



## FIRST BCT WORKS THROUGH NORTHERN NEW YORK POLAR VORTEX



SSGT Michael Reinsch, Public Affairs Office, Ft Drum, NY; Photo Courtesy 1<sup>st</sup> BCT

Over 1,000 vehicles and pieces of equipment, loaded onto rail cars in 72 hours –in a Northern New York blizzard –that was the mission of a 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div brigade this January.

Members of the 1st Brigade Combat Team (BCT) launched their Rail Load Operations in preparation for their deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) in Ft Polk, LA, on Jan. 22, 2019. Weather conditions played a major role throughout the mission. The unit fought through an historic “Polar Vortex”

where wind chills reached -30 degrees, intermittent white-out conditions affected visibility, and constant ice made roads treacherous.



Performing railhead operations can be dangerous, as injuries and even death are possible. The danger is exacerbated by the winter conditions that often pelt northern New York. "There was a lot of snow, and it had to get cleared," said operations sergeant major SGT MAJ James Kelley, 87th Infantry Regiment. "When the trains are under 3 feet of snow and on the tracks, it's just time-consuming.

"The spectrum of winter conditions --we had everything," said Kelley. "The coldest it got on us was -30 degrees, which froze all the rail cars. It was like skating at The Gardens in Boston. It is already a high-risk operation.

"We did our risk assessments. We mitigated to the best of our ability, but, every year across the Army, people get killed doing railhead operations," he said. "Luckily, we only had one injury. He was doing all the right things. He was wearing all of his protective gear. He just slipped."

It could have been worse, said Kelley. What would prevent, or at least lessen the possibility of injuries is if the railhead was updated. Over the years, 10th Mountain Division has been striving to improve the aging railhead to remain relevant for future operations and ensure the unit is ready to deploy at a moment's notice.

"Our railhead is very difficult to work on because it is very limiting compared to other railheads that I've worked on at other installations," said Kelley. "You can only have a single train in at a time. It's a single load point. It's a single exit point. It's kind of antiquated in comparison to other railhead operations." Kelley says a larger, more up-to-date railhead would make the operation safer as well as more efficient. This sentiment is also mirrored by one of the platoon sergeants who worked on the loading operation.



"When the snow melted a little and then re-froze, it made moving some of the vehicles difficult," said SFC Charles Kohut, D Co, 3rd Plt, platoon sergeant. "The slush would build up, some of the ice just got way too slick and some of the vehicles were almost sliding off the cars. We would throw down some salt to melt the ice, but it was too cold and wouldn't melt or would just turn it into more slush."

Working out in the cold can be a difficult task, but one factor that has to be taken into consideration when conducting such a large operation like this is soldiers being injured from exposure. "On top of everything, we had a problem with guys staying warm," said Kohut. "They're on top of those trucks in the minus-degree winds, gloves getting soaked from snow and ice. We had to rotate them out to get warm for 3-5 minutes before they had to come back. The closest building for them to get warm in was a little less than a mile walk."

This year, all deployment duties were executed in extreme cold conditions with continuous snowfall all week. However, the lake-effect snow, blizzard conditions and a state of emergency being declared in Jefferson County, NY, due to the Polar Vortex didn't hinder the mission. "We executed the mission with the equipment we had on hand, and I'm very happy with the results," said Kelley. "It just took a little longer than I had originally wanted."

Despite known limitations about the railhead, soldiers were determined to load all gear and equipment in a timely manner. They teamed up with civilian workforces for their assistance and railroad expertise. They had a successful outload, which was approximately 1,000 pieces of equipment, loaded in 72 hours.

Even though the soldiers and civilian workforce came together in a monumental way to accomplish such a difficult task, Kelley does still have his concerns. "We are on a 96-hour call, so we have to be able to push the entire brigade combat team out of here to fight a real-life war in 96-hours," said Kelley. "The type of railhead and the weather did have an impact on us being able to hit that deadline."

For all of the soldiers out braving the cold, there was a simple solution to the problem. "I have seen railhead operations before, and they have gone much faster," said Kohut. "It was just the weather and the old facilities that slowed us down. If we had a facility that was indoors, it would have been much faster."

In addition to the rail yard portion of the movement, there is another aspect to the deployment to a training area: the line haul. Most of the line-haul portion of the operation is taken care of by civilians who drive military equipment to their destination. Since there was a state of emergency called for Jefferson County, where Fort Drum is located, most trucks tasked to haul the equipment couldn't make it in until after the emergency was lifted.

On top of the state of emergency, the amount of snow made it difficult to move equipment and load it once the trucks were able to move. But now the cold days of preparing equipment for transportation are behind them, and 1st BCT can concentrate on perfecting their profession through the rigorous training at JRTC.



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**SUSTAINMENT UNIT DEPARTS TO SUPPORT SYRIA WITHDRAWAL**

--Public Affairs Office, Ft Drum, NY

Soldiers from the 620th Movement Control Team, 548th Combat Sustainment Support Bn, 10th Sustainment Bde, participated in a colors casing ceremony on Jan. 2, 2019, signifying the unit's departure to the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. As is tradition, the unit's colors were furled and placed in a canvas cover, to be uncased on arrival to the deployed location.

Following the official announcement of the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Syria as the campaign against ISIS shifts to the next phase, the 620th's operational capabilities are in high demand. The Team is operating for four months out of four locations in two countries within the CENTCOM area of responsibility, overseeing the in-transit visibility of personnel, units, equipment and supplies.

The 548th CSSB deploys worldwide and provides multifunctional sustainment to forces throughout areas of operations to support units involved. "We built an aggressive training plan that placed emphasis on the deployment order mission set, and found every available training opportunity that would secure success for 620th's mission," said unit commander CAPT Donald L. McCollough.

## NATIONAL REUNION AT THE HOME OF THE TENTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Dear 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Association Members, Friends, Families and Descendants:

Happy New Year to all! The Fort Drum Chapter of the National Association of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division invites you and your family to the **10th Mountain Division Association National Reunion**, from **June 20-23, 2019 in Watertown/Fort Drum, NY**, home of the modern 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light Infantry). Come join fellow soldiers, veterans, families and descendants of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division to the beautiful North Country to celebrate your role in the history of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. Tell your friends, come together and join in on the fun!

For detailed reunion information and to register (mail in and on-line), click on this link:

<http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org/reunion2019.html>

Reunion information overview (the below information is best viewed on a computer; however, if reading the information below on a smart phone or other handheld device, please turn your device sideways (landscape):

- **Dates:** June 20-23, 2019

### **Schedule Overview:**

#### **Thursday, June 20, 2019 : MOUNTAINFEST DAY:**

2:15pm..... Bus shuttle begins from hotel -Hilton Gardens Inn, Watertown  
 3:00pm – 10:00pm. Visit **Mountainfest** --military static displays, food booths, etc, attend the *Salute to the Nation*, dinner on own at food tents, AmeriCU-sponsored concert and fireworks

Bus shuttles back to hotel available beginning after the Salute to the Nation

#### **Friday, June 21, 2019 : FORT DRUM DAY:**

Morning..... Memorial Ceremony @ Thompson Park, Watertown  
 Welcome presentation and windshield tour of Fort Drum  
 Lunch with soldiers and leaders at on-post dining facility  
 Afternoon..... Fort Drum museum, gift shop, special events  
 Reception at Hilton Gardens Inn, dinner on own

#### **Saturday, June 22, 2019 : TOURS DAY :**

Morning..... Sackets Harbor: 1812 battlefield, Navy Yard, Commandant's House; lunch  
 Afternoon..... Thousand Islands Winery Tour and wine tasting  
 Evening..... Farewell Dinner at Hilton Gardens Inn, Watertown

**Sunday, June 23, 2019 : DEPARTURE AND BOARD MEETINGS :**

Morning..... Hotel checkout; National and Descendants Associations board meetings

**Registration Costs:**

Registration fee <u>per person</u> (paid on or before May 1, 2019)	\$275
Registration fee <u>per person</u> (paid after May 1, 2019)	\$300
Ala carte options <u>per person</u> (local attendees only):	
June 20: <b>Mountainfest</b> (travel on bus)	\$30
June 21: Ft Drum Day (travel on bus)	\$50 (incl. lunch)
June 21: Reception at Hilton Garden Inn	\$10
June 22: Tours (travel on bus)	\$50 (incl. lunch)
June 22: Tours (drive on own)	\$25 (incl. lunch)
June 22: Farewell Dinner	\$50

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2019;

YOU MAY CANCEL WITHOUT PENALTY UNTIL MAY 31, 2019;

CANCELLATIONS AFTER MAY 31, 2019, WILL NOT BE REFUNDED

**Full registration fee includes:**

- **Bus transportation to all events and lunches on June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Reception on June 21<sup>st</sup> and Farewell Dinner on June 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Reunion gift bag, name tag and welcome packet**
- **Tours Day: Sackets Harbor tour and Thousand Islands Winery wine tasting**
- **Misc.: Wreath for memorial ceremony, event insurance, non-room tips/fees, etc.**
- **Fee does not include: Transportation to and from airports, hotel rooms, and other meals not noted above, or incidentals.**

## Air travel

The preferred airport is Watertown International Airport (5.4 miles from hotels) with daily flights from Philadelphia, PA: <http://www.watertownairport.com/>. Alternatively, Hancock Airport in Syracuse (64.3 miles from hotels) has daily flights from multiple locations: <https://www.syrairport.org/>.

