.

"We were pleased to receive the news from the recent Housing Resident Satisfaction Survey because of the high response rate from our awesome Families and Soldiers, and also the results of the survey itself," said MG Brian J. Mennes, Commanding General, Ft Drum & the 10th Mtn Div.

While Ft Drum's overall score decreased from last year, it is one of only 14 installations that decreased by less than 5 points. Leadership here embraces its enduring obligation to take care of the health and welfare of our all-volunteer force. This survey will help to shape future housing quality and services. "We had a very high response rate which suggests our families and soldiers are concerned about their post and their housing and feel empowered to outline their concerns," said MG Mennes. "Although we will continue to improve and address each and every family concern, it is apparent we have a great partner in Mountain Community Homes and a hard-working Garrison team that ensures we have great accommodations."

DESCENDANT SHARES STORY OF 10th WITH TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Val Rios (Desc 87-K)

This past February I had the opportunity to attend the Ski-In that is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter. Over the years I have heard a lot about it but, not being a skier and often conflicting with the California Chapter Riva Ridge/Mt. Belvedere observances, I had not attended. But this year the event was held later in February and by much urging from fellow descendants I finally went. I am sure glad I did!

I certainly enjoyed spending time with the veterans and descendants, meeting new people, and attending the memorial service, but probably what I most enjoyed is the time with the third-grade schoolchildren of Lake County Intermediate School.



During the first semester the third graders learn quite a bit of background knowledge of WWII and of the 10th's role in the war. Then, during the beginning of the second semester, the students select individual 10th soldiers and write a journal based on a few experiences of that soldier. The evening before the official start of the ski-in, the local Leadville community is invited to a special program celebrating the students' work and honoring the 10th veterans in attendance. This year, Hugh Evans, Dick Over and Sandy Treat were the honorees.

The evening program consists of all the third graders singing several patriotic songs, the reading of selected journals, a special flag-folding ceremony and the presentation of thank-you cards to the veterans. I have to tell you, hearing the journals being read by the schoolchildren brought a few tears to my eyes. They truly have a special love for the 10th and it showed throughout the evening.



I was so impressed with their work that the next day I went to the school to thank all of them. I think they were quite surprised with my visit but I wanted them to know how much I, as a son of a 10th soldier, appreciated all of their hard work and how wonderful a tribute they gave to the 10th. Their faces were beaming with pride!

Several days after my return I sent a note to the Principal, thanking the teachers and third graders for all of their work. I also sent a dvd which contained a brief story about my dad and his foxhole buddy. I thought they would enjoy watching it. Then, in April, I received the following thank-you letter from the young people:

“Dear Mr. Rios,

Thank you for sharing the DVD of your father sharing stories. We listened to ‘The Real Hero.’ It was very interesting to hear first-hand about your dad and his foxhole buddy Fred. It is sad but we are so happy that your father lived to share his story. We are also happy that your father was able to visit his foxhole buddy Fred in Florence at the American Cemetery. We are so glad you shared this interesting information with us. We really loved learning about the 10th Mountain Division, they are all heroes to us!

Thank you, The third graders at LCIS”

This project has been part of the third grade curriculum for several years and will continue to be so. You can bet if I am able to attend another Ski-In I will definitely be there.

April 25, 2019

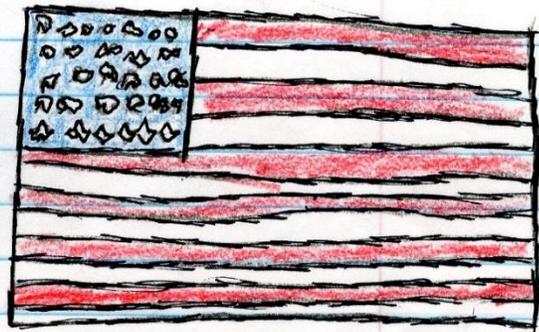
Dear Mr. Rio,

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Thank you
The third graders at LCI!



