



## MEMBERS MAKE MOST OF VISIT TO NORTHERN NEW YORK

Roy Puckett (87-G)

Eighteen members and descendants of the Lower and Upper Michigan Chapters were present or accounted for at the recent National Reunion in Ft. Drum and Watertown, NY. This triennial event was held from June 30– July 4 in the North Country, not far from the Canadian border.

The Wolverine State was ably represented by veterans Hal Humble (604-A), wife Jane & daughter Sue, Harold Lumm (85-L) & daughter, Walter Hyry (86-L) & daughter Kathy & grandchildren Brian & Kim, Harry Coleman (86-B), wife Lorraine & daughter Denise, Roy Puckett (87-G) & his son Barry, Lower Michigan Chapter president Bob LaFea, (Desc, 86-K) his mother Julia, & Upper Michigan Chapter member Vern Cartner (87-L) and son Ted.

These Michigan men enjoyed their time in the heart of Watertown, as the Flower Memorial Local library, Paddock Arcade, Black River Valley Club, and 93-year-old Crystal Restaurant were within walking distance of reunion HQ, the Carriage House Inn.

A day was spent at Ft Drum, including a memorial ceremony complete with military band, a tour of the post, lunch in a brand-new dining facility, visits to the museum and gift shop and a talk on the history of “war on skis.”

The Mountainfest celebration for the military and civilian community was also under way. A “Salute to the Nation” was held, with troops in review and a speech by the new Secretary of the Army, John McHugh, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the reactivation of the Division. That was followed by a band concert and fireworks.

During the week, “welcome” and unit dinners were held; the final dress farewell dinner welcomed all the soldiers who had assisted veterans throughout, who were on display in their finest. Tenth Mtn Div (LI) Commanding General MG James L. Terry addressed attendees, giving an overview of past successes and speaking to the future as Ft Drum continues to grow and more soldiers return from overseas duty.

Many day trips were enjoyed, from the Thousand Islands trip on the St. Lawrence Seaway to a visit to historic Sackets Harbor. Chapter members were impressed with volunteers who made for a smooth-running event, particularly Gil Pearsall (10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div LI) and Kim Bateman, who seemed to be in two places at once.

See everyone in Washington, D.C., in 2013!



**SALUTE TO THE NATION PARADE**  
One of the many highlights of the reunion

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE AT REUNION REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Michael T. Plummer (COL, Ret. 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div LI)

“Blizzard” is pleased to offer the following, presented at the remembrance ceremony during the National Reunion at Ft. Drum on July 1, 2010. It was noted that between the 101st Airborne Div, the 82nd Airborne Div and the 10th Mountain Div, Plummer has held every important leadership and staff assignment from platoon leader to Assistant Division Commander. He was among leaders 25 years ago who were instrumental in designing the “new” Fort Drum and reactivating the 10th Mountain Division (LI), in 1985 at Fort Benning, GA, activating and commanding the first combat units of 2nd Brigade. Since the first Gulf War, he has ensured that every unit deploying from Ft. Drum has had a community sponsor through the “Adopt-a-Platoon” program.



“Good morning all. And when I say ‘Good Morning’ in the North Country, it means you didn’t wake up and hear snow blowers blowing. This is a beautiful North Country morning. I want to welcome everybody as a VIP. You’re a VIP because you are here and you are honoring our fallen. That puts you in a special category. Whether you’re a World War II veteran, whether you’re a descendant of a World War II veteran, whether you’re active or retired, wearing a 10th Mountain Division Patch, or whether you’re a friend of the 10th, all Americans are VIPs when you honor our fallen.

“There are very few honors in being the President of an Association. I won’t kid you. But one of the greatest honors you *can* have is to be able to honor your fallen on any occasion. To me that is the greatest treasure and to me, probably one of the single biggest joys I will always remember, having been your President over the last three years.

“Probably since Memorial Day you’ve heard the phrase, ‘Freedom isn’t free’ many, many times. And freedom is not free. But we really have to understand what that really means. What is the context of ‘Freedom isn’t free’? On Tennessee Pass, there’s a beautiful monument with 998 names on it of World War II vet-

erans, who fought wearing the patch of the 10th Mountain Division, who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Twenty-five percent of that Division that went into combat in January of 1945 were casualties of one form or another. That is sacrifice. That is part of why Freedom isn’t free.

“But they did it and they earned a legacy. Our World War II veterans earned a legacy, so that at the end of hostilities in Europe on VE Day, the German Commander of the Northern Italian Front, when given the conditions of surrender, wrote one condition on his own. He accepted all the Allied conditions but, he said, ‘I will only surrender my saber to the Commander of the 10th Mountain Division, because of all the Divisions I ever fought in World War I or II, they are the finest Combat Division I ever met.’ Let’s give a hand to our World War II veterans.

“Our 10th Mountain Division today carries on that legacy. If you look at the plaques in front of us, you will see the names of over 250, 10th Mountain Division soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. They have served eight years in Iraq, nine years now in Afghanistan, and they are continuing to build the legacy

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Plummer (10th Mountain Division LI)

The paid membership numbers through 1 Oct., 2010:

Category	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
WWII 10th Mt. Div. Veterans	1850	1718	1321	1004	845
WWII 10th Mt. Div Widows	323	335	259	187	161
WWII 10th Mt. Div. Veterans Life				90	88
WWII 10th Mt. Div Widows Life				47	46
<b>Honorary</b>	24	26	28	25	23
10th Div. Veterans	69	73	56	34	36
10th Div. Veterans Widows				1	1
10th Div. Veterans Life				5	5
Friends of the 10th	24	64	71	57	47
Friends of the 10th Life				3	3
<b>Associates</b>	77	77	77	29	27
Associates Life				10	10
<b>Other Mt. Units</b>	23	30	23	13	10
Other Mt. Units Life				4	4
10th Mt. Div. (Light) Veterans	166	269	893	247	264
10th Mt. Div. (Light) Veterans Life				37	41
VTANG				12	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>2556</b>	<b>2592</b>	<b>2612</b>	<b>1806</b>	<b>1624</b>

2. Membership totals for the various categories remains within IRS guidelines required to maintain the classification of a tax-exempt Veterans' organization. However, membership remains our biggest challenge. We are not attracting active duty members. Many of those we do attract, we lose because they move and we don't have their new addresses. WWII members are passing as are their widows. The focus needs to now be on the over-180,000 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div (LI) Alumni. We have begun to work social networks to get our message out, but even with a lot of contacts that effort has not translated to increased membership. I am also asking Chapter presidents to launch campaigns in their geographical areas.

3. The National Association triennial BOD meeting was conducted 2 July, 1300 – 1700 at Watertown, NY. The following decisions were made:

A. Approved: 2007 BOD Minutes and the President's, VP's, Membership, Treasurer's, QM, "Blizzard," Descendant's and Foundation's reports.

B. Approved Nominating Committee's slate of Officers:

1) Chairman of the Board, Albert Dowden (86-E, 90-A); 2) President, Mike Plummer (HQ 10th Mtn Div LI); 3) Senior VP, Steve Coffey (Desc 87-F); 4) Secretary, Karen Neidner (86-A, W); 5) Treasurer, Rich Babbitt (3 BCT 10th Mtn Div LI).

C. Approved 2013 Reunion Site as Washington, D.C. with the Delaware River Valley and Washington, D.C. Chapters co-sponsoring.

D. Approved the Association's Updated Strategic Plan.

4. The Tenth Mtn Div. Foundation and Descendants' Board of Directors meetings were also held during the 2010 Reunion.

5. The 2010 National Assn's Reunion was held 30 June– 4 July, 2010, in Watertown & Ft. Drum, NY. There were 53 WWII Veterans with a total of 190 Association members attending the farewell banquet.

6. The 2010 National Roster is being published this Fall.

7. The National Association's Web Site has been updated. If you want to know more about what is going on, go to: [www.10thmtndivassoc.org](http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org), and if you want to know more about the 10th Mt Div. go to: <http://www.drum.army.mil>.

8. The semi-annual EXCOM meeting was held in Watertown, NY, on 6 Nov., 2010.

9. Reference Strategic Plan action 1.1.4: Establish a committee and have them make recommendations on the organizational relationships with the Foundation, Resource Center and the 10th Mtn Div Descendants, Inc.; Steve Coffey is chairing the committee. To date Dennis Hagen and Gary Burton have signed up. Chapter Presidents have been asked to identify potential members, send names to [sdcoffey@verizon.net](mailto:sdcoffey@verizon.net).

10. The QM has arranged for a vendor of grave markers/flag holders. They are quality bronze products weighing 2 pounds and available for under \$100 including postage. These may be customized by the purchaser. Contact Steve Foley, 603.738.5292 or [www.phoenixnftech.com/orders](http://www.phoenixnftech.com/orders). A percentage of the profits will be donated to the 10th Mtn Div Scholarship Fund.

11. Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO):

A. DPMO is upgrading efforts to recover remains of soldiers still missing from WWII. While they have always worked the issue, they recently created a new WWII Branch to increase the attention given to this period. As part of this effort, they would like to speak with any vets who may have information that could shed light on the loss/death of a fellow serviceman whose remains might not have been recovered. Veterans with information are encouraged to contact DPMO with any knowledge that

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## ORAL HISTORIES PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT LEGACY

*Dennis Hagen, Archivist*

Your Resource Center continues to make solid progress in organizing and documenting its oral history collection. And, since we provided our last “high-tech” review nearly two years ago, interest in oral histories continues to grow. Clearly, an update is in order.

The Center collection is not really new. Barbara Walton began videotaping 10th Mountain Division veterans nearly twenty years ago. During the 1992 Vail reunion, for example, Barb captured the memories of nearly 60 veterans on six hours of videotape. At Sun Valley in 1995, Barb documented the thoughts and impressions of 56 veterans, adding four additional hours of tapes to the collection. Sixty more veterans provided their recollections at the 1998 reunion in Wattertown. Reunion tapings have continued to the present day, and our collection now includes recording sessions conducted during various chapter, national and “Return to Italy” reunions, as well as during board meetings and other activities.