NOTE: Ride Sharing/Taxi services available in Watertown and Syracuse; however, there is no regular shuttle service between Hancock Airport and Watertown.

## Accommodations

Hilton Garden Inn or Holiday Inn Express, Watertown (hotels are next to each other)

- The Hilton Garden Inn is the reunion headquarters.
- Room costs are not part of reunion fee and attendees should book their own room reservations at the hotels (room costs are paid directly to the hotels rather than to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div Assn).
- We have booked a block of rooms at both hotels from June 20-23. First-come, first-served.
- To reserve a room or rooms (check-in June 20 and check-out June 23): DO NOT call 1-800 central reservations. Instead, call the hotels directly at 315-788-1234 (Hilton Gardens Inn) or 315-779-1234 (Holiday Inn Express) and use Group Name “10th Mountain Division Association Reunion” to receive the discounted pricing on room(s); OR use the following web-links automatically set up for the group code “MNT”:

- o Hilton Gardens Inn: [https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/A/ARTGIGI-MNT-20190620/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/A/ARTGIGI-MNT-20190620/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

- o Holiday Inn Express:

- o <https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=ARTAA&PMID=99801505&GPC=MNT&viewfullsite=true>

- Room prices include breakfast and are based on booking on or before May 30, 2019:

- o Hilton Garden Inn \$119 per night / \$129 per night (triple occupancy)

- o Holiday Inn Express \$116 per night / \$126 per night (triple occupancy)

- Regular check-in is 3pm; if requested, early check in may be available if attending *Mountainfest* on June 20<sup>th</sup>; however, it cannot be guaranteed.

Reunion questions? Contact Gil Pearsall at [gpearsal@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gpearsal@twcny.rr.com) or #315-489-3633

Gil Pearsall, 2019 Reunion Coordinator

## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ITALY TRIP NEWS

### TMDD Italy Trip Committee



The Italy 2020 Trip is beginning to take shape following a survey of member preferences. The trip will officially be named *Italia 1945-2020*, with the Main Trip beginning on 8 June 2020. The survey also indicated a strong interest in a pre-trip option to Normandy, France, to visit the invasion beaches and inland airborne drop zones, along with other points of interest. We are excited to offer this option to our members and will work to define an itinerary more fully in the coming weeks.

As is our custom, following a visit to the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, the Main Trip will follow the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division combat route through the Apennine mountains, the Po Valley, and conclude at Lake Garda. We hope to include some visits to areas that while part of the 10<sup>th</sup>'s time in Italy, have not been visited on our more recent trips. We also plan to offer a post-trip option that will follow the 10<sup>th</sup>'s route, taking us to NE Italy, Slovenia and Austria.

Look for updates here in the “Blizzard,” and online including Facebook pages. Active members of TMDD and National will receive *Save the Date* postcards later this Spring. As before, trip brochures will be mailed out in the late Fall, with registrations due sometime in the early Spring of 2020.

### IMPORTANT!!

As a part of the 2020 trip recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war's end, we hope to raise funds from descendants and friends to purchase and install a series of benches leading to the summit of Mt Belvedere. It would be our goal to dedicate these during the trip, in honor of all the men of the WWII 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (and quickly put them to good use!).

Our immediate goal is to raise \$10,000 for this project (6-8 benches) that would also include interpretive signage on the mountain. Our stretch goal is to raise an additional \$10,000 to fund an additional memorial in honor of all those who fought for the Allied cause locally during that time.

**Please consider donating to this project in the coming months so that we can move forward. We will partner with the Foundation, Monuments and Memorials Program.**

**Send donations made by check to: Tenth Mountain Division Foundation, Inc., 133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 200 Lakewood, CO 80228, noting that it is for Monuments & Memorials, Italy. Donations may also be made online via the Foundation website ([tenthmountainfoundation.org](http://tenthmountainfoundation.org)) and follow the “Donate” tab.**



## 10<sup>TH</sup> MOUNTAIN DIVISION DESCENDANTS, INC.

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Winter 2019

Greetings, Fellow 10th Mountain Division Descendants and Friends!

My name is Denise Taylor, incoming President of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc. As I enter this new chapter in my life, I would first like to give a heartfelt thanks to Steve Coffey, past President, for all the hard work and dedication to our organization these past six years. I look forward to continuing our work together in the future.

I would also like to give a shout-out to my board:

Ron Sawdey, Senior Vice President - Melanie Loveland, Secretary - Don Perkins, Treasurer

Val Rios, VP of Education - Phebe Davol VP, Chapter Coordinator - Steve Coffey, Immediate Past President

I have served on the TMDD board since its inception in 1998, and the steering committee that worked to form the TMDD prior to that. I have also sat on the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation Board for 20 years.

As you can see, this organization is a true labor of love for me. Furthermore, it has given me an extended family and lifetime friendships with Veterans, their wives, descendants and friends of the 10th who share my passion of continuing the legacy of the 10th in perpetuity. These folks, like myself, appreciate the many accomplishments of the very special men of the 10th and share in their outdoor, as well as other important interests, that made their wartime and post-war contributions part of the fabric of our lives.

What is my vision for the Descendants organization in the coming year?

- Updating our website to make it easy for folks to renew or sign up for membership and buy Quartermaster items online by credit card or PayPal®.
- Grow our membership. Yes, the age-old mantra of our organization. Membership is one of our main sources of income and like many non-profit organizations we face financial headwinds. Membership is vital to the continued existence of the TMDD —*Thank you for yours!* Let's send our message of preserving the 10th legacy to every descendant or friend who will listen! How do we do this? By contacting past members, looking for new ones, hosting events in our chapters that would be of interest to ALL ages; reunions, trash pick-ups, luncheons, picnics, skiing, hiking, biking events and anything that may be of interest to you. Please tell us, or host an event yourself.
- I would love to see everyone at the 10th Mountain Division Reunion June 20-23, 2019, at Ft Drum. Please visit the following link to learn more and to register! <http://www.10thmtdivassoc.org/reunion2019.html>
- I am passionate about making community service that would proudly represent the 10th in all our chapters. We have several members who volunteer with disabled skiers, pick up trash in their communities, help keep the monuments in their area clean and beautiful; some volunteer at museums in their area that have 10th exhibits, and much more.

- Volunteer with your local chapter and bring new ideas. We are a volunteer organization and every hand *is* important. Each Director, board member, and committee member volunteers their time to a most worthy endeavor, keeping the 10th legacy alive. I would like to personally invite you to volunteer your time in some way to be a part of *your* organization. According to research, and (the nurse in me says) people who routinely volunteer about 2 hours a week...live longer and experience better physical and mental health than those who do not. Who doesn't want to enjoy those benefits?

Let's resolve to share our core purpose, values and pride in honoring the 10th. Bring your ideas to the table. Be part of keeping the 10th legacy alive for years to come.

Feel free to contact me or any of the board member with questions. If you don't have the name of the Director in your chapter, let us know. Always happy to help!

Denise Taylor, President  
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## TENTH MOUNTAIN ORAL HISTORIES NOW ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

Keli Schmid, Archivist, Librarian, Denver Public Library

In 2017, the 10th Mountain Division Resource Center at Denver Public Library, Denver, CO, was awarded a grant of over \$22,000 to digitize 250 oral histories, totaling approximately 300 hours of interviews with World War II 10th Mountain Division veterans.

The grant, awarded by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) – with funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation – was part of a Recordings at Risk program. The program enables institutions to digitize their recorded materials and then make them available online. Not only does this protect the original materials from excess handling, it allows people all over the world access to what they could previously only see or hear in person, in Denver.