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TENTH FOUNDATION SUPPORTS ARMY MUSEUM PLAQUES

The 10th Mtn Div Foundation has donated \$2,000 for the 10th Mtn Div unit plaque at the Army Museum. The National Assn paid \$5,000 for a unit plaque last Fall. So far \$2,300 has been received in further donations towards the plaque.



10th Mountain Foundation

2nd Quarter Update - 2019

President's Message (Trux Dole)

General Update: *Memorial Day | Ft. Drum Reunion & Meetings | Operational Phase 3*

The Foundation team's work this past quarter continues to highlight the positive results of our restructuring and programmatic focus of uniting under the 10th Mountain patch: from our 60th Memorial Day ceremony at Tennessee Pass, to our first 'climb in' with the 10th Mountain Alpine Group (10th MAG) to further partnership development to closer collaboration with the National Association, Descendants and Division command at Fort Drum.

Indeed, our different programs now help us articulate more clearly how the Foundation can support the efforts of both the National Association and Descendants to grow their membership and engagement, as well as communicate to Division command how we can help 10th Mountain soldiers and their families understand the greater 10th community that is here to support them.

As I move to wrapping up my three-year term as President, I am confident the Foundation is well positioned for the future, and I am pleased that we are delivering on the vision. Our focus in the next quarter is preparing for the annual meeting, budgeting and updating the website (finally). We also need to recruit new board members and hire a new administrative director.

Financial Update Thru Q2: *\$43,520 in Donations | \$48,462 in Grants Paid*

While our investment income was down compared to last year at this time, program donations are up along with general donations.

Through Q2, we had 143 license plate donors totaling more than \$7,000 plus 71 general donors who contributed over \$20,000. The Monuments team had 55 donors in Q2 alone largely in support their Italy bench project.

Thanks to Foundation EVP, Nancy Kramer and board member Steve Coffey, we freed up \$18,000+ in previously restricted funds from past completed memorials projects and re-allocated those funds to the Monuments team budget. The team now has more funds to apply to current projects like the Camp Hale sign project in conjunction with the Tees and Treads group.

Financial Update: Year to Date - 2018 vs. 2019			
Income			
Type	2018	2019	% Diff
Investment Income	40,474	28,348	-30%
General Donations	15,744	20,532	30%
License Plates	5,996	7,193	20%
Monuments & Memorials & Italy Benches	6,905	13,810	100%
Scholarship	40,000	-	
Collections & Resources Camp Hale	5,000	1,985	-60%
Outdoor Experience	-	-	-
Outdoor Industry	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	73,645	71,868	-2%
Expenses			
Program Area	2018	2019	% Diff
Collections and Public Resources	15,500	17,883	15%
Education and Scholarship	1,600	5,000	213%
Monuments and Memorials	19,140	6,536	-66%
Outdoor Industry	529	25	-95%
Outdoor Experience	15,600	17,283	11%
Promotion and Awareness	1,991	1,735	-13%
Admin Expenses	15,214	16,876	11%
TOTAL EXPENSES	69,574	65,338	-6%
Net Position	4,071	6,530	60%

As we work on updating the website and developing closer collaboration with the National and Descendants organizations, as well as the Division command at Ft. Drum, we believe the net result will make it easier and more compelling to drive more donations.

Programs Update: The following recaps the different teams' work over the past Quarter:

Memorials & Monuments:

60th Tennessee Pass Memorial Day Ceremony bolsters cross-organizational collaboration

The Monuments team, led by Flint Whitlock and Steve Coffey, put together another successful Memorial Day Ceremony at Tennessee Pass. This year marked the Foundation's 60th year of hosting the event. Roughly 200 people braved cooler temperatures and an abundance of snow to attend the event. Several of our last remaining WWII veterans also attended including: Dick Over, Hugh Evans, Crosby Perry, and John Tripp.