Georgianna Contigulia also began to record veterans’ stories on audiocassette tapes in the early 1990s. These were typically much longer and more detailed than the videotaped interviews conducted at the reunions. Numerous veterans have also created their own audiotapes and donated their oral histories to our collection.

You can listen to some of our audiotapes online through the Denver Public Library website: [www.denverlibrary.org](http://www.denverlibrary.org). In the catalog search field, simply enter: 10th Mountain oral history online. The catalog records returned by this search will display links under “Website.” Click these links to hear the audiotape oral history through your computer.

Early reunion videotapes typically focused on a brief, single recollection from each veteran, and each veteran’s participation was limited to about five minutes. Around 2003, Myrna Hampton and Abbie Kealy began to conduct actual interviews that included multiple questions and explored many facets of a veteran’s experiences. These recordings spanned 40 minutes or even longer. In addition, Abbie donated an absolute treasure trove of oral histories, which she created during her research for the production of her documentary “The Last Ridge.”

In addition, the Resource Center has received oral histories recorded by numerous television stations and various veterans’ history projects such as the Roaring Fork Veterans’ History Project in Aspen, CO.

As oral histories have become more substantive, digital formats have dramatically improved sound and picture quality. In addition to veterans’ personal stories, researchers now have access to analyses of the Italian Campaign, insights into life at Camp Hale, descriptions of weapons, humorous anecdotes and details regarding rough times in combat, all preserved in near professional-quality recordings.

Over the past 20 years, oral histories were donated in a wide variety of formats. Most were originally recorded on some form of videotape, which can be susceptible to damage or to wear and tear if frequently handled. Virtually all of these tapes have now been migrated to DVDs, which are used for research and for providing copies. The valuable original tapes can now be safely preserved within our collection.

But, while preservation remains our first concern, the primary value of any collection lies in its access. To this end our intrepid volunteer Bob Hofstader has watched literally hundreds of hours of interviews while taking notes and compiling summaries. Bob’s work has brought improvements to our inventories and will soon become part of our online catalog records.

The Center has accumulated nearly 250 detailed veteran interviews. Each interview has been designated as a separate oral history and assigned an individual call number. Early “reunion recollections” have been maintained in their original order with a separate catalog entry and call number created for each reunion. In total, we now have recordings from well-over 400 individual veterans.

If you are interested in learning more about our collection, or you would like information about recording your own history, please contact Dennis Hagen at the Resource Center.

Copies of particular oral histories can also be obtained from the Resource Center. DVD copies are normally \$15.00 but can be obtained by veterans or family members at a discount.

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### *Felicity Hallanan (Associate)*

It was like déjà vu all over. How many times have you been on the phone to someone, and a voice in the background prompts your party over some fact, or question, or perhaps a correction to what’s just been said? It happens in conversations where two people have been together for a long time, so that they have shared thoughts so often that one can complete a sentence while the other is speaking.

In this case it was a matter of something related—of course—to service in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. An account of an incident had triggered memories. The caller hesitated about a detail, and from somewhere across the room or just down the hall his spouse filled in the blank. She might not have even been listening intentionally, but she’d heard the story so often that she remembered it as though she, too, had been there.

How many times does that happen over the years when veterans are referring to experiences and yet have spoken about them so often that it sometimes seems as though their spouses were there, too? Attending a reunion of my father’s unit, I had to smile when the party broke into

two groups. In one the buddies were sharing their stories once again. In the other the women smiled indulgently at phrases caught drifting over from the other room, while still they continued to compare notes about grandchildren and ailments and other aspects of their lives.

It certainly wasn’t that they weren’t interested in what the menfolk had to say—just that they’d heard the stories—over and over. And yet, had everyone been in one room together, the spouses would have listened attentively as though they were hearing it all for the first time. It’s an admirable quality, and one which always impresses me, showing as it does what love and loyalty can mean in a tangible sense. The listeners not only care about the other, but deep down one suspects they realize the importance of doing just that, of hearing about a part of someone’s life that can only be imagined by those who haven’t experienced it, and are forever thankful that they didn’t. But they are playing a part in the healing and, in their own way, representing the thanks of a grateful nation.

So thank you, soldiers, for serving. And thank you, spouses and partners, for acknowledging that service as you do, by listening.

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could lead to the recovery of that soldier’s remains. Relatives or friends who may have such information (from conversations with WWII vets, personal records, diaries, or other documents they may have) are also asked to call Rodney Millner, 703.699.1268.

B. Background information regarding the 10th Mtn Div’s missing DUKW has been already given to the DPMO.

12. If you are going to Italy and need help finding particular battle sites of our WWII 10th soldiers, contact Val Rios Vrios, 913@aol.com He can help you find particular places or help with lodging arrangements in the hill towns.

13. The Association was represented at the 2010 annual IFMS Congresses in Bled, Slovenia, by MG (Ret.) Greg Giles. He reported that the Association’s presentation on Mountain Warfare Lessons Learned in Afghanistan was well received. It was presented by LTC Nate Lord, Commander of the Army Mountain Warfare School. The 2011 annual IFMS Congress will be held in Germany.

14. Eight \$5,000 10th Mtn Div (LI) scholarships were awarded in June to soldiers and their family members.

15. Chapters are responsible for implementing their transition plans transferring leadership to Descendant or 10th Mtn Div (LI) members during the next three years.

16. An update on the activities of the 10th Mtn Div:

- A. Division headquarters has deployed to Afghanistan.
- B. 1st BCT (Brigade Combat Team) is five months into the fight in Afghanistan.
- C. 2nd BCT is training up for its next deployment.
- D. 3rd BCT will deploy in early 2011.
- E. 4th BCT is in pre-deployment training and was scheduled to deploy in Nov., 2010.
- F. 10th Avn Bde has deployed to Afghanistan.
- G. Sustainment Brigade is in pre-deployment training but has no orders.

**Climb to Glory!**

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

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promulgated by our veterans of the World War II Division.

"In fact, part of their legacy is a story that was relayed to me by General (LTG Benjamin) Freakley (former 10<sup>th</sup> commander,) in one of his most recent tours in Afghanistan. He said that the 10th Mountain Division is known as the *Clan of the Crossed Swords*. Now think about that in the context of the Arab World, that your biggest enemy would, number one, recognize that your Division is a Clan. A Clan is a Brotherhood. It's an entity. It exists. They honor you when they call you a Clan. And then, when they designate you The Clan of the Crossed Swords, it means that you are a Clan of warriors, that you are equal to them. They are giving this to you and you earned it, every man, every woman of the 10th Mountain Division who was deployed to that theater. So, let's give them a hand.

"When you ask soldiers, World War II soldiers with the 10th Mountain patch, today's soldiers with the 10th Mountain patch, 'Why? Why would you be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice? Why do you think your buddies made that ultimate sacrifice?'—almost at a hundred percent level, they would say, 'For my buddy, my buddy in the foxhole next to me, who endured everything I endured. I would lay down my life for him or for her.' And secondly, almost at the same level, 'For freedom, to preserve freedom, so that my children, my grandchildren can live in America the way that I lived in America.'

"Buddies and freedom, the reason they make the ultimate sacrifice. Why? Because anyone who has been in the crucible of combat, who has felt that innate fear that comes from within, when you know that you are in a position that you could be killed, understands that you must rise above it and must win and must supply your skill, your will. And you must kill, because ultimately, victory on the battlefield is for the individual and small units that close together and demonstrate that you can kill more of them than they can kill you, because if you don't do that, you lose.

"There is no substitute for victory," said (GEN Douglas) McArthur. But there is no more horror than losing on the battlefield to anyone who understands what war is all about, and war is what we're in. And you only have to look at history, of the hordes out of China, of what has happened recently, of the Nazis and their occupation of Europe, the Japanese occupation of the Far East and China, of what the Russians did to people. That's what normally happens when you lose in a war. Only in America, with the freedoms that we have, do we embrace our enemies and bring them up and treat them as civilized people.

"War is a dirty business and people who understand it, those who wear a uni-

*"In Afghanistan ...the 10th Mountain Division is known as the Clan of the Crossed Swords."*

form understand – you must win. And that is why our fallen here and in Tennessee Pass were willing to give their lives – for buddies, and to ensure that freedom must endure.

"Now, if you listen carefully, and you think of Tennessee Pass when you were there, or right here yesterday or today at this Memorial Service, if you listen closely, you're going to hear a voice, and many voices. Basically they're saying, 'What will you do with my sacrifice?' Now listen, 'What will you do with my sacrifice?' Do you hear it? Do you hear it? It's there. They are asking us that question, and most of us are going to say, 'Well, I've lived a good life. I got out of the Service, I went to school, I got a job, I got married, I raised a family, I pay taxes, I voted. It's a better world.' And it is. It is, because of the sacrifices and what contributions you have made.

"But I take something more away from that, a personal responsibility as your President of this Association, to learn from the legacy and the honor that I see standing in front of me with the veterans of World War II, 65 years after World War II, who have come to this hallowed ground to pay tribute to their comrades, to honor the fallen. The message I get from that:

"Mike Plummer, there's more for you to do than just being a good American. Your job is to ensure and build upon that legacy, and be sure that there is an Association, so that, 10 years from now, 15 years from now, as I hopefully look out at the assembly here, I see others that are here honoring the World War II, those killed in Somalia, those killed in Afghanistan, those killed in Iraq and all the other wars that the 10th Mountain Division will participate in. And if I do that and others like me take on that challenge, to ensure that that legacy lives on, I will tell you, when my time comes, I will be able to address the eyes that go along with those voices, and I will be able to salute them and say, 'I've done my part.' And I will salute them and I will then join them and I will be where I will need to be at that time.