Now, just over a year later, the project is complete. The recordings were all sent to an outside vendor to be digitized, and a team of six library employees and seven volunteers organized, indexed, cataloged and uploaded the oral histories for online presentation. [Audio histories](#) have been published on Denver Public Library's digital collections website accompanied by timestamped indexes, and [video histories](#) have been uploaded to the Western History and Genealogy department's YouTube channel with auto-generated transcripts.

Since completion of the project, the Resource Center has received additional oral histories which will be available online soon. Other histories that were received in 2015 and 2016, already in digital format, will be online as well.

For more information about this project, or about the 10th Mountain Division Resource Center, please contact Keli Schmid at 720-865-1812 or [kschmid@denverlibrary.org](mailto:kschmid@denverlibrary.org).



## TODAY'S TENTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION MORE-THAN LIVES UP TO ITS NAME

Felicity Hallanan (Editor, Associate): [blizzed@gmail.com](mailto:blizzed@gmail.com)

Weather is making headlines this time of year. That's not unusual, but it has seemed as though 2018 merging into 2019 has seen an increasing number of weather-related incidents and, indeed, disasters. At the same time, browsing through piles of files recently, I came across a publication of the First Region of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) entitled "Making of a Division." In fact, that's why I'm keeping it. It highlights the history of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division from 1939 when it was a glimmer in the mind of Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole, until 2015 when the booklet was published.

All this, because of the memories stimulated by the entry for 13 February, 1985, the day the Division was officially reactivated as the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light Infantry). And that's because the weather was a lot like what we're experiencing with this writing, which is to say high winds, heavy snows and frigid cold.

The excitement of the day, however, far overrode those conditions, as local and national officials gathered from far and wide in the airfield's then-one, small hangar to see the re-birth of a distinguished unit that was to become, as is often said, "The Army's most-deployed." Indeed, that was the idea behind the "light infantry" designation, that the United States needed a major unit to respond quickly to an emergency situation, with a minimum amount of equipment and in a minimum amount of time.

In months to come the 10<sup>th</sup> would begin to prove itself by having, initially, to "deploy" about two hours south to then-Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY –because the one hangar that was the scene of the re-activation, and the minimal runway at Fort Drum, were not sufficient when it came to sending soldiers off to places where they were needed. (Today that hangar has expanded to several, along with accommodations for departing troops, and the runways can handle any aircraft in the world.)

Mind you, there were objections from earlier veterans of the Division who could not comprehend the "light" terminology; they saw it as an insult to the capability of the 10<sup>th</sup>, rather than as it was intended, which was a designation for a new concept. Embarrassingly, the comparison was even made to a "lite" beer... It has taken some people a long time to get over that image, when instead one would wish for expressions of pride in what the newer generations have and are accomplishing.

There were also misunderstandings about the use of the word "Mountain" division. Yes, the Adirondack Mountains are just a few miles to the north of Fort Drum, but the 10<sup>th</sup> has proven itself in conditions ranging from deserts to jungles and, yes, mountains too. As for training in snow, well, take a look at the photos at the beginning of this edition, where soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team (BCT) are loading their vehicles and

other equipment onto trains on post in the middle of driving snows and sub-zero temperatures. And they do know how to ski and to climb mountains, as well!

So what are we saying here? That hindsight is often the best way of understanding the present, that it's also important to take time to look at what has come before, as well as to approach change and new happenings with an open mind.

It helps to give credit to others for things we don't agree with, or at least see as different. Perhaps that's a lesson we would all do well to heed at this time in history...

## RESOURCE COMMITTEE KEEPS BUSY PRESERVING HISTORY

Keli Schmid, Archivist, Librarian

The 10th Mountain Division Resource Center Advisory Committee held its winter meeting on January 12, 2019.

In attendance were James Peterson for History Colorado, Keli Schmid with Denver Public Library, David Little of the 10th Mountain Division Foundation and 10th Mountain Division Living History Display Group, and Kate Crowe from the University of Denver, as well as Gary Burton and Kate Raabe, 10th Mountain Division descendants, and Dan Whittemore, Advisory Committee Chair. Dana Mathios of the Colorado Snowsports Museum & Hall of Fame was not able to attend, but did forward a report to share. Following Dan's lead, everyone expressed their excitement about the energy and attitude of the committee meeting attendees.

Each person shared a report of what they had been doing during the time since the 2018 summer meeting. Some highlights include:

- The 10th Mtn Div Resource Center at Denver Public Library completed the oral history digitization project and has made over 250 interviews available online (see story, this edition).
- The 10th Mtn Div Resource Center at History Colorado has partnered with Civico, a Colorado civic non-profit, to set up an exhibit at Civico's event center. The exhibit will show for five years.
- The Colorado Snowsports Museum provided artifacts for the "Decades of Design in Colorado" exhibit at the Colorado Governor's Mansion. The museum also sponsored a 10th Mtn Div parade in Vail that included a torchlight ski down, a video presentation, and a parade down Bridge Street to the 10th Mtn statue, ending at the museum.
- The 10th Mtn Div Foundation has scholarships available for descendants and history students.
- The 10th Mtn Div Living History Display Group has been invited to help History Colorado identify items in the collection with proper names and descriptions.
- The 2019 Ski-In is taking place from Wednesday, February 27 to Tuesday, March 5.

For more details on any of the items listed above, please contact Keli Schmid at #720.865.1812 or [kschmid@denverlibrary.org](mailto:kschmid@denverlibrary.org).

## PEAK TO PEAK EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS 10<sup>TH</sup> AT VERMONT MUSEUM

Amy Scanlin

If a pristine snowfall the night before is any indication, the WWII era 10th Mountain Division soldiers were smiling, along with 75 others who celebrated the opening of a new exhibit at the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum (VSSM) in Stowe, VT.

Called “Peak to Peak: 10th Mountain Division Then and Now,” the exhibit displays for the first time WWII era mountain gear, worn by these famed Ski troopers alongside the modern-day equivalent worn by the soldiers of today.

“Peak to Peak,” curated by Meredith Scott of the VSSM and Sepp Scanlin, Director of the 10th Mountain and Ft Drum Museum, displays approximately 200 unique pieces of equipment, some experimental, others vital to survival, and all with a purpose that stand the test of time. Crampons, ice picks, waxed canvas jackets, wooden snow shoes and more are juxtaposed against modern examples of these cold-weather battlefield necessities.

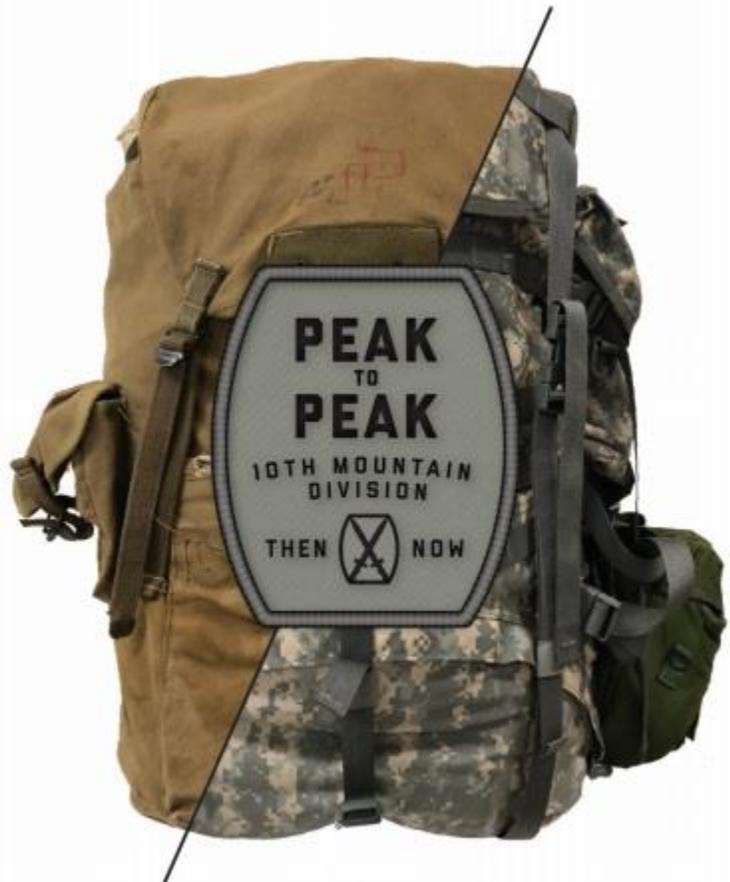
In many cases, beyond construction materials, there isn’t much that differentiates the equipment’s appearance. In others, modern-day soldiers marvel at how the WWII era soldiers were able to accomplish so much with such primitive gear by today’s standards.