WWII vet Crosby Perry
& Lt. Christoph Meyer,
10th Mtn COANG



The ceremony's success was another example of how the Foundation is helping to foster greater collaboration under the banner of the 10th Mountain patch.

The Canyon City JROTC again provided the color guard and a rifle team. Our keynote speaker was Retired Colonel Matt Fitzgerald, the first non-WWII 10th veteran to serve as President of the National Association's New England Chapter.

In continuing our tradition of reading profiles of the fallen, we again had representatives from the 99th Viking Battalion and the 10th Mountain Living History Display Group, and this year we also worked with the active Division to send a contingent from Ft. Drum and from the 10th Mountain patched Colorado Army National Guard. We hope this will become a new tradition!, and Foundation EVP, Nancy Kramer worked with Descendants volunteers to prepare all the wreaths, for which we are still benefiting on last year's cost savings.



Foundation President, Trux Dole &
Sgt. Traighe Rouse, Scout Platoon,
HHC, Ft. Drum

2020 Return to Italy Trip: Only \$7,500 more needed for Mt. Belvedere Bench Project

Our collaboration with the 10th Mountain Descendants continues to expand. Descendants co-leads for the Return to Italy Trip, Steve Coffey and Val Rios, proposed a project to place eight benches and a memorial plaque along the hike up Mt. Belvedere. To date, through

the Descendants' efforts, we have received \$12,430 toward the \$20,000 goal. The Eight benches are on order, and the memorial plaque is being designed in anticipation of securing the remaining \$7,570.

New Grant to Cover Italy Travel Costs Additionally, thanks to a connection from Descendant Kate Raabe, we have lined up a grant to build awareness and interest in the 10th Mountain legacy by covering travel costs for immediate family members of 10th Mountain veterans and soldiers. Descendant Val Rios has spearheaded the grant management process. Applicants must be between age 13 to 35 and registered members of the Descendants organization. They will also be expected to prepare a write up of their trip experience that we can use in our online and social media efforts.



Camp Hale Sign Project: Assure the 10th story will be shared with future generations!

The Camp Hale interpretive sign panels at the turn outs along HWY 24 in Colorado are in dire need of updating and replacement. Thanks to the initiative of the Tees and Treads group, which provided the seed funding, the Foundation has been working with the Forest Service, the Colorado Department of

Transportation and the 10th Mountain Resource Center to design, fabricate and install new interpretive panels with updated photos and informational content. To assure that the story of Camp Hale the 10th will not be lost, the Forest Service will assign stewardship of the interpretive signs to the Foundation and our regional partners



The total project budget is \$22,000. With the generous seed funding from the Tees and Treads group, we have raised over 50% of the funds, which will allow us to start our work. The Foundation Board approved further funding with funds from a temporarily reserved Camp Hale project account, but we welcome your tax-deductible [online donations](#). (mailed contributions can be sent to the Foundation's office at 133 S. Van Gordon St. Suite 200, Lakewood, CO 80028)

Indeed, this effort is just one of many preservation, interpretation and asset improvement projects needed in the Pando Valley. When you support the Camp Hale project, you're securing the future legacy of the Division and Camp Hale.

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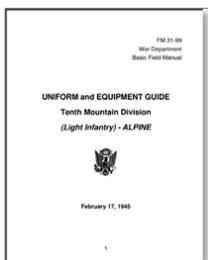
The Collections & Public Resources team has been working with [History Colorado](#), our partner for physical 10th Mountain artifacts, to re-examine the collection (item by item), standardize the descriptions using the recently added Army Quartermaster Catalogs from 1943 through 1946, and to add or update photographs as needed. As this process advances, the new descriptions are available on-line almost immediately.





The [Colorado Ski & Snow Sports](#) team has completed a similar review of their collection, and the new museum exhibit is now publicly available in the Vail location. Discussions about further improvements have already begun, as well as plans on how to offer access to new material not previously seen. Because of recent publicity in Vail and elsewhere, this is a great introduction to the 10th Mountain history for many visitors.