"I bless you all for being here. I bless you for making this the hallowed ground it is. Enjoy your Reunion. God bless each and every one of you."

*(With thanks to Bernie Beal, Huntington, NY, and Bill Best (86-B, 90-HQ-1) for their labors to transcribe a tape of this speech at the request of many who heard it that July day.)*



A presentation at Michigan's Own Military and Space Museum. Family of SPC Byron W. Fouty (D Co, 2d BCT, 10th Mtn Div LI) donated a shadow box containing remembrances of the soldier. From left, Gordon Dibler, John Kerzak, Roy Pucket (87-G), Fouty's sister Sarah Dibler with son Isaac, Bob Lafean (Desc 86-K) and Lower Michigan Chapter president, Howard Garland (85-L), Harrison Coleman (86-B) and Stan Bozich (hidden behind Gordy).

## MICHIGAN HONORS FALLEN SON

*Bob Lafean (Desc 86-K)*

On a beautiful sunny Friday morning, Aug. 27, several members of the Chapter attended a presentation at Michigan's Own Military and Space Museum, Frankenmuth, MI, by the Michigan Heritage and Research Foundation of Kalkaska.

The Foundation presented a shadow box containing remembrances of SPC Byron W. Fouty (D Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div LI) ("Blizzard #1, 2, 2008) to his sister Sarah Dibler. In turn, Sarah presented this to the Museum.

Attending were Chapter President Bob Lafean (Desc 86-K), Secretary Roy Pucket (87-G), Howard Garland (87-E) and Harrison Coleman (86-B). The presentation was made by John Kerzak, Foundation board member. Representing the Museum was director Stan Bozich; also attending was Gordy Dibler, president of The Fouty Foundation, and Sarah's son, Isaac.

The Museum also has on display a re-creation of SPC Fouty's uniform and decorations which were put together by members of his unit after his death in 2007.

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Spc. Melissa Church 3rd BCT Journalist

## 3RD BSTB SOLDIERS VOLUNTEER AT ADAMS FOOD PANTRY

Spc. Melissa Church, Fort Drum Mountaineer

Eighteen 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion Soldiers arrived at the Rohde Community Center Pantry in Adams, NY, ready to volunteer their time and hard work to help feed the local community, July 23.

Soldiers in 3<sup>rd</sup> BSTB have partnered with Adams, working with the local population to help improve their quality of life and build strong relations between the village and the battalion.

"A few months before we deployed, (my wife) and I, we're (driving through) Adams; when we got to the center of town, we saw a line about a block long and I saw volunteers handing out free food," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> BSTB command sergeant major. "It blew me away. I have never seen poor and hungry in the U.S. like that."

As command sergeant major of the battalion, Johnson asked for volunteers to help the hungry people of the village.

"The Adams Food Bank was the first thing that came to my mind when I found out we were going to 'partner' with the village of Adams," Johnson said.

Soldiers arrived at the food bank around the time the food truck arrived. They unloaded and helped set up boxes and boxes of food. When they were done, food covered the tables waiting to be taken home.

"I feel very good that we are giving back to the community," said Spc. Jeffrey Ford, a driver in Headquarter and Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> BSTB.

Soldiers continued helping by handing out food and helping elderly visitors carry their food out the door.

While this was the first time many of the Soldiers had volunteered in Adams, it was not the first time they had given their time to help people in need.

"(Our) mission in Afghanistan is to show (the people) we care," said Ford, a veteran of Afghanistan. "Our mission here is also to show (people) we are willing to help. This makes you realize there are people in both countries that need help."

For newer Soldiers who have never served overseas, it was a good learning experience, and a glimpse of what deployment can be like.

"I honestly believe that our Soldiers (who) volunteer will mature and achieve a level of personal fulfillment through a little community service, and that will make them better people and better Soldiers," Johnson said.

Soldiers plan to return to the Rohde Community Center Pantry again in the following weeks, as training allows, and continue to help the people in the community.

## SON SHARES FUNERAL EXPERIENCE

"Blizzard" receives many obituaries, as this edition shows. Sometimes it's a newspaper article, sometimes a phone call, often an email to which we respond. In this case, son Tom Fisk (Desc, 85-M—see TAPS) wrote to let us know how things went. We hope the experience is as positive for others, as well.

"We buried Dad at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado, with full military honors Friday. It was a brisk, but sunny day, just like many likely Dad experienced when he was at Camp Hale with the 10th. The honor guard, Regular Army from Ft. Carson, did a fine job—crisp, smart, & professional, just like Dad would have expected.

Right before the funeral started, we had a "flyover" of about 50 honking geese which performed excellent amphibious landings on the lake immediately adjacent to the shelter. We were not sure if this was part of the ceremony or not! I have heard of the Navy training dolphins, but geese?!"

## PLANS UNDER WAY FOR THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL, TENTH SKI-IN

Hugh Evans (85-A, C)

The 2011 Tenth Ski-in is less than three months away – Feb. 15-24! This is your official notice. Make your own reservations, but please let me know whether or not you plan to attend so that I can get some grasp on the numbers.

Accommodations:

Best Western Lake Dillon Lodge: toll free 1.800.727.0607; or 970.668.5094. The two Queen-sized-bed room rate is \$104.99 which with tax comes to \$115.62, including deluxe Continental breakfast. To hold the rate you must make your reservations before Jan. 15, 2011, in the name of the Tenth.

Columbine Inn, Leadville, 800.954.1110; \$60 for a single, \$75 for two beds plus tax. Or, the Silver King across the street, 719.486.2610 (they have a little better breakfast).

Activities schedule is as follows:

Wed. Feb 16 - Ski **Keystone**: Vets ski free, others receive special rate. Park at the bottom of the Peru Express Lift. We will have Keystone guides. Beer & wine reception at Best Western 5-6 p.m., dinner at Tuscatto's Restaurant in Frisco 6-ish (share dinner costs on a per person basis).

Thurs. Feb 17 – Ski **A-Basin**: Go to Guest Services; vets get free lift tickets, others get discounted lift tickets. Evening on your own.

Fri. Feb 18 – Ski **Cooper**: Noon 'line-

ski' down the mountain, Memorial Service at Tenth Memorial Monument at 3 p.m. Big night on the town starting at the Silver Dollar Saloon, dinner at the Brass Ass.

Sat. Feb 19 – Ski **Cooper**: Evening on your own.

Sun. Feb 20 – Ski **Cooper or where you wish**: Resource Center meeting, Best Western in Frisco about 3 p.m. Dinner at Denise Taylor's cabin, BYOL.

Mon. Feb 21 – Ski **Breckenridge**: Paul Stubbe and Sylvia have made arrangements; meet at Bergenhof 9 a.m. Lunch at Vista Haus. There will be guides.

Tues. Feb 22 – Ski **Vail**: Dick Dirkes has made arrangements; meet at 9 a.m. at Tenth Statue near Vail Village Bridge. There will be guides. Riva Ridge run will be groomed. Lunch at Eagles' Nest Restaurant. Evening on your own.

Wed. Feb 23 – back to **Keystone**: Same parking and guides. Lunch at Mountain House at the bottom of the Peru Lift. Dinner and entertainment starts 5:30 p.m. at Best Western, Frisco.

Thur. Feb 24 – Head for **Home**: or stay on your own. Thank you for joining us!

This is just to tell you where we will be. If you have questions or suggestions, send them to me by email. Pray for snow! See you on the slopes. Sempre Avanti!



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## MIDWEST

*Diane Jurina (Desc FA-616-B)*

Vets, Descendants, and their families attended the 35th Chapter Reunion at the Holiday Inn in Carol Stream, IL, from Sept. 2-5.

Our thanks to Patty LaRocca (Desc 616-HQ) and her husband John, for planning and organizing the event. All the Descendants pitched in to make it memorable for the Vets attending. They provided a Continental breakfast several mornings, allowing for more opportunities to enjoy each other's company.

On Saturday, a cookout took place at the home of Jake Pollack (85-HQ-2) and his wife Sophie. Their hospitality —along with great food— was certainly enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, a memorial service was planned and led by our chaplain, Gerald Lundby (86-L, M). Veterans who passed away recently were honored, and a wreath was presented in honor of those lost in WWII. Lisa Ashley provided music, and played taps during our balloon release afterwards. Each had a deceased veteran's name attached to it. Many tears were shed.

At the farewell dinner, the Misty River Music Makers, a barbershop chorus from Harmony, Inc., provided entertainment and joined us for visiting and dessert.

We all enjoy each other's company so much, it is hard to say goodbye. But we are looking forward to our next reunion in June, 2011, in Paladine, IL.

*With thanks for this addition from Janice Fuglsang:*

There were two lunches on Feb. 20, 2010, for the Mt. Belvedere observance. Eight in attendance at General Butler State Park in Carrolton, KY, included Ken Hanson (2-MED- 85) with wife Shirley, Don Steffen (604-A) with daughter Ethelyn Schlueter, and Descendant Marina Jenkins with her three grandsons. Of the 28 at the Bloomingdale Country Club in Bloomingdale, IL, there were seven vets, family and friends. Joy Hafer (Desc Gary Nelson, 87-G) set up a display of German WWII items including a helmet, gas mask and container, messenger bag and propaganda sheets, items her father-in-law brought back from the war.

At our May lunch in Lombard, IL, 33, 10th family and friends met for brunch and visiting. It was great to hear from Larry Eckstein (85-M) about his recent Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. with 98 other WW II vets from Wisconsin.

## SIERRA NEVADA

*Val Rios (Desc 87-K)*

The annual luncheon meeting was held at the Dante Club on Oct. 16 in Sacramento, CA.

President Val Rios gave a few updates. Then Bob Yank (85-K) reported about his two-week trip with the Greatest Generation Foundation this past June.