The Vermont Army National Guard, 86th Infantry Bde Combat Team and Army Mountain Warfare School, both based in Jericho, VT, also provided equipment that demonstrates how today’s elite warriors train in mountainous environments. Today’s carabiners are a far cry from those used in 1940s, and yet the soldiers not only made it to the top of Riva Ridge using them, they did so at night while under threat of enemy fire. That intestinal fortitude and daring contributes to the lore of WWII era 10th Mountain Division soldiers and their story that continues to fascinate people today, even those with no familial or service connection.

Chuck and Jan Perkins, two of the founders of the VSSM and underwriters of “Peak to Peak,” in fact have no direct ties to the 10th at all. Yet their passion for history and respect for what these soldiers did both before during and after the war, including their contributions to the ski industry, have led them to form friendships with a new community of historians, both formal and pocket, who hold the 10th Mountain Division in equally high esteem.

Their property in Stowe is home to a Ski Trooper Statue, which is mirrored in Vail, CO, near where the WWII 10th trained at Camp Hale and just one of the many Western ski towns formed by 10th soldiers after the war. Their home also houses a mini-museum of 10th memorabilia collected over the years.

Brian Lindner, whose father and uncle were members of the 10th and who himself is a member of the Vermont National Ski Patrol, also spoke of his families’ legacy and what being part of this Division meant to



them. In memory of his father and uncles, Brian, along with many veterans and descendants, donated many of the items now on display at “Peak to Peak.”

Additionally at the opening, COL Jason Williams, commander of Division Artillery in today’s 10th Mtn Div at Ft Drum, shared what being a part of the legacy of the 10th means to soldiers today. He also described to the crowd the many exercises and deployments in which the 10th is currently participating. They are called the most deployed unit in the Army for a reason, and that reason is skill.

Finally, MAJ Nate Fry talked about the experience of the soldiers training at the Mountain Warfare School and how their aim is to teach soldiers to be out-of-the-box thinkers, just like those of WWII. Today, those innovative mountaineering techniques developed in the 1940s are still in use and continue to evolve for the betterment of not only our soldiers but also the climbing community at-large. Despite the equipment changes, mountain soldiers have and will continue to be hardy, adaptable and innovative.

“Peak to Peak” runs through Oct., 2019. In addition to the equipment on display, Meredith Scott created an interactive digital component which includes historical photos on training exercises and the equipment that was and is used today. For more information on the exhibit or/and the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum, visit <https://www.vtssm.org>.



## LOWER MICHIGAN

Robert Kilmer (10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div [LI], Ret.)

The Lower Michigan Chapter will be hosting its annual Memorial Day service on May 27, 2019, in Frankenmuth, MI, honoring all 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division veterans of the Chapter.

The service will be held 11:00 a.m. at the Michigan Military and Space Heroes Museum, 1250 Weiss St, Frankenmuth, MI. Following the service will be a luncheon at 12:00 p.m. at the Bavarian Inn, 713 S Main St.

I hope to see all the veterans and descendants of the Lower Michigan Chapter at this Memorial Day service. For reservations contact Cam Williams via email [cam422g@gmail.com](mailto:cam422g@gmail.com) or by phone #231-409-4007, no later than May 1, 2019.

## ARMADILLO

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

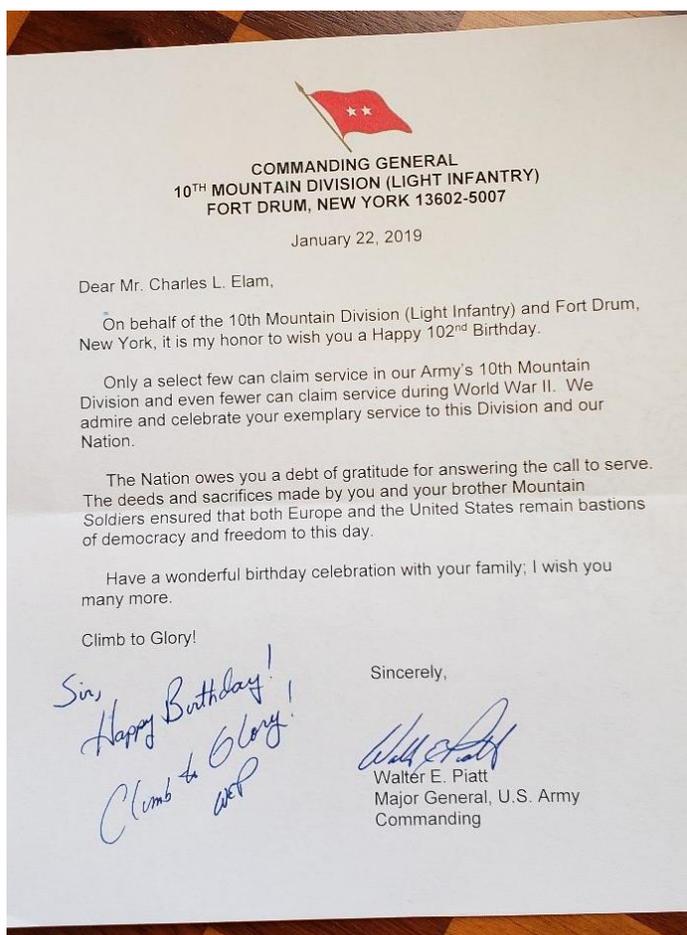
The Armadillo Chapter’s Reunion in New Orleans will now be in early 2020. Tentative dates are January 30-February 3 or February 6-10, 2020.

Preliminary plans are under way and will include a visit to the National World War II Museum. Members of other Chapters including Veterans of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Descendants and Friends of the

10<sup>th</sup> are invited. If anyone is remotely interested in attending, please contact Phebe Davol at #512.917.0423 and/or [phebe.davol@gmail.com](mailto:phebe.davol@gmail.com). This will ensure we request an adequate number of hotel rooms.

Jack Elam (86-D) celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Jan. 22, 2019. In an article for the local paper, he said the secret to a long life is Post Toasties for breakfast and plenty of Dr. Pepper. For his birthday, he received a letter from MG Walter E. Piatt, Commanding General, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div (LI), congratulating him and including a new 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain hat he proudly wore for his party.

Jack received a Bronze Star for his actions in the Po River Valley and the Apennine Mountains of Italy. Asked what he did during the war he said, "I mostly just moved stuff around and tried to stay ahead of the fighting." He said he would "pack the mules with supplies, take them up the mountain and unpack," and if the mules ran off he would go after them. He indicated that on his return trips with the 10<sup>th</sup> to Italy, the mountain villagers still welcome the Veterans with open arms and treat them like royalty. As a descendant who has also been on Return to Italy trips, this is so true, and I encourage you to consider signing up for the next trip in 2020 (see information, this edition).



Letter sent to Charles (Jack) L. Elam (86-D) by MG Walter E. Piatt, Commanding General, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (LI), Ft Drum, NY. On right, Charles (Jack) L. Elam (86-D) with his 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain hat and birthday cake.

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>

## NORTHWEST

Martha Rainey (Desc 87-D)

The NorthWest Chapter had a great luncheon and meeting January 27, 2019, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Portland with 15 folks in attendance.

We had a moment of silence to honor Frank Rinella as well as the others who have gone before us. There was a lovely display of pictures and remembrance of our dear friend, Frank. Immediate Past Director, Bruce Wagstaff (Desc 86-C), was working and unable to attend. We expressed sincere thanks by way of a thank-you card and messages relayed to his wife, Charmin. We thank Bruce for years of service as our director and look forward to many more spent alongside him in other roles.