The [Denver Public Library](#), our partner for paper and photographic artifacts, continues to serve researchers in their usual helpful style. Last year's effort to digitize the collection of photographs continues to be popular, with [over 2,000 photos](#) now available on-line. Previous additions from the DPL team include 8 YouTube videos (converted from original WWII film), as well as [274 oral history recordings from our veterans](#). These are available on demand. Visit YouTube.com and search 10th Mountain Oral History to [see who you recognize](#).



The Quartermaster Manuals used at History Colorado and CSSM are available in PDF format for any museum or public collection who would like a digital copy. Early war (1942-1943) and later war (1945 - 1946) versions are available, which cover the majority of issued 10th Mountain equipment, as well as the more common items like uniforms, packs and more.

If your local museum has a 10th Mountain collection and would like to gain access to these documents, have them contact David Little @ D.Little@10thMDF.org to begin the process.

Don't forget the \$25,000 challenge grant to support the 10th Mountain collections team is still open. Your [tax-deductible donation](#) will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000, by our anonymous lead donor to help build a fund for the combined 10th Mountain Resource Center.

If you have used this resource at DPL or HC, or through any of our other partner agencies, consider a donation to the Foundation now to double your impact. Mark your donation for the "Resource Center Campaign" and [see how much we can raise!](#)

Scholarships: First *Murphy Military History Scholarship* Awarded - \$5,000

A native of the Pacific Northwest, Carson Teuscher completed a bachelor's in History from Brigham Young University in 2016 and a master's degree in U.S. History from University of Oxford in 2017. He is currently working towards completion of his Ph.D. in military history at Ohio State University, where he studies under Dr. Peter Mansoor.



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Having learned about the exploits of the Tenth Mountain Division from his wife, whose great-grandfather served with unit in Italy during World War II, he plans on using his fluency Brazilian Portuguese to tie together stories of the Tenth Mountain Division and the Brazilian Expeditionary Force, two unique military units who fought together as joint-members of the Allied Fifth Army in 1945, in order to better understand the nature of multinational coalition warfare in the Italian campaign of World War II.

If you, or someone you know is studying military history, Visit the Foundation website to learn more about [Charles A. Murphy and the Military History Scholarship](#)

Outdoor Experience: *Deepening Our Partnerships to Carry on the Outdoor Legacy*



The [10th Mountain Alpine Group](#) (10th MAG), our partner to help carry on the 10th's climbing legacy has been busy. Beyond the impressive international competition wins in First Quarter by 10th MAG members, local 10th MAG events this winter included an ice climbing weekend in Lake City, Colorado. Due to an interesting snowpack this year, they didn't get out nearly as much they wanted.

However, the day before the service at Tennessee Pass on Memorial Day weekend, we held our first 'Climb In'. 10th MAG members, led by Outdoor Experience team member Rich Piltingsrud, set up top ropes at Camp Hale on the original training wall and introduced the Canyon City JROTC team to climbing and rappelling. Your Foundation President even got to dust off his home-made climbing shoes!



10th MAG events planned for the summer include: an ascent of Wolf's Head in the Wind River Range, Wham Ridge in Colorado and a guided ascent of Quandary Peak for the National Guard Association's 2019 Conference in Colorado. Anyone interested in joining the 10th MAG or climbing can follow them on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), or just reach out to Rich Piltingsgrud at r.piltingsgrud@10thmdf.org



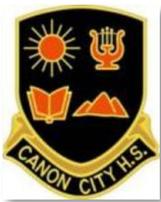
Our partner representative at the [National Outdoor Leadership School \(NOLS\)](#), which was founded by mountaineering legend and climbing instructor at Camp Hale, [Paul Petzoldt](#), has confirmed that NOLS leadership has endorsed our proposal to develop a specific program that will enable 10th Mountain veterans to earn [NOL's coveted Outdoor Educator Certification](#).