Bob, along with nine other WWII veterans including two others from the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div, were able to visit significant sites in North Africa and Europe and to share their memories and experiences with college-aged students.

While Bob was disappointed that his wife Grace, was not able to attend, his face lit up when he told us that two beautiful college girls were assigned to him during the trip to make sure he would be okay throughout. There was a lot of grumbling by other members wondering why they weren't picked!

Bob's trip with the Foundation included Tunisia, Italy, Austria, and Germany. Of special import was a visit to a deten-



*Sierra Nevada Chapter luncheon drew large numbers of veterans, spouses and descendants.*

tion/concentration camp.

Val showed some photos along with commentary of the 2010 National Reunion at Watertown and Ft. Drum, NY, and his recent trip to Italy and Slovenia. These in-



*Rocky Mountain Chapter gathering at Steamboat, CO, included, left, Bill Bowes (86-I- MTG), Neal Yorker (87-L), Hugh Evans (85-C), Wally Barkeen (85-B, D), Bruce Berends (87-L).*

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN

*Hugh W. Evans (85-A, C)*

It is news time again! How come our time is now moving so fast, and what's more, it seems to be speeding up every year. Well, we are getting older that is true, but listening to the jokes George Loudis (86-H) tells at each of our monthly luncheons, I don't think we are getting any wiser.

At the Aug. 30 luncheon, Descendant president Phil Berg (Desc 87-L), was presented the Meritorious Service Award for taking on and doing a good job with this rowdy bunch.

May 14-16, Earl Clark (87-HQ-1), Dick Over (110-SIG) and George Loudis were taken on an Honor Flight to the World War II Monument in Washington, D.C. It was a marvelous trip, and they could not have been more impressed and thankful to the organizers of this trip. Everything was provided! If you have the opportunity, go!

June 24 was Work Day for Descendants at the Tennessee Pass 10th Monument. Gary Burton (Desc 87-L), presented the 10th Meritorious Service Award to Ted and Carol Billings for the tremendous work they have been doing for many years at our Monument and back country huts. From there all went on to a weekend's work program at the Jackal Hut.

Deborah Clem (Desc 85-A, C) is reporting on the wonderful Steamboat Springs Tenth Gathering put together by Nancy Kramer (Desc 85-I) that took place Aug. 20-22. Denise Taylor (Desc 126-D) had a great barbeque for all in her back yard July 24. Finally, the Trash Bashers are whipping up a storm. The Rocky Mountain boys and girls went on their third pickup for the year in Sept. Phyllis Hines (W 85-A) told us that for the first time since Glen died, she was joining us. Jim Bray (85-K), Northwest Chapter, invited me to speak at their ceremony at their Trash Bashing site (see Northwest report).

Sempre Avanti!

cluded "then and now" photos taken by his father, Cruz, while in Slovenia (then-Yugoslavia in 1945) and talk about the possibility of a commemorative "Great Ski Race," to be held at Mt. Mangart in 2011.

Everyone had a wonderful time, but was sad to hear of the recent passing of two SN Chapter veterans, Gordon Smith (85-K) and Gerald Cook (87-E). They will be missed!



*Big Sky vets used familiar transportation to attend VFW memorial service during annual meeting, left Jim Bray (87-K), Lorraine Youngs, Larry Wilson (Desc 87-HQ-1), Richard Galli of Montana Military Vehicle Club.*

## BIG SKY CHAPTER

*Suz Rittenhouse (Desc, 87-HQ-2)*

For the first time, Bozeman, MT, was host city for the Chapter meeting in September. Attendees included 35 troopers, spouses, descendants from children to great-great grandchildren, and friends.

An afternoon social helped to catch everyone up with the past year's events. President Suz Rittenhouse opened the business meeting asking Barney Ilertsen (616-HQ) to give the invocation. Louisa Durkin (85-HQ-3, 86-HQ-1) has attended several meetings, but this was her first as chapter secretary.

The group agreed to continue the project of providing benches for veterans' cemeteries in their states, and participating in the Adopt-a-Platoon program for 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div (LI) units. Despite fewer attendees than sometimes, the ever-popular white elephant auction to raise money for projects and the "Mini Blizzard" brought an amazing \$1,200, and we had a good time.

A Bozeman barbershop quartet serenaded at the evening banquet with popular tunes from WWII. A handmade quilt with a 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain motif made by Suz was grand prize and won by Stan Walsh (10-MED-B).

A highlight for many were restored WWII jeeps provided by members of the Montana Military Vehicle Club which transported members to the memorial service Sunday morning.

## DIVISION'S ROLE IN SLOVENIA HIGHLIGHTED AT SPECIAL DISPLAY

A display of the 10th Mtn Div's actions in Slovenia after WWII, especially the Great Ski Race at Mt. Mangart, was first shown at the National Reunion in Watertown this past summer.

From there, it moved on to Cleveland, OH, where the several panels of photos were unveiled at the Slovenian Museum and Archives on Sept. 23, 2010. About 50 attended a special event, headed by General Consul Jure Zmavc. The city was chosen since the largest Slovenian community in the U.S. of about 20,000 is in

and around Cleveland. Slovenian Defense Attaché to the U.S., COL Ladislav Graber, delivered introductions.

Tenth vet Ohio native Alan P. Bedol (85-K, MED) attended the ceremony as well, describing the history of the 10<sup>th</sup> and his own active duty in the division.

Next stop for the display was the Slovenian Embassy in Washington, D.C. Ambassador Roman Kirn and COL Graber hosted an opening event during a visit by Minister of Defense Ljubica Jelusic.

## ARMADILLO

*Phebe Davol (Desc 86-L, HQ-3)*

On Sept. 11, 2010, Jeannie (Desc 710-ORD-HQ) and husband Dean Geuras, Charles Stewart (86-C) and wife Rosalyn, Col. Tom Kane (85-I) and wife Mary Ann met for lunch hosted by Jack Davis (10-RECON, 87-I) at the Army Residence Community in San Antonio, TX. The informal luncheon was wonderful as it has always been at Jack's home base. Since he is so helpful and hospitable with Chapter activities, plans are under way for a Reunion in San Antonio in observance of the Division's WWII seizure of Riva Ridge and Mt Belvedere.

It is scheduled for Feb. 18-20, 2011, with a buffet banquet on Saturday followed by dancing. As always, all 10th Mtn Div Veterans, Descendants, and Associates from other Chapters are also invited. San Antonio is a wonderful and historic place with subtropical temperatures.

Coincidentally, the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo will be from Feb. 3-20. This is a fun event with a Western flare and excellent musical shows accompanying the rodeo action. The web site <http://www.sarodeo.com> is continually being updated with listings of performers and events. If you are looking for a break from the cold winter up north, consider coming and make it a snow bird vacation to enjoy the cultural and meteorological warmth of San Antonio.

Specific details, once finalized, will be sent to all Armadillo Chapter members. If you are from another Chapter and interested in receiving information, please contact Phebe Davol by phone #512.917.0423 or e-mail [Davol\\_Phebe@bah.com](mailto:Davol_Phebe@bah.com).

On a sad note, Becky Lynn Joyce (Desc 604-HQ, 85-HQ) has informed us that her father, George S. Sisneros died on Oct. 13 (see "Taps"). Both Becky and her brother Ray are members of the Chapter.

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## ARIZONA

*Donald L. Kitzman (87-F)*

An organizing meeting important to the future of the Arizona Chapter will be held on Feb. 9, 2011.

Veterans and Descendants of all ages are urged to attend to discuss concerns of dwindling membership and what course the Chapter should be taking to serve potential members.

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Hometown Buffet, 1312 Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ; cost, \$8., tel. 480.946.7544.

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"Those are my skis!" George Rosenfield, center, tells Charles Smith at Ft. Drum Heritage Center during the National Reunion.

## THROUGH MY FATHER'S EYES

*Darlene Smith Gero (Desc 85- I)*

This past July, I attended the 2010 National Reunion of the 10th Mountain Division in New York with my father, Charles Smith, who served in Company I of the 85th regiment during World War II. My Dad originally came from the Keene Valley in New York, which is a small town near Lake Placid; however, he now lives in Plattsburgh, NY.

What started out as a nice little vacation to Watertown and Fort Drum, NY for my father, my husband Kevin, my father's friend Grace, and me turned out to be much more than that. It turned out to be an opportunity for me to see a different side to my father, and I viewed the 10th Mountain experience through his eyes.

To begin with, the Reunion committee ran a well-organized event, and

their planning covered everything, down to having bottled water available on the vans and buses for everyone. They offered an interesting variety of activities and we took advantage of side trips to Alexandria Bay and Sackets Harbor. We were impressed with the unique history, charming architecture and beautiful scenic views.

What made these events unique were the current 10th Mountain soldiers who accompanied us. They were with us every step of the way. My father especially enjoyed interacting with them as they exchanged their lives as soldiers. We enjoyed the company of the 10th Mountain soldiers as they drove us to the various venues. They also assisted anyone who needed

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National Reunion ceremony at Ft. Drum gives participants an opportunity to visit bronze plaques contributed by the Association to commemorate recent deployments of the 10th. A stirring rendition of "Taps" (right) was part of the event.

Below, members of the Foundation Board of Directors met during the Reunion. They include, left front, Jennifer Neville, Tommy Thompson, Denise Taylor and Gary Burton; top left, Val Rios, Pat Thornton, Mike Plummer, Sue Haggerman, John Wright, Frankie Barr and Hugh Evans. Foundation funds provide scholarships for any Descendant of a WWII veteran, as well as other programs (See Page 4).





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Val Rios (Desc. 87-K)

### Seeing "The Boys" Again

"It will be good seeing 'The Boys' again," Dad said as I reminded him about the upcoming Chapter luncheon on Saturday. That's what he calls them, "The Boys." He's referring, of course, to his fellow WWII 10th Mtn Div buddies. Oh, he may talk about an individual by name, but collectively, they are "The Boys."