As new director I shared my goals with the group:

- Transparency within the chapter and with the National Association. Always feel free to reach out to me, please.
- Communication at a local and national level, a more robust, complete and accurate email list and a consistent recap of our meetings.
- More variety to our activities. I foresee fun opportunities for families --children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of our WWII Vets-- to be involved, get to know one another, learn the history and prepare for the inevitable day when we need them to take the reins!
- Increased MEMBERSHIP! This is a big one. We need to get everyone on board to register to be an active member of the group! We discussed the decrease in membership for the descendants group, nationwide, over the past few years. Consider getting all of your siblings, children and grandchildren to register as active members. This is the source of revenue for the national organization as well as the chapters. Without paid memberships we will not only not grow in size, but we risk diminishing. Let's set a goal to increase membership this year! *Regardless of the pattern over the last few years, we will be receiving our portion of the dues going forward.* Membership forms are available at these links: <http://10thmountaindivisiondescendants.org/joincontact.html>.  
Descendants <http://10thmtndivassoc.org/NewApplicationFormMarch2820162.pdf>. 10th Light, WWII Veterans and their spouses, and Friends of the 10th.

Descendants Paid Membership Data: 2014 - 901 paid members; 2015 - 918 paid members; 2016 - 792 paid members; 2017 - 827 paid members; 2018 - 678 paid members.

In news from the National Association, the Unit Tribute that will be placed on the Path of Remembrance at the New Army Museum in Fort Belvoir, VA, was discussed (<https://armyhistory.org/unit-tributes/>). (See information this edition.) Thanks to all that have made this happen.

Ski-In Daze are being held Feb. 27-March 5, 2019 - Leadville, Vail and Breckenridge. Info at this link: <https://10thmtndivskiindaze.wordpress.com>.

National Reunion will be held June 20-23, 2019, at Ft Drum, NY. More info in this edition, and at: <http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org/reunion2019.html>

2017 and 2018 year-end financial statement was passed around / discussed. If you have questions about the finances please reach out to me.

The 2016 merger with the Rainier Chapter did not go through the proper channels with the National Association. I will be putting in a request for the National Board to review the situation and consider a vote to approve the merger, making it official.

Memorial Tree Grove: we discussed having a set schedule for watering and cleanup, as well as getting more help with this. We have to be more consistent with the trash pickup. Logistics of watering of the trees was discussed. The Weigh Station is ODOT property and we have to get permission for much of the access to the area and nothing can be added/ constructed there.

Many thanks to Ty and Maria Baker for overseeing the trees and doing much of the work, and Ann and Paul Zitzelsberger for being so good about going out to the memorial tree grove to water and to pick up litter. There are many folks to thank but these four have been consistently dedicated.

## WASHINGTON, DC

Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC)

The Veterans' Day Luncheon of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, was held on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, at Wildfire Restaurant in McLean, VA.

Ralph Tuccillo (10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div [LI]) was our speaker; his topic was "Life of a Battalion Commander in the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in the late 1980's - Preparing for Our Combat Mission." Ralph shared his stories about helping to set up Fort Drum's expansion to greet the 10th (LI) reactivation in the 1980's. His talk enlightened us about all of the things that were needed to expand the facility and the issues that needed to be addressed in Watertown, NY, with the influx of so many soldiers and their families.

Wildfire Restaurant's family style dining was wonderful. A big thank-you to Kristen Pryor-Ventimilia (Desc 85-E) for setting up the lovely luncheon. We were happy to welcome Descendant Michael O'Connell and his wife Gigi for the first time. Brenda Pryor (Desc 85-E) brought her co-worker Suniko Hossain. We hope all of our guests enjoyed the afternoon.

The Washington, D.C. Chapter is saddened to share the passing of Hassell Vass (10-AT-A) on October 30, 2018. Hassell was our chapter's past President and was well-loved by Descendants and Veterans alike. He faithfully attended all events until this past year. Our sympathies are extended to his daughter, Pam Pikla and the rest of his family.

Save the date for a tour and luncheon at Mount Vernon, VA, on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Join us and learn about George Washington and his beautiful estate. Tentatively we will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Visitors' Center. The address for Mount Vernon is 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121. The luncheon will be at the Mount Vernon Inn, right on the estate. This tour would be a great excuse for a road trip for 10th Mountain members further away to enjoy Washington, D.C. for a long weekend. Adrian Coffey

(Desc 87-F) is helping to plan the luncheon at Mount Vernon Inn. For more information, please contact Kim Hudyma at [kim.hudyma@verizon.net](mailto:kim.hudyma@verizon.net). Please note this event is still in the planning stage.



Washington, D. C. members, standing, left: Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F), Antigone Doucette, Michael O’Connell & Gigi O’Connell, Ralph Tuccillo (10th [LI]), Christopher Doucette (Desc 10-QM-H, & 87-HQ-3), Brenda Pryor (Desc 85-E ), Sandy Tuccillo, Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC), Sumiko Hossain. Sitting: Sylvia Potash (Widow 10-HQ), Sally Oesterling (Desc 87-HQ-3), Pete Naylor (Desc 87-HQ-3).

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Susan Bathelt Jackson (Desc 87-HQ-3)

Over 60 people attended the Rocky Mountain Holiday Party in Denver on Dec. 29, 2018.

In addition to 10th veterans Hugh Evans (85-C) and Dick Over (110 SIG), there were 29 descendants. In attendance was SSGT Micah Fulmer, Scout Platoon sniper team leader, HQ Co, 1st Bn 157th Mountain Inf, CO Army National Guard. Sergeant Fulmer was a member of the recent 2018 International Sniper Competition, where the Colorado Army Guard placed 2nd after the 75th Ranger Regiment, USA, and ahead of other US service teams and 11 teams from Allied nations.

Keli Schmid, Archivist of the 10th Mountain Archives at the Denver Public Library, provided an update on the recent addition of the oral history of the 10th Mountain Division online through the Denver Public Library.

## ROADRUNNER

Rebecca “Becky” Joyce (Desc 604 FAB)

The Roadrunner Chapter is going to have a luncheon in Albuquerque, NM, on March 9, 2019. We will meet at the St Claire Winery at noon. Save the date and plan to talk about a three-day reunion in 2020! The next National Reunion will be held this June 20-23, 2019, at and near Fort Drum, NY. It will take place at the same time as the post’s observance of July 4<sup>th</sup> known as “Mountainfest,” a great opportunity to see the Division on parade and meet the soldiers and their families (see more information, this edition).

After that, join in planning and preparing for the 75th anniversary Return to Italy trip in 2020. It's all part of the fact that our Chapter has been participating in National and local events, keeping the legacy alive for our families.



Roadrunner Chapter, left to right around the table: Becky Joyce, (Desc George Sisneros [604]), Mary Anne Giangola (Desc Jesse Baker 10-QM-HQ), Walter Fazio (Desc Walter "Chappy" Chapman 86-HQ-1), Jane & Tommy Thompson (Desc Arthur Thompson 86-F), Patricia & Alan Wright (Desc Richard Wright 87-E), Tony Giangola, Donna Tomky (Desc Orville Tomky 126-ENG-B) & Bob Geer.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bruce K. Campbell (86-I, M)

The annual Christmas party of the Southern California Chapter was held at Maderas Steak House on Dec. 1, 2018. It was the same place as last year thanks to the excellent food and service!

Much to our pleasant surprise there were 36 guests, although unfortunately only two WWII vets, Howard Koch (86-C) and yours truly. Bob Greider (126-C) is still with us at age 100 --or maybe it's 101 now— but it was too much of a drive for him and Janet.

There was to be a memorial Mass for Roco Siciliano on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Riva Ridge/Mt Belvedere luncheon was to be on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, at the Ruebel Castle in Geldora. This was to be a real treat for those who have never visited this site. Bonnie Asa and her two daughters made all the arrangements. Bonnie actually has an apartment there and this is the facility where her father, Warren Asa (86-G) had a blacksmith shop and taught his trade.

Our next event will be the summer picnic during the month of June. Mary and I will be hosting this at our home for, I believe, the 14th year. This is always a lively mid-summer event. The attendees are mostly descendants, their children and a few grandchildren, along with a good number of Friends of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us. All for now -- Sempre Avanti!

## NEW ENGLAND

Bob Linscott (Desc 86-G), David Prescott (Desc 86-HQ-2), COL (Ret.) Matt Fitzgerald (AMWS and President, NE Chapter)



On February 6, 2019, New England Chapter descendant David Prescott assembled and led an entourage of chapter members and descendants, Silver Streaks (Over-55) Ski Club members and Waterville Valley Resort Ski Patrollers on a memorial ski run honoring his grandfather and the New England Chapter's last active WWII skier, Dick Calvert (86-HQ-2).