This certification is a must-have for anyone interested in pursuing a career in outdoor education or recreation and includes both the Wilderness First Responder and CPR certificates. A partnership proposal for 2020 funding specific to this program is currently being reviewed by the Outdoor Experience Team who will then advance a recommendation to the Board of Directors for funding. This new program exemplifies the Foundation's commitment to supporting career opportunities for our veterans.



Thanks to a lead from former Foundation board member, Abbie Kealy, The TMDF leadership is considering a partnership with [Disabled Sport USA](#) to provide adaptive sports programs for our veterans. This would in addition to our current sponsored programs through [Stride Wounded Warrior ski clinics](#).



The Foundation's Outdoor Experience and Collections teams are collaborating with the [Canyon City JROTC](#) and the [10th Mountain Alpine Group \(10th MAG\)](#) to establish a new JROTC 10th Mt. Division History and Adventure Field Trip program in 2020.

This initiative is being led by Foundation Outdoor Experience Team Lead, Paul Vertrees, who is also the leader of the Canyon City JROTC program. He is working with the 10th Mountain Alpine Group (10th MAG) led by TMDF board member Rich Piltingsgrud and with Dave Little, Foundation Secretary and Collections Team Lead.

The proposed 2020 project will introduce the history and legacy of the 10th Mountain Division to the JROTC students through both classroom learning and outdoor experiences that demonstrate the climbing, skiing and winter preparedness skills on which the Division depends even today.

Outdoor Industry: Partnerships Drive Income & Outdoor Job Training for Veterans

We are continuing to explore opportunities to help 10th soldiers leverage their training and the wealth of companies started by 10th Mountain veterans. The long-term goal is to augment the Army's Transition Assistance Program (TAP) and also work with the Division to build awareness of the Foundation resources.

As a reminder, the following outlines current outdoor industry partnerships:



Today's 10th Mountain veterans or WWII descendants wanting to become certified ski or snowboard instructors can apply for two [grants covering the PSIAA/AASI certification](#). The Foundation is also providing an annual grant to support development of online educational content.



Icelandic has said they will again produce another run of the [iconic Ski Trooper Nomad 105 Ski](#), which has sold out online every year. There may [a few stores](#) that still have some in stock. As a reminder, Icelandic generously provides 15% of gross sales to the Foundation.



Next season you should be able to order a [10th Mountain co-branded split board](#). Weston will be providing 5% of gross sales to the Foundation.



Deviation has an on-demand business model. We are still working on the last legal details with Deviation's counsel, but hopefully, next season you will be able to order custom 10th Mountain ski's or snowboards with three levels of personalization, including name, photos and more. Deviation is offering 10% discounts to members of the National Association or Descendants with 5% of gross sales going to the Foundation.

Marketing/Communications: *Revamping our Online Presence*

While our Admin Director, Lynn has done a great job keeping our online presence current via [our Facebook page](#), we are sorely in need of a Foundation website refresh to reflect our new organizational structure.

Having spent much of the first quarter articulating our digital strategy, analyzing our current website, and developing an updated site map, we are now in the thick of working with RISEx CEO, Dave Richards on getting the website updated.



What's next:

The Foundation's annual meeting will be in October. As such we are in the budgeting process, and the program team leads have been working with their program partners to assess needs, secure updates, and evaluate any alternative or additional partners.

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!

Last, but not least, we are once again looking for a new Administrative Director. We are saddened to lose Lynn Hutchinson as she takes on a full-time job, but we are most grateful for the fantastic work and initiative she has brought to the role over the past three years and wish her the best of success.

If you know anyone interested in this part time position, please have them contact me or Nancy Kramer at t.dole@10thmdf.org or n.kramer@10thmdf.org.

Thanks in advance for your help and consideration.

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