Hearing Dad talk about the luncheon was encouraging. The past six months he's been having problems with vertigo associated with his Meniere's disease, and there have been many mornings he has felt too dizzy to get out of bed. "What time are we going?" he asked, "because I want to make sure I get out of bed. I'm awake in time, you know, but sometimes when I'm dizzy I just can't get out of bed. But don't worry, I'll be ready...it will be good seeing 'The Boys' again."

Dad was 24 when he joined the Army in 1943. He was one of the older guys. Most were much younger, a few even lying that they were 18. It's no wonder Dad refers to them as "The Boys" because when I look at Dad's Company K photo it's like looking at a high school yearbook. They just look so young.

Another time stands out in my mind of Dad referring to "The Boys." Of all times, it was my Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary. Now if you know my Dad, you know he is rather quiet. I'm sure he would be more talkative but he has lost almost all of his hearing so conversations with others are nearly impossible. But during the anniversary party the guests encouraged both Mom and Dad to say a few words. Mom pretty much said what I thought she would say. She thanked everyone for coming and said how blessed her life has been and how much she loved Dad, the children and grandchildren.

But Dad had a slight twist when he spoke. Now, it's been eight years since their anniversary and while I can't remember word for word what he said, it was something like this. "You know, I really didn't expect to be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary because I didn't think I would live this long. In fact, when the time comes and I die, I hope to get to heaven, and I know I will see 'The Boys' —you know, like Fred (Palmer, 87-K, KIA) my foxhole buddy, and Pierre (Erhard, 87-K, KIA). And 'The Boys' will ask me, 'Cruz, where have you been? We've been waiting for you.' So I will tell 'The Boys,' 'Well, before I came, I met a girl. Her name was Lucy and we have had a lot of fun together.'" There is no doubt in my mind that Dad has had two great loves in his life: my Mom and "The Boys" of the 10th Mountain Division.

Yesterday Dad and I attended the Sierra Nevada Chapter luncheon in Sacramento. We also picked up our friend Art Schimke (87-K) along the way. It was a three-and-a-half hour drive each way but Dad had an absolutely wonderful time. When I brought him home, Mom greeted us and Dad began talking about how good a time he had. But after a minute or two he said he needed to sit down because he was feeling dizzy so I helped him to his chair. He paused for a moment, then looked at me and said, "It was good seeing 'The Boys' again today, wasn't it?"

"Yes, Dad, indeed it was!"

## VISIT THE DESCENDANTS WEBSITE

[www.10thmtndivdesc.org](http://www.10thmtndivdesc.org)



## ARMADILLO

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

A reunion is planned for Feb. 18-20, 2011, in San Antonio, TX, in observance of the 10<sup>th</sup>'s seizure of Riva Ridge and Mount Belvedere. Please refer to the article in the main section of the "Blizzard," since the event is open to all chapters.

Our own "Descendants Blizzard" editor Bryan Pullen, grandson of Harold Sutton (85-M) rode in the Livestrong Challenge Series Bicycle Race held in Austin, Oct. 23, 2010. The money raised by all participants goes to the Livestrong Foundation and is used to fight cancer.

We had a submittal by a wife of a veteran on how they became involved with the 10th Mtn Assn. Joe Anne Hallgren, wife of Mogens Hallgren (85-C) responded with a very nice story we wanted to relay. In October 1988, Joe Anne was asked to attend a training seminar on Public Health Nursing in Columbus, GA, at the Hilton Hotel. She said, "Upon entering the elevator the evening I arrived, I said good evening to the occupants as I usually do. There was one person there who caught my attention. He had twinkling eyes and a strange hat, elfin-like! That evening, my friends had abandoned me (was it miscommunications or fate?), and I was left to eat in the dining room ALONE. I hate that.

"Much to my surprise, I looked up, and there he was, hat and all. He motioned if he could come down and I motioned "Come on over." We were married five months later. All our married life our lives have been centered around the 10th Mountain Division. I love his Apennines Hat!"

I include this story in the Descendants section because it is so heartfelt and a story for all of the younger generations. The Division is so important to our veterans and more importantly it is special to all Descendants. Personally, I am still so honored and proud that my father served in the 10th. My tribute to him is to serve in any capacity I am able. I know that other descendants feel the same way I do and hope others will join us in keeping the 10th Mountain Division Association going for many years to come.

## MIDWEST

*Patty LaRocca (Desc 616-HQ)*

The Chapter held its reunion this year on Sept. 2-6. We had a smaller attendance than hoped for, but still had a huge success.

The event started with a delicious dinner in the garden room in the hotel's restaurant. There was much laughter and a lot of catching up. Friday a few went to play 9 holes of golf while others sat around playing games in the 10th's hospitality room. That night was our Country & Western party. Most were dressed in their jeans and bandanas. I saw a few cowboy hats and even boots. We had Happy Hour in the Silver Dollar Saloon and then a wonderful BBQ brisket for our chuckwagon dinner.

Saturday was our picnic held at Jake and Sophie Pollack's (85-HQ-2) in Lombard. The weather was absolutely perfect. We carpoled to their house and spent most of the day outside playing croquet and talking and just enjoying each other's company. Jerry Jurina and John LaRocca were outside flipping hamburgers and hot dogs while Sophie and her daughters were inside putting together a table full of salads, corn on the cob, fruit and much more.

That night at a meeting we talked about continuing the reunions and asking the Michigan Chapter to join us, since every year there are fewer and fewer Veterans and Descendants attending.

Sunday morning we had a worship/memorial service. Chapter chaplain Gerald Lundby (86-L, M) planned a beautiful program. After the service we went outside and had a balloon release. "Taps" was played and the balloons with names of those who have died were released into the air. There wasn't a dry eye as we watched them disappear into the clouded sky.

Sunday afternoon Joy Hafer (Desc 85-G) had us play a game of "dirty bingo." What?? When a player wins at bingo they get to pick a gift. As the game goes on players that win can steal gifts from other players. We had some real dirty players that kept taking gifts back and forth from each other.

We celebrated the chapter's 35th reunion that night at our farewell dinner. The food was good but it's always hard to say goodbye. Plans were made for next year's event June 23, 2011, so it made it a little easier to say, "Until we meet again." It was another great time and another great reunion.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN

*Deborah Evans Clem (Desc 85-C)*

Other than Ski-ins and Memorial ceremonies at Tennessee Pass, the Chapter for the most part meets in Denver. In the summer of 2009, while on a Vacation Action Committee (VAC) trek to an overnight at the Sangree Froelicher Hut, descendants encouraged "Steamboater" Nancy Kramer (Desc 87-MED) to take the chapter to the Western Slope for a change.

Thus Aug. 20-22, 2010, a small but enthusiastic group of veterans and descendants from the Colorado Front Range crossed the Great Divide for a weekend with veterans and descendants from Steamboat Springs.

The background to the story is interesting: Nancy's father was Bill Robertson, nicknamed "Rope Sole" by friends and family, based on his roped-soled climbing boots. Originally from Canada, he had migrated to Oregon where he was recruited to the 10th and served as a medic in the 87th. After the war, he earned citizenship and had a career as head athletic trainer for Oregon State University, a position he held for 34 years. Bill passed away in 1980.

Meanwhile in 1974, Nancy, lured to Steamboat Springs by her father's stories of the mountains, found work there as an orthopedic nurse, skied, met and married Lynn Kramer, and stayed. Over the years she found herself frequently bumping into 10th trooper connections including her next-door neighbor, descendant Robin Allen, whose father Crosby Perry Smith (86-HQ) is a former Olympic ski jumper and coach. Nancy, currently working for the Community Agricultural Alliance, was the engine behind the "Steamboat Springs 10th Mtn Div Gathering."

So that Friday night, veterans, descendants and old-timer Steamboat friends enjoyed a sumptuous dinner at Nancy and Lynn's historic home. Scott Franz, reporter for "Steamboat Today," posted stories online and in the local paper, one showing Wally Barkeen (85-B, D) delightedly examining his old ski boots which were used as a centerpiece, another featuring Bill Bowes (86-I-MTG) regarding old photo albums.

The out-of-town contingent stayed at the Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel and enjoyed a relaxed Saturday morning Continental breakfast. "Eastern slopers" were given options to fish, clay shoot, wander through the art fair along the Yampa River, hike and bike. All enjoyed the sunny weekend in the beautiful ski resort; 86-year-old veteran Hugh Evans (85-C) proving once more that common sense does not come with age, had to be rescued after a wild ride down the dark side of the hot springs pool slide. Mathieu Parents, a 16-year-old French relation visiting Steve and Debby Clem (Desc 85-C), rescued Hugh. Saturday at dusk found us gathered on a mesa above Steamboat surrounded by the stunning ranch lands of the Hogue family, Hahns Peak in the distance. There Margaret Hogue, widow of Charles (87-L), sons, spouses, and grandchildren, carry on the family ranching tradition.

A color guard comprised of Foreign Legion, VFW, and veteran Bill Bowes (86 I-MTG) bearing the 10th flag, posted the colors in the fading light as a lone bugler sent muted "Taps" into the beautiful evening. Steamboat Smokehouse served a fine pulled pork BBQ to a crowd of over 50 in open-air tent, followed by the inevitable "90 Pounds of Rucksack" and impromptu serenades including "The Whiffenpoof Song" and "The Marseillaise." Sunday morning was outdoor brunch at the Dutch Creek Ranch.

For participants, Steamboat was the perfect venue! It is no wonder that the town continues to produce numerous Olympians: the local Sports Club boasts 1,300 youth – coached by the best in skiing, boarding, jumping, and new to the upcoming Russian games – telemark. At Dutch Creek we had met the new telemark coach, Ty Upson, an Iraq veteran of two tours, now a forest ranger.