Waterville Valley and the Silver Streaks ceremoniously honored Dick last summer by announcing that one of the new trails on the Green Peak would be named, "Calvert's Crossing." Their award citation read:

*"Born on June 11, 1923, and one of the oldest ski racers in New England. Dick is also the last of his WWII 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division veterans to continue ski racing. He has been a member of the Waterville Valley Silver Streaks for over 30 years and continues to bring his lovely wife, Millie, to the mountain, weekly, to participate in the Silver Streaks. Dick is a wonderful human being with a joyous heart that brings energy and inspiration to everyone around him. He reminds us all what to aspire to, at any age."*

Sadly, Dick never got the chance to ski his run prior to his passing this past September. Our February 6<sup>th</sup> event celebrated Dick's life with all attendees taking a, "second to last run" down the slope in his honor! In addition to his renowned skiing prowess at Waterville Valley, Dick was a longtime member and frequent winner of his age class in the U.S. Masters and New England Masters ski racing circuits. When asked a few years ago why he decided to stop racing in the New England Masters, he simply said, "I outlived my competition!" In the 10 New England Ski Museum-sponsored, "Hannes Schneider Meister Cup Races" ending in 2018, Dick led his "Veterans" ski race team to a record six 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Cups!





Waterville Valley Silver Streak Ski Club attendees at the trail dedication: Honoring vet Dick Calvert, from left, SSG Drew Gelinas (Army Mountain Warfare School); Lloyd Donnellan (Assoc 87-I); Brewster Bartlett (Desc 87-I); COL (Ret.) Matt Fitzgerald (NE Chapter President); Conner Prescott, Dick's great-grandson; Dick's grandson David Prescott.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER CARRIES ON TRASH TRADITION

Gary L. Burton (Desc 87-L)

Continuing in Hugh Evans' (85-A, C) stead and with his onsite guidance, the Rocky Mountain Veteran and Descendant Chapters completed another year of trash pickups along the I-70 frontage road near Genesee, Colorado.

We plan to continue this community service and already have tentative dates for our efforts in 2019 (5/18, 7/20, & 10/19). If you aren't doing something similar in your area, you might consider Trash Bashing; it is easy to set up with your local DOT. It only takes an hour or so and provides a useful community service for which there is signage posted crediting the 10th.

We generally have 8-10 trash bashers participate; a few are pictured in the photo. There are sometimes more, sometimes less, but always enough to get the job done. Each pick-up, we find interesting items, and competition has developed over the years for the most interesting item of the day. This last year, winners were a wrecked RC airplane, braids of human hair, a child's Christmas book, and a Porsche medallion. You never know what people will lose or throw out the window (it's a shame really!).

Occasionally we find money. This last year's total was \$1.16. However, a running total since inception of Trash Bashing is \$145.66. All found money is donated to the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation. After each pickup we adjourn to a local coffee shop in Genesee to debrief with coffee, and snacks. It is always an interesting time!



Faithful Trash Bashers, left, Missy Schwab (Desc 87-A), Hugh Evans (86-A, C), Dan Whittemore (Desc 86-H), Victoria and Rick Johnson (Desc 85-G), Eddy, Denise Taylor (Desc 126-ENG-D), Anne Owens (Spouse, 86-D, A), and Melanie Loveland (Desc 87-A). --Photo by Gary Burton (Desc 87-L).

## SIERRA NEVADA

Val Rios (Desc 87-K)

The Sierra Nevada Chapter held their annual Riva Ridge/Mt. Belvedere luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Redwood City, CA. The youngest descendant attending was Caleb Cruz Rios (2 years) and the youngest at heart attending was WWII 10th veteran Art Schimke (87-K) who will be 100 in April.

Chapter President Val Rios gave updates regarding TMDD, National Association and the Tenth Foundation, which included the Descendants' upcoming 2020 Return to Italy trip, the National Association Reunion scheduled for June, 2019, at Ft Drum, NY, and 4th quarter summary report of the Tenth Foundation.

Descendant Skip Engle brought a bunch of materials from his own collection and that of his uncle, Charles Engle (85-L), for everyone to review, and Friend of the Association, Casey McKibben, gave to the Chapter a 10th lithograph by Mead Schaeffer; Art Schimke (87-K) received it on behalf of the SN Chapter.

The luncheon concluded with an early "Happy Birthday" singing to Art Schimke and concluding with "Ninety Pounds of Rucksack."



Sierra Nevada Chapter gathers for luncheon, from left Val Rios, Georgia Rios, Skip Engle, Richard Bedayn, Eugene Miya, Kathy Bedayn, Lisa Schallenberger, Arnold Escarcega, Marta Escarcega, Art Schimke (87-K), Casey McKibben, Caleb Cruz Rios, Jacob Rios, Kayla Wessbecher, Gordan Vaughan, Cameron Vaughan & Bernard Kintel. –Photo by Val Rios

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**44th ANNUAL 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION SKI-IN DAZE**

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**ELECTRONIC BLIZZARD SCHEDULE**

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

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

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

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

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**Borsting, Herbert S.** (86-E, 87-F), 95, July 27, 2018, Stockton, CA.

**Carlson, Donald R.** (85-C), 95, January 30, 2019, Olympia, WA. Survived by 4 daughters, a son, 11 grand-, 19 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Frances “Peggy” & a grandson. Worked with Crown Zellerbach (CZ), for 31 years, settling in Astoria, OR, in 1955. Proud member, National Assn, 10th Mtn Div. Boy Scout leader; member & deacon, Astoria First Christian Church. Moved to Lacey, WA; spent winters in Apache Junction, AZ, to enjoy hiking, biking, camping, water volleyball & other sports year-round. Last 21 years lived at Land Yacht Harbor in Olympia; served on board of directors. Loved gardening, bird watching, RV rallies.

**Cordell, Robert "Bob" Vaughan Montague II** (87-L, 86-G), 94, December 1, 2018, Lafayette, LA. Survived by wife Louise (Larriviere), 4 daughters, 3 sons, 17 grand-, 7 great-grandchildren, nieces & nephews. An attorney in private practice, after several years rejoining Ballard & Cordell (later Balco) as their in-house attorney; also a geologist with the oil & gas exploration company. Stayed active in reunions of 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div. Adapted his system for predicting horse races to predicting performance of stocks. Golfed at Oakbourne Country Club until age 92. An avid LSU football fan. Sponsored LSU education for his children; managed family farms in Missouri & Louisiana, & enjoyed traveling.

**Dean, William David** (86-K), 93, November 24, 2018, Concord, NH. Survived by wife Laura, a son, 2 daughters, two step-children, 5 grand-, 4 great-grand, 4 step-grand-children; predeceased by a son. A self-employed public accountant for many years, supporting his Concord, NH,-based clientele and doing tax returns into his 80's. An all-around athlete, participated in, coached & managed numerous local little league, Babe Ruth & semi-pro baseball teams in & around Concord. Member, United Baptist Church, NH Society of Public Accounts, and a 70-year member of Blazing Star Eureka Lodge #11, F&AM, Concord, NH.

**Galgovitch, Alfred “Breezy”** (605-B), 93, December 30, 2018, Lisbon Falls, ME. Survived by wife Dorothy (Christman), a son, 3 daughters, 8 grand-, 13 great-, 3 great-great-grandchildren; predeceased by a grandson. Worked at Worumbo Mill and J.P. Steven, in Lisbon Falls, in maintenance department, also at Bath Iron Works at Harding Plant maintenance dept. for 19 years. Member, Holy Trinity Parish Church, life member, Disabled American Veterans, past Commander, Emilien Hamann Chapter 11 of Lewiston & Auburn, and member, Lisbon Falls Fire Dept. Active in National Assn of the 10th Mtn Div. A well-known scuba diver, also loved hunting, roller skating & photography.

**Howell, Marion "Teeny" Sibley Sr.** (86-HQ), 94, June 8, 2018, Chickasaw, AL. Survived by wife, Noco Howell, 2 sons, 2 grand-, 5 great-grandchildren a step-grandson & 2 step-great-grandchildren; predeceased by a daughter. After editing the family-owned weekly newspaper in Foley for six years, purchased a weekly paper in Chickasaw; he & his two sons operated Howell Printing Co. until it was sold & he retired at 85. Became an avid golfer, winning in a number of tournaments along the Gulf Coast, including Parkhill Men's Championship.

**Jennings, John Greenwood Jr.** (87-F, MTG), 95, December 1, 2018, Collbran, CO. Survived by 2 sons. After a number of years in the East Coast marketing world, served as North American rep and Vice-President of Poma of America, Denver & Grand Junction, CO. Spent many happy years climbing around proposed ski areas and ski lift sites.