Participants were too numerous to recall, but here's a try including five veterans, all well over age 80, Willy Barkeen leading the way at the grand milestone of 98: Bill Bowes, daughter Sue Rife & grandson Cactus Beauregard, Lynn & Nancy Kramer (Desc 87-G MED), Robin (Desc 86-HQ-2) & Tod Allen, sons Kris & Thomas, Meg Bentley (Desc 10th), Erin Bentley, Wally Barkeen (85-B, D), daughter Bonnie Murray, husband Greg, Margaret Hogue (87-L), sons Mike, Chuck, wives Maureen & Jan, nieces and nephews, Hugh Evans (85-C), daughter Debby Clem & husband Steve, friend Mathieu Parents, Bruce Berends (87-L), daughter Kathy Williams, son Patrick Williams, Jasmine Gregory, Neal Yorker (87-L), Steve Raabe (Desc 86-MED-HQ), Kate Raabe, Denise Taylor (Desc 126-D), Ann Noble (Desc 85-L), Gary Burton (Desc 87-L), Dave Christie (Desc 85-F), Peggy Haas (Desc 85-L), Steve, Arianthe, & Paul Stettner (Desc 87-F). Ruth McClelland (Desc 85-B MED, Uncle – Karl 85-C), husband Pat. Also David Wren (Desc 87-E), wife Carrie, Susannah Lusk (Desc 87-L), Ted Crook; Donna Rice Holloway (Desc 85-K) & husband Robert on a road trip found us in the Grand Hotel lobby!

Others were reporter Scott Tranz, Guy DeFazio of Los Angeles, American Stories/war jazz project, Giles Morris, Karin Bierstein, Darrell, Mary Levinston, Angela Ashby, Kim Hornsby, Ty Upson, Sureva Towler (Steamboat historian), Carol Janousek, Dave Sladek, & Jim Peterson.



Sierra Nevada Chapter boasts members of all ages with the 10th Mountain Division in common --here at Sacramento gathering.

## THROUGH MY FATHER'S EYES

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help getting in and out of the vans. They were very professional and I could sense the pride that my father had for these young men and women in the 10th Mountain Division.

Dad was looking for some of his fellow 85-I Company soldiers; unfortunately, none attended. Even though he was disappointed, he did get to swap stories with some of the other veterans who were there. In fact, the day we were to tour the 1000 Islands' Boldt Castle, Dad, Harold Lumm (85-L) and Harris Haffner (604-B) had an opportunity to exchange stories. They were having such a good time visiting with one another at a picnic table outside the castle that I thought they would miss actually going on the tour. However, it did not matter if they missed it. What they were doing was more important!

One of the events was to tour Ft Drum, and we found it to be a most impressive facility. Originally called Pine Camp, the post dates back to 1908 and covers 107,265 acres. We were able to have lunch in a new dining facility with our troops.

While we were at Ft Drum, we also visited the Heritage Center. The museum collects and preserves the material history of the 10th Mountain Division from its formation at Camp Hale, CO, to the present, as well as the military history of other units at Ft Drum. During our visit I overheard George Rosenfield (85-E) say, "Those are my skis!" I thought he was just saying the skis were similar to the ones he had during WWII, but he was serious. He had donated those actual skis to the museum. I was lucky enough to get a photo of him proudly posing with the

skis, and the smile on his face was priceless!

The highlight of the Reunion was Mountainfest, the post's annual open house, featuring displays, demonstrations of facilities, equipment and the units' missions. During Mountainfest, we saw some of the equipment the current 10th soldiers use and met several of them. They were very informative and seemed very happy to be able to share knowledge with us. This proved to be another activity where Dad had the opportunity to interact with the modern day soldier. He enjoyed talking with these young men and asked if he could try on one soldier's helmet, promptly handing him his own cap to hold while he did so.

Dad has kept himself very fit over his 86 years and can still wear his uniform, which he dressed in for the Farewell Banquet. A World War II soldier proudly wearing his uniform delighted the current soldiers.

During the banquet, the Reunion committee held a drawing for a football helmet with the 10th Mountain emblem on it. The young man who won it, Alan Hafer (Desc 87-G), impressed us all by asking veterans in attendance to autograph the helmet, and my Dad gladly signed his name.

In summary, it was a wonderful reunion, and I know Dad enjoyed it, which is what really matters. For me, I learned so much about the life my father lived as a young soldier serving his country. I also realize that I am very fortunate to be able to attend these gatherings with him and hope we can continue to do so for a long time. It also reinforces for me the importance of future reunions, not only for our veterans to share their stories, but so we can tell others the stories we have heard from our veterans.

## NEW DESCENDANT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Tenth Mountain Division Foundation held their annual Board of Directors meeting on June 30, 2010, in Watertown, NY, at which time one new academic scholarship was awarded. **Callie Lockhart**, granddaughter of Clairl C. Wayman, (87-L) was this year's recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship. Callie is the daughter of Jill W. Wayman Lockhart and John S. Lockhart of Stanberry, MO. Callie attends the University of Missouri at Columbia, majoring in anthropology with a minor in business.

Contingent upon availability of funds, the Foundation annually grants up to five \$5,000 scholarships to financially needy direct descendants or legally adopted direct descendants of 10th Mtn Div veterans who served with the Division during WWII. This one-time scholarship is awarded to a direct descendant who has successfully completed two years of study (and/or a minimum of 60 credit hours), and who demonstrates a knowledge, understanding, and support of the history and legacy of the 10th Mountain Division. Each scholarship is applied to full-time, undergraduate or graduate study at an accredited college, university or other comparable institution.

*The mission of the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation is to honor and perpetuate:  
the legacy of the WWII 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division,  
the soldiers who served with it, and  
the ideals for which they lived and died.*

## HOT SPRINGS EVENT AT NEXT SKI-IN

*Abbie Kealy (Desc 86-L)*

If you're thinking about attending the annual 10th Mtn Ski-In in February in Colorado, you will also want to mark your calendar for an après ski soak in the soothing Cottonwood Hot Springs near Buena Vista on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011.

Located about 30 minutes south of Leadville, this hot springs gathering coincides with the traditionally unscheduled evening in Leadville. Organized by your somewhat energetic Vacation-Action-Committee (aka VAC), Descendants Deb Clem and Abbie Kealy promise a relaxing visit to Cottonwood's five hot springs of varying temperatures.

Anyone and everyone is invited and we'll

be there at 4 p.m., but you can arrive anytime you like. Hot Springs admission is \$20 per person, and you can get directions, details and check out their facilities online at [www.cottonwood-hot-springs.com](http://www.cottonwood-hot-springs.com). You can stay as long as you like, or until you want to go to dinner at Quincy's in Buena Vista.

These hot springs come highly recommended by Denise Taylor! Because we're somewhat cautious, this is a fair weather event, meaning if it's dangerous driving, let's scrap it and do dinner in Leadville instead. If there're questions you think I can answer, contact Abbie Kealy at 443.570.9482 or [abbiekealy@me.com](mailto:abbiekealy@me.com). See you there!

# NATIONAL REUNION 2010





## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Bruce Campbell (86-I, M)*

A defining item on our calendar was the third annual Summer Picnic. About 40 attended and all concurred this was a fine way to spend a Saturday afternoon. There were 10 Vets, 5 Associates, 4 Friends, and the rest Descendants and guests, including spouses, children and grandchildren.

One Friend of the 10th, Bob Chapman, provided extra tables, chairs and umbrellas. His firm is ACE Party Rents, and he made no charge to our party, but considered this as a donation.

We considered Strategic Plans for the coming year as outlined by National Assn President Mike Plummer. Chapter members are asked to review and comment on the contents and to offer assistance.

The session was highlighted by a talk by two members: Rocco Siciliano about his experiences after Italy covering business and public service accomplishments. One of these was his appointment by President Clinton to head the project for the Eisenhower Memorial in Washington, D.C. Glen Dawson, who was with the MTG at Camp Hale, went on to make a name for himself in the art of rock and mountain climbing. This was in addition to his long career of book selling under the name of Dawson Books. His son Keith was with him and we hope will become a Descendant. Glen, now 98, says he's ready for our next Summer Picnic and any prior activity.

Arrangements are being made for our Christmas party at the El Adobe restaurant in San Juan, Capistrano, Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010. Don't overlook Amtrak and connecting lines for transportation.

Everything points to an exciting balance of this year. In particular, we mustn't overlook the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div platoon we have adopted. *Sempre Avanti!*



*Sunshine bathes veterans, families at annual picnic of Southern California Chapter.*

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Kim Hudyma (Desc 86-SVC)*

Three members of the Chapter visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center on July 10. Hassell Vass (10-AT-A) and Descendants Abbie Kealy (Desc 86-L) and Chapter president Kim Hudyma visited several wounded warriors, passing out gift bags and lap robes. This summer we also supplied a couple dozen baseball tickets to the Bowie Bay Socks for our Walter Reed friends.

Abbie and her husband Bill Bealmear hosted an impromptu pot luck dinner at their lovely home in Reisterstown, MD, on Oct. 2. Ten attendees enjoyed the great weather and shared their favorite picnic dishes.

Our chapter was invited to attend a reception at the Slovenian Embassy in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 4. The Military Museum of the Slovenian Armed Forces has prepared an exhibition on a ski competition of the Division on the slopes of the Mount Mangart in 1945 and on this year's IFMS Congress in Slovenia, which was first featured at the National Reunion at Watertown and Ft. Drum this past summer.

The Fall luncheon on Nov. 13 in Alexandria, VA, featured Mike Plummer, President of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div Assn.

We continue to sponsor 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, C Company, 2-22, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div., in Afghanistan. Our members have been generous in donating toiletries and a multitude of sweet treats that are heat-tolerant and travel well. Abbie mails packages to them every month.