**Lockwood, Theodore "Ted" Davidge** (10-HQ), 95, January 21, 2019, Stowe, VT. Survived by wife Lucille "Lu" (Abbot), 2 sons, 3 daughters, several grand- & great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Elizabeth & a son. Taught at Trinity, Dartmouth, MIT, & Juniata College. At Concord College, Athens, WV, transitioned from teaching into administration. Dean & Provost, Union College, Schenectady, NY. Returned to Trinity College as President in 1968. Retired to Quechee, VT. Colleague & former president of Yale, Kingman Brewster recommended him as adviser to HRH Prince Charles, who presided over the five United World Colleges (Wales, Canada, Singapore, Swaziland and Italy) whose curriculum is the British International Baccalaureate. Founding president, United World College of the American West in Montezuma, NM. Returning to New England, continued to write, paint, play tennis, & serve on various boards including Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, board of Helen Day Art Center.

**Mikeasky, PFC Joshua** (4th Bn, 31st Inf Regt, 2nd Brigade Combat Team [BCT], 10th Mountain Division), 19, December 13, 2018, Afghanistan. Survived by his mother & father. A native of Johnstown, PA, died due to a non-combat related incident, under investigation. A health care specialist, joined the Army in Sept., 2017; following Basic Combat Training & Advanced Individual Training, assigned to Ft Drum, NY. Awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the NATO Medal, & Army Service Ribbon.

**Pellegrino, Lenin "Doc"** (87-G), 92, May 3, 2018, Chicago, IL. Survived by two sons, three daughters, 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. A civil rights worker, a doctor, a Blues lover and Proprietor of Kingston Mines Blues Night Club in Chicago, IL. Active in the Midwest Chapter, National Assn of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div.

**Rinella, Frank M.** (87-I), 92, December 13, 2018, Portland, OR. Survived by two sons, one daughter, 10 grand- & 6 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Margaret Catherine (Tabler), a daughter & a grandson. Worked in equipment design, fabrication for industrial & agricultural manufacturing. Enjoyed skiing, hunting & fishing. Devoted to family, church & community activities, including Boy Scouts & St. Vincent DePaul. Couple participated in 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn trip to Italy in 1991, Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. in 2013; member, Northwest Chapter including 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Highway cleanup service & Tree Grove Memorial developed & maintained in Oregon.

**Smith, Duane Nelson "Buck"** (85-HQ-3), 93, September 28, 2017, Binghamton, NY. Survived by wife Charlotte (Mattison), 2 daughters, 3 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, nephews & nieces; predeceased by a son & a grandson. A long career with New York State Electric and Gas. Longtime member, First Presbyterian Church,

serving as Deacon, Trustee & Elder. Enjoyed years of travel, collecting, & great adventures. Opened and ran Smith Hill Ski Area in the 60s, where many local kids learned to share his love of skiing.

**Wingate, Clark Lee** (87-L), 92, December 11, 2018, Grand Junction, CO. Survived by a son, 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren. Active in Rocky Mountain Chapter, National Assn, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div.

**Yorker, Neal Clark** (87-L), 96, December 17, 2018, Wheat Ridge, CO. Survived by a daughter, 2 sons, 4 grand- & 4 great-grandchildren; predeceased by wife Jacqueline (Westbrook), wife Virginia (Moore), & a grandson. Started a plastics manufacturing company, 'Yorker and Sons, Inc.' with his father & brother. An avid outdoorsman, enjoyed downhill skiing & fishing, pleasures he passed on to his children and grandchildren. Also enjoyed golf & bowling, which he played well into his 80's.

## DIVARTY COLORS COME HOME AGAIN

Colors of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division's Division Artillery (DIVARTY) have returned home again, thanks to a member of the unit who made sure they weren't lost.

A member of DIVARTY when it was deactivated in 2004, MAJ Charles Thompson (Ret.) took care of the WWII flag, which had been entrusted to the unit when the 10<sup>th</sup> was re-activated at Ft Drum in 1985. Over the years, he reached out to a number of Army organizations in an effort to place it.

The flag originally belonged to BG David L. Ruffner, who was the first commander of the 10th Mountain Division's artillery during World War II. "It was with him throughout the battle in Italy and then after he retired, he kept the colors," said Williams.

The flag had been carried through the battles of Riva Ridge and Po Valley, two battles that made the 10th Mountain Division famous.

"I took it to the post museum and it wasn't set up like it is now and didn't seem like they were prepared to take it," Thompson said. "So I then tried (the U.S. Military Academy at) West Point, tried to give it to the Chapel. They were happy to accept it but it wouldn't have hung for probably another hundred years."

Colonel Jason T. Williams, DIVARTY received his unit's original colors from Thompson at the ceremony.

"I'm happy it's home," Thompson said. "I've loved having it, I think I'll miss it, but this belongs to this DIVARTY and to this division," said Thompson.

The flag now hangs in the DIVARTY conference room on Ft Drum.

## Help Honor America's Only MOUNTAIN Division At the New National Museum of the United States Army

With construction of the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, VA currently underway, the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Association is seeking donations to add a unit tribute plaque to the many that will line the Path of Remembrance leading up to the museum's main entrance.

This 12"x 18" tribute plaque, engraved in polished Mesabi Black granite, will highlight the iconic 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division unit patch of crossed bayonets forming the Roman numeral 10, encased in a blue powder keg, hinting at the explosive capabilities of America's most unique Division. In its rightful place of honor over the patch is the iconic mountain tab, established in 1944, but lost in the inter-war years and again proudly worn around the world since 1985. The tribute will further highlight the various conflict eras in which the Division has participated, ending with "The Next Ridge", showing that the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, as the Army's most deployed Division, continues the CLIMB TO GLORY.



The 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Association has submitted this design so that we can reserve our place of honor on the Path of Remembrance. Now, the Association needs your help to support the creation of our memorial. Your generous donation is appreciated and will help us reach our goal of \$5,000.00. In whatever amount you are able, please give until it feels good. Please mail your donations to:

**Fort Drum Chapter, 10th Mtn Div Assoc  
ATTN: Unit Tribute  
8199 Pinewoods Rd. Houghton, NY 14744**

Show your pride for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, its descendants, veterans and warriors of today.

Together, we have a long and proud history of serving our country. The 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division deserves this marker of honor at the new National Museum of the U.S. Army. Join us today in showing your support, and then take a moment to reflect on what this unit has meant to you and our country when you visit NMUSA's opening in 2020. Let's ensure the 10<sup>th</sup> MOUNTAIN Division has a tribute. Climb to Glory!



# 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Foundation

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Update - 2018

## President's Message (Trux Dole)

### General Update:

After the productive annual meeting in September with our key program partners and National Association and Descendants leadership, your Foundation team continued to work on operational improvements, such as updating our accounting system, clarifying the status of previously restricted funds, and solidifying existing and new partnership relationships.



Our organizational shift to defined programs and teams is working! We had several generous program specific donations, which will help the teams tremendously, since they are now working against defined budgets to support their key partners and programs.

The coming quarter will see more emphasis on building awareness plus the background work needed to update our web presence. We will also be working with our sister organizations on aligning our messaging and better coordinate our online presence to drive more donations and thereby increase the Foundation's ability to help 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain veterans and their families.

**Financial Update:** Year over year your Foundation made notable progress. Where general donations and income were up 15%, program specific donations were up 854%! The Collections and Scholarship teams saw even greater gains!

This increase is an indicator that organizing our support along specific areas makes it easier for people to understand what we do. We are slowly but surely getting the word out, and we thank you for your support!

As for expenses, we continued to trim administrative and operating expenses, while we increased our program specific spending on new programs such as outdoor training and certifications for 10<sup>th</sup> vets.