*Chapter event featured a trip to Ft Lewis-McChord, where soldiers showed participants some of what they do. SSGTs Mike Hayes and Nick Tataino display their climbing gear, clothing and food packets to Ed Gibson (M&CWTC) and Margaret Black.*

## MT. RAINIER

*Dale Smith (10-MP)*

The Chapter continues to meet monthly, and although attendance is down about 25% from several years ago, we continue to have 30 to 40 at meetings.

In June at the Seattle Yacht Club, Hans Thompson introduced a program based on a DVD featuring the WWII photography of Donald F. Todd, entitled "Soldier Photographer, A Personal History of the Ski Troops in World War II." Todd served with Hans in 85-K, and kept his Argus C-3 with him through training and service in the 10th.

On July 13, LTC Kevin Harvill from I Corps at Ft. Lewis described his most recent mission in Iraq. He came as a substitute for CSM Frank Grippe, who was called to Washington D. C. for a Chief of Staff conference. Col. Harvill described the mission in Iraq as now being one of establishing stability as opposed to counter-insurgency. They pulled operations out of the cities and turned them over to the Iraqis. One of the big problems was disposing of 3.2 million pieces of equipment that had accumulated there over many years.

Thanks to CSM Grippe's invitation and arrangements, our August meeting was held at the Joint Base Ft. Lewis-McChord recreation facility at Russell Landing on American Lake. He recruited a number of soldiers as hosts and demonstrators of current military equipment and tactics. They were obviously highly dedicated to their job of protecting the nation, but also showed themselves to be generous, smart and interested hosts.

In September, we made the traditional pilgrimage to Paradise Inn in Mt. Rainier National Parks, where the 87th Inf Regt first trained in 1941. We benefitted from excellent weather, and Mt. Rainier gave various views from clear to being covered with puffy clouds. After lunch everyone adjourned to the patio, except for those who hiked to the 10th Mtn Div Monument. Northwest Chapter president Jim Bray and five others were with us. Later it was the Whittaker Bunkhouse in Ashford, WA for a free ice cream cone or latte, courtesy of Lou and Ingrid Whittaker.

For the Oct. 12 meeting, we returned to the Seattle Yacht Club. The program was an oral history related by David Rankine (86-A) and recorded by Abbie Kealy for her "Last Ridge" documentary. Dave, who is approaching 91, has a real capacity to relate a realistic picture of what combat was like. This presentation concerned the attack on Riva Ridge and how essential it was to the success of the attack on Mt. Belvedere.

## UPPER PENINSULA

*Walter Cook (10-HQ)*

Due to the small number of members in the Chapter, we did not have a Fall meeting. We do intend to keep in touch with the remaining members.

The recent passing of Joe Perrault, (126-ENGR), has saddened the UP Chapter.

Eugene Keskimaki (87-H, M) continues to be a patient at the Veterans Facility at Marquette, MI, and enjoys hearing from former comrades of the 10<sup>th</sup>.



*Fall reunion of North Central members at North Branch, Minnesota.*

## NORTH CENTRAL

*Louis Anderson (87-A)*

The Chapter met for its Fall reunion Oct. 7, 2010, at the Oak Inn in North Branch, MN.

In attendance were James Haining (86-K) (Reva had injured her ankle in a fall), Don & Alice Olson (85-C), Grace Bergh (W), Myron Fahey (604-HQ), Helia Wuotila (W), Wendy Peterson (Desc), Wilbur Sheets (87-L), Harold & Jean \Anderson (604-A), Julia Lafean (W) who was formerly in the Upper Peninsula Chapter, John Skooglund (86-C), who came wearing his summer sun tans—they still fit, and Louis & Joanne Anderson (87-A).

After lunch we went to AmericInn for a meeting, then took group pictures and sang “Happy Birthday” to Helia, who turned 90, and Jean.

Our next reunion will be in Proctor, MN, on May 12, 2011, at the Blackwoods Restaurant.

## NORTHWEST

*Frank Chuk (85-MED-2)*

After you all reading about the Pick and Plant program in almost ever issue of the Blizzard for the past 12 years, it’s happened.

The 10th Mountain Division Memorial Grove is now an official State of Oregon site.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, off US 26, the dedication commenced with a welcome by Ruth Robinson, active Friend of the 10<sup>th</sup>. American Legion Post 51, Lebanon, and Boy Scout Troop 873, Cornelius, posted colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the National Anthem sung by Judy Madsen (Friend). Jim Bray (87-K) chapter president, made introductions. Maria Baker (10th Mtn Div LI) read a letter from Governor Ted Kulongoski (Ty Baker, Maria’s husband, also served with the 10<sup>th</sup>).

Ruth gave a brief history and story of the beginning in 1993 crediting Hugh Evans (85-A-C), then-national president of the 10<sup>th</sup> Association, with suggesting adopting a stretch of highway and performing a quarterly litter pick-up. This has become a tradition.

“In 1996,” she said, “the idea of planting trees was the brainchild of arborist Jim Bray. Under his leadership, each tree was planted as a living memorial to a deceased veteran or friend—not only planting, but cultivating, watering and pruning the-now 72 trees, 22 species, with more to come. Descendents and younger 10th



*Memorial Grove dedication in Oregon drew state, local officials and many veterans involved in the Northwest Chapter project for years.*

Mtn vets are beginning to assume the care and growth of the Grove.”

Tim Nitz, chair, explained the Oregon Heritage Tree Program, and Hugh gave the history of the 10th and read a poem by his daughter.

Jim outlined the future of the Grove and Memorial names were read by: Dan Becker (D-86-HQ), Bob Emerson(HQ-604), Hugh Evans, Michael Myers (Honorary), Dick Powers (87-D), Marney Roddick (D-85-K), and Harvey Wieprecht (86-F). A site plaque was unveiled followed by a 21- gun salute, Taps, and the retiring of Colors.

Nearly 150 attended, including Fritz

Kramer (10-RECON), State Senator Betsy Johnson and Representative Debora Boone, and Ron Koop, Div. Supt. ODOT, without whose aid little would have happened.

Those who have served with the current 10<sup>th</sup> were MSgt John Healey, Kam Glaser and family, CWO2 Devin and Sara Wickenhagen and family, and Maria Baker. Alice Wagstaff (SM-86-C) and Frank Rinella (87-C); each had 5 descendents in attendance. Others were Ann Evans, Liz Bagshaw (SM-110-SIG), Lynn Phillips (D-86-F), and Warren Elmer (10-HQ). Behind the scenes work was done by Lorraine Youngs, and Mike Myers took a ton

of pictures.

Joint annual luncheon with Mt. Rainier and NW Chapter was held at beautiful Multnomah Falls State Park Lodge, OR, Aug. 25. Liz Bagshaw, Warren Elmer, Karl Stingl (87-HQ-1) and wife Sunny, down from Rainier, were among the 54 that attended.

At our Sept. 29 monthly luncheon, newcomers were Frank Rinella’s friend Dr. Bert Berney, MSgt John Healey (10th Mtn Div LI), and LTC Lewis Doyle (101st Abn Div), who arrived on a motorcycle, as did Kam and Brenda Glaser. Kenne Namba (Associate) and Ruth were warmly welcomed back.

## UPSTATE NEW YORK

*Bill Morrison (86-L)*

Once again, as we have for every year since 1988, soldiers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div (LI) and veterans of WWII came together at Whiteface Mountain near Lake Placid on Aug. 4, 2010, to remember and pay tribute to fallen comrades. Each year active duty components, including the colors and Division band, march onto the field, an impressive opening. Speakers were BG Jeffery L. Bannister, Deputy CG-Operations, and yours truly. The ceremony closed with the traditional roll call, 21-gun salute and haunting beauty of “Taps.”

Some-30 veterans and family members were joined by Congressman Bill Owens, 23<sup>rd</sup> District. At lunch afterward, all shared memories as well as hopes for the future. Those present included Bill Millette, Beverly Folderman, Norma Harter, Bob Kraut, Horton & Shirley Durfee, Howard Sebold, Marge Newton, Harold & Lorraine McAfee, Stan & Delores Heidenreich, Francis LaDuc, Sam Morrison, Eudora Shuler, Phil & Emmy Santasiero, Pat Benson, John Cuntz, Bill & Ann Best, Bruno Baldacci, Skyler Alverson, Jim Andress, Mike & Mirian Plummer, Louis Vincent, Bill & Thomasina Gallagher, Bob & Rose Dakin and Bonnie O’Shea.

Thanks primarily to Bill Millette and Beverly Folderman, three “Adopt-a-Platoon” packages have been shipped to Scout-1-87 in Afghanistan, and a fourth will be on its way. Money comes from Chapter funds and voluntary contributions from members.

“Taps” has sounded for two of our Upstate comrades, Ed Ketchledge and Carl Newton (86-C).

We also attended the annual Veterans’ Day ceremony at Ft. Drum.

## SUBMITTING PHOTOS: A Few Tips

Fill the frame. That means getting in close and filling the picture with faces. It’s also important that the faces be in focus. A blurry photo will look even blurrier when it is enlarged.

Digital photos should be 200 dots per inch or 150 pixels an inch at publication size.

## 10TH COLD WAR VETERANS

The Association seeks to expand its membership to include veterans who served in the 10th Infantry Division during the Cold War (1948-58). This will enable them to meet with their Cold War comrades, with WWII veterans of the 10th Mtn. Div., and with members of the modern, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI). Please contact Mike Plummer, President, National Assn. of the 10th Mtn. Div. (LI), email: plummike@aol.com. Send articles, photographs and notices to the Editor for publication.



### To the Editor:

Walter H. Stewart's excellent piece about the military re-learning the value of mules ("Blizzard" #2, 2010) reminded me of my experiences with 10th Mountain mules.