Financial Update: 2018 Year End				
INCOME				
Unrestricted Donations	Q4	2018	2017	% change
Investment Income	\$60,294	\$122,838	\$106,083	16%
General Donations	\$2,298	\$21,459	\$13,578	58%
License Plates	\$2,620	\$11,914	\$13,516	-12%
Partnerships	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$6,875	-37%
<b>Sub-Total General</b>	<b>\$69,512</b>	<b>\$160,511</b>	<b>\$140,052</b>	<b>15%</b>
Program Donations	Q4	2018	2017	% change
Collections and Public Resources	\$4,955	\$20,945	\$1,668	1156%
Education and Scholarship	\$1,000	\$42,430	\$3,215	1220%
Monuments/Memorials	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$2,755	227%
Outdoor Industry	\$500	\$500	\$0	-
<b>Sub-Total Programs</b>	<b>\$9,455</b>	<b>\$72,875</b>	<b>\$7,638</b>	<b>854%</b>
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,479</b>	<b>\$233,386</b>	<b>\$147,690</b>	<b>58%</b>
EXPENSES				
Administrative Expenses	Q4	2018	2017	% change
Administrative Expenses	\$7,535	\$24,985	\$28,096	-11%
Investment Expenses	\$4,799	\$18,208	\$17,569	4%
2017 License Plate fees	\$168	\$656	\$867	-24%
<b>Sub-Total Admin &amp; General</b>	<b>\$12,502</b>	<b>\$43,849</b>	<b>\$46,532</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Program Expenses & Grants	Q4	2018	2017	% change
General Program Support	\$2,106	\$9,004	\$14,020	-36%
Collections and Public Resources	\$11,921	\$35,171	\$52,600	-33%
Education and Scholarship	\$21,250	\$25,350	\$23,750	7%
Monuments and Memorials	\$0	\$21,600	\$26,450	-18%
Outdoor Experience	\$3,171	\$15,600	\$13,500	16%
Outdoor Industry Certifications	\$4,400	\$527	\$85	520%
<b>Sub-Total Programs</b>	<b>\$42,848</b>	<b>\$107,252</b>	<b>\$130,405</b>	<b>-18%</b>
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>67,852</b>	<b>\$151,101</b>	<b>\$176,937</b>	<b>-15%</b>

The Foundation Board approved a 2019 budget of \$115,225 with \$88,632 in program expenses. While these figures may seem low compared to the table to the right, the Foundation's by-laws and fiscal policy guide us to use the previous year's investment income when planning for the year ahead. This approach reduces the volatility of donations and helps us live by the 'Your Foundation is forever' principal. Donations get added to the corpus, which in turn can spawn more investment income. Additionally, as we increase donations, we can increase our program grants and further improve our administrative to program cost ratio.

**Donations made in Memory or On-Behalf-Of Veterans and their families (October – December 2018):**

*John McLellan, Dick Dirkes, Wendell H. Chong, Carroll Francis McMahon, Arthur F. Thompson, John Benson, Edward Hobbs Hilliard, Calloway C Willis, James Hunter Jones, Vail Ski Patrol, Fred Haines, Doug Martin, 10<sup>th</sup> Hut Association, Don Voorhies, William Nowotny, William Scott Smith, Dick Over, Glen Robinson, William J Hofmann, Structural Associates, Oscar J. Weible, Murch Family, Theodore "Ted" Adkins, Mike and Charles Benedict, Leo Mintz, Eugene S and Verna J Hames, every service member.*

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

***Memorials & Monuments:*** The Monuments team is already gearing up for the 2019 Memorial Day ceremony at Tennessee Pass. The team has also been working with Foundation EVP, Nancy Kramer, on our effort to close out several restricted funds related to memorials or other projects that have been completed in years past, such as the Camp Swift memorial.



The 10th National Association has submitted the finalized design for the unit plaque that will be installed on the Path of Remembrance at the new [National Museum of the U.S. Army](#) that will open in 2020 outside Ft. Belvoir, VA. The Foundation received a generous \$2000 donation toward the \$5,000 cost of the plaque in December. Sepp Scanlin, Director of the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum, is the "point man" for this project. Further 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:*** The team led by Dave Little and Jack Breeding has worked to get digitized copies of majority of known US Army catalogs of Mountain equipment distributed to our partner organizations. These will continue to be made available to new members and individuals.



The team has also recruited volunteers to assist Jim Petersen the new curator at our partner, [History Colorado](#) in cataloging their collection of uniforms, weapons, souvenirs and other artifacts and to adopt standard nomenclature when identifying different items. This effort is timely, as History Colorado continues to get new donations, such as experimental folding ski's. they will also be loaning certain 10<sup>th</sup> artifacts from the collection to [Civico](#), a Denver non-profit, for their leadership and civic duty display. This effort is a great first step in broadening awareness of the 10<sup>th</sup>.



The [10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Resource Center](#) in Denver, which focuses on documents instead of physical artifacts, reports that they have completed their project to digitize all of the [10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division oral histories](#). These are now available online, through their [YouTube channel](#) and [digital assets website](#). They have also digitized and uploaded over 2,000 additional 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division photographs and films.

A reminder to everyone too that the Resource Center challenge grant to support the 10<sup>th</sup> 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. You can donate via the [10<sup>th</sup> Foundation website](#) or send checks noting the Resource center challenge.

Thanks to the initiative of the Tees and Treads group, who reached out after visiting [Camp Hale](#), we raised nearly \$11K in Q4 to refurbish and replace the interpretive placards that are no longer readable. The estimated project cost is closer to \$16,000, and we are hoping to be able to also apply excess funds from past completed Camp Hale projects.

**Scholarships:** Our team lead, Robbi Farrow, reports that scholarships were granted to the following three applicants in 2018, all of whom are grandchildren of WWII veterans:

- **Kristin Miller-Nelson**, Cal Poly Architecture, grand-daughter of Carlton Miller 85th Regiment, Co B
- **Jacob Reaves**, Liberty University Criminal Justice, grand-son of Virgil Ivan Reaves 87th Regiment, Co C
- **Hannah Smith**, Univ Montana School Counseling, grand-daughter of Robert Yank 85th Regiment, Co K. Hannah is also being awarded the \$1250 Boddington Award.

In late breaking news, the Foundation received a grant request for the [Charles and Loyola Murphy Military History Scholarship](#) in December. The Scholarship team waived the May deadline, and after review, they approved the grant. As a reminder, this scholarship is open to any graduate student studying military history with an interest in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain's activities from WWII to present day.

In the coming quarter, the Scholarship team's top objectives will focus on application "clean-up" including:

- a. Updating our online grant documentation and clarifying that 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation scholarships are open to any 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain veteran and their family, not just WWII soldiers
- b. developing a joint application to put on the website to assist all 3 organizations (10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Foundation, National Association and Descendants)
- c. revising essay rubrics to streamline the review process
- d. renewing efforts to raise awareness of the Murphy family scholarship at schools offering military history program across the country.

**Outdoor Experience:** The Outdoor Experience team continues look for more volunteers to work with our partner organizations.



We continue to support the Stride adaptive sports program, and their annual [wounded warrior ski clinics](#).



We currently provide a grant to NOLS to fund course participation for a 10<sup>th</sup> veteran or their family member. We are also working with our counterpart at NOLS to develop a grant for [outdoor educator/wilderness first responder certification](#) to 10<sup>th</sup> veterans.



The [10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Alpine Group](#) (10<sup>th</sup> MAG) is carrying on the 10<sup>th</sup> tradition of testing new winter gear and clothing by working with Black Diamond, CU Boulder and another outdoor industry company in providing extreme outdoor testing for a new product development project.

**Outdoor Industry:** The Outdoor Industry team worked in Q4 on finalizing partner agreements and getting prepped for the annual Snow Show in Denver. The following outlines current outdoor industry partnership efforts:



Icelantic again provided a generous contribution from sales of their 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain ski. The Ski Trooper Skis are for sale again this season. As a reminder, 15% of gross sales go to the Foundation.

Order here: <https://www.icelanticskis.com/products/limited-edition-10th-mtn-nomad-105>



We've finalized the contract and design for the [10<sup>th</sup> Mountain co-branded split board](#). Weston will graciously be providing 5% of gross sales to the Foundation.



We've reached agreement on contract terms with this innovative, Portland Oregon based startup and are working on the library of 10<sup>th</sup> specific top skins from which customers can choose. Stay tuned.



Tom Hames is continuing discussions with Elan's marketing executive in Slovenia about the potential for a commemorative international co-branding of their folding ski originally made the Slovenian Mountain Troops.



No updates at this time on the development of a co-branded beginner's climbing kit combined with entry level classes offered by the 10<sup>th</sup> MAG. This effort will be important given climbing's importance throughout the 10<sup>th</sup> history up to present day.



While we are now providing support for online educational content development, we are still working out the details of the new program to offer two free certification grants to today's 10th Mountain veterans wanting to become [PSIAA/AASI certified ski or snowboard instructors](#).

#### Continued call for volunteers:

Your Foundation board is comprised of great volunteers, but we can use more help. If you are interested in helping on any of our program teams, [please reach out](#). We will connect you with the team leads below. We can also use help on our marketing team, particularly if you have web experience.

Thanks in advance for your support!

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