I packed my first 10th mule mid-October, 1943, for an L-90 exercise with my skis A-framed on my rucksack. (we could not mount our skis because we had not attended ski school). The mule hauled me into hip-deep snow. Once out of sight of L-90 troopers I mounted my skis, wacked the mule, and off we went! After, the exercise, the mule was taken away from L-90 to become the first and last mule I ever saw at Camp Hale.

At Camp Swift I participated in the roundup of the mules that scattered when unloaded from railroad cattle cars. It was hard work but great fun.

After the mules were staked out, I became a G-85 mule skinner. I packed a mule to follow G Company on a forced 2nd Bn 20-mile march. Just as we started out the mules bucked and tossed the stuff off their backs. We re-packed.

The officer in charge decided we could not catch up with the march and ordered us to go straight to the bivouac area, a distance much shorter than 20 miles. Who said mules were not intelligent?

Then I was assigned to mule school as a teacher. "Speed" Murphy (85-G, dec.) told me that 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Heminway was bothered because ski troop volunteers — kids fresh out of school and college — could not or did not swear. "I'll send them to learn how to pack a mule," he said, "and they will learn how to cuss." And so they did.

When we shipped out I believed that our mules were left behind, but a mule skinner told me that he had tended mules aboard the ship. When we docked, they were pastured near Naples, but were not sent to the front. The mule skinner was billeted in a small town on the Arno River for the remainder of the war.

At the foot of Mt Belvedere, I watched Italian mule skimmers lead their mules — smaller than American mules — carrying the dead off the mountain. The last mule I saw in Italy brought supplies to G-Company at Tora, near Mount della Spe. It was a big American mule led by an American GI. Go figure!

Tom Brooks (85-G)  
Brooklyn, NY

### To the Editor:

Yesterday, we happily found out that Callie, our oldest daughter, had received the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation scholarship for the 2010/2011 school year. This \$5,000 scholarship is so wonderful in many ways. The funds are a great help as Callie works toward her degree at the University of Missouri where Dad Clairl C. Wayman (87-L, dec.) also graduated after the War.

Our girls, Callie and Whitney, were so blessed to know Dad so well and be wrapped around with his unconditional love, since he and my Mom were there to support them at home and at every special event in their lives from birth to ball games and everything in between. We are blessed to live only 12 miles away.

Callie had Dad in her life for 18 years and continues to be blessed and influenced by the way he lived. How he survived WWII with not only sanity, but also with an optimistic outlook on life, is such a testimony and undoubtedly reflects the blessing of what the Tenth Mountain Division is all about. His sayings such as "Do the best you can with the situation at hand," and "Things always work out for the best" continue to be such words of strength to our family. Dad always said he was the luckiest man alive.

Callie, Whitney and I are honored to be able to be members of the 10th Mountain Descendants, and have been blessed to have met so many of the 10th Men that Dad served with. Callie being awarded the Foundation scholarship is truly an immense honor. As Dad said to Callie a thousand times, and I'm sure he is saying from above, "That's my girl!"

Sincerely,  
Jill Wayman Lockhart

### To the Editor:

My father, Robert Ferdinand Hillenbrand, passed away on July 24, 2009, at the age of 84 (see "Taps" this issue). He enlisted in the Army on July 23, 1943, right out of high school at 18. After basic training, he joined the 10th Mountain Division at Camp Hale in Colorado at the end of 1943. He served as a Technician 5th Class with the 605th Field Artillery Battalion and engaged in combat operations against the German Army in Italy; ironically, he was the son of German immigrants. He received the

Bronze Star for his actions near Gaggio Montano on March 4, 1945.

I asked my father once how he possibly got through the horrors of war. He told me by focusing on not making a mistake that would get his friends hurt, and having a sense of humor. That was so typical of my father. He kept his sense of humor to the very end of his life, and always thought of others before himself. He was the world's best father, and a man of incredible integrity, empathy, intelligence and compassion.

I also asked him what he did to be awarded the Bronze Star. With his usual humility, he brushed away my comment about him doing something brave by stating, "Oh, they gave a lot of those out." That is about as much that he would tell me about the war, except for saving his oranges for the Italian children and that he really didn't care for mules.

One of my fondest memories was when we visited the Artillery Museum in Newport, R.I. There he especially found amusing the quote of Frederick II of Prussia, "Artillery adds dignity to what would otherwise be a vulgar brawl."

Every time I see a 10th Mountain insignia, I think of my father. He was very proud and loyal when speaking about it, and now it is very special to me too. If any of you knew my father, I would love to hear from you. Thank you all, 10th Mountain, for your service. You had the best man I ever met serve with you.

With Extreme Gratitude and Great Respect,  
Ashleyann Hillenbrand Carlson

## SLOVENIA PLANS MEMORIAL GREAT SKI RACE ON MOUNT MANGART

Like the sound of skiing in Slovenia in June? Tenth Veterans and Descendants have been invited to participate in a memorial ski race at Mt. Mangart. The event will commemorate a post-WWII race when members of the Division were sent to that country.

The Great Ski Race at Mount Mangart on June 3, 1945, is described in "Mission Udine," by 10<sup>th</sup> historian John Imbrie:

"Some 500 Mountaineers clambered the last steep half mile over great rocks and turf that glistened with melted snow to watch a stunning slalom race down Mt. Mangart's 'Laundry Shoot.' "It started at the rim of a large bowl," according to Jay Larmon, "and funneled in to a narrow entrance to a steep slope with one control gate, and then out onto a broad snowfield." SGT Walter Prager (87-HQ-3) swept through the gates to pull up first out of 24 contestants at 1:05.2."

Planning efforts are being headed by BG (Ret.) Janez Kavar, who attended the National Reunion at Ft. Drum this past summer. "We had a meeting with the Mayor of Bovec, Daniel Krivec," he writes. "He is as well a member of the Slovenia Parliament. He supported our plans" so we "have a basis now and all preparations have already started."

Friday, June 3, will feature WWII U.S.

### CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN SOLDIERS MEETS IN 2011

The international side of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div Assn will be put into play at the 26th Congress of the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers (IFMS).

The event will take place Sept. 20-23, 2011, at Garmisch-Partenkirchen under the auspices of host Chapter, the German Assn of Mountain Soldiers. It is expected the U.S. Association will be represented.

Army Jeeps, soldiers in vintage uniforms, a Slovenian Army band and other entertainment. That will be followed by race day on Saturday, June 4, at Mt Mangart.

A U.S. team including 10<sup>th</sup> Descendants headed by president Val Rios (Desc 87-K) are being invited, along with other members of the International Federation of Military Soldiers (IFMS). The Americans will also be invited to visit places on both the Italy and Slovenia side where the 10<sup>th</sup> served, with a trip to the capitol of Ljubljana, barracks of the Slovenian Army Mountain Bn, and other features still in planning stages. For details, contact Val at #559.834.6230.

## BLIZZARD SCHEDULE 2011

Issue No.	Period covered	Articles Deadline
1	January - April	February 15
2	May - August	June 15
3	September - December	October 15

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# FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Gary Burton, President

Greetings from your Tenth Mountain Division Foundation Board of Directors. The 2010 annual Board meeting was held on June 30 in Watertown, NY, in concert with the National 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div Assn Reunion. The following is a summary:

Assets total \$2.281 million as of May 31, 2010. As of the end of July, 2010, assets increased to approximately \$2.309 million. Through our financial manager's diligent work, following guidelines set by the Foundation Board, and generous donations the Foundation has nearly recovered from the financial downturn of the last few years. The past two years have been slim with regard to funds available for special projects. For 2011, there is \$13-14,000 for discretionary funding. We hope with continued recovery, more grant dollars will be available to fund good works.

The Board's Governance Committee nominated three candidates for new Directors, based on the need for specific skill sets identified during a Board "skills and needs" survey. Top three needs were expertise in legal affairs, public relations and executive direction. Candidates approved were Tom Hames, reinstated as Chairman and to fill the legal need, Abbie Kealy, public relations, and Bjorn Dahl,

executive director, and public relations with U.S. Forest Service. Bjorn is active immediately. Abbie becomes active at the 2011 meeting. Tom will perform his Chair duties in a limited capacity until 2011, then take on full responsibilities.

The Foundation has received several requests to facilitate on-line donations. The Finance Committee has identified several possibilities and will continue to investigate others. We hope to have this capability in 2011.

Details and application materials for the new Scholarship Program are provided on the Foundation's webpage (link under the National Association's website). For the 2010-11 school year there are 11 continuing scholars under the old program (\$11,000 obligation). As those students complete their 4 years of eligibility, the new program will be integrated in affordable increments. This year one new scholarship (\$5,000) was awarded to Callie Lockhart, granddaughter of Clairl Wayman (87-L), a Junior attending the University of Missouri at Columbia, majoring in Anthropology with a minor in Business. The Foundation intends to award two new, need-based scholarships for the 2011-12 school year to qualifying direct or legally adopted descendants of

WWII 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div veterans.

The Special Projects Committee recommended and Board approved funding for three grant applications:

- \$10,000 for Wounded Warrior Winter and Mountain Sports Disabled Veteran Clinics. This is a "core" project that receives annual funding at some level depending on available funds.

- \$5,000 to support endowment funding for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div (LI) Scholarship Fund.

- \$2,000 to aid the Methow Valley Nordic Ski Educational Foundation in Winthrop, WA, to purchase two Biathlon rifles for student use, sponsored and co-funded by the Mt. Rainier Chapter.

The Governance Committee recommended and Board approved adoption of a Foundation Code of Ethics for Board Directors. The ethics policy provides guidance to active Directors and is a tax-related compliance requirement of 501(c)(3) organizations.

The Communications Committee has revised and updated the existing Foundation webpage to reflect current information and status, and created a Google Groups web-based work site to facilitate electronic, Board of Directors only, information exchange. Committee chair Pat Thornton also composed an article explaining the differences between the three 10<sup>th</sup> organizations ("Descendants Blizzard" Edition #2, 2010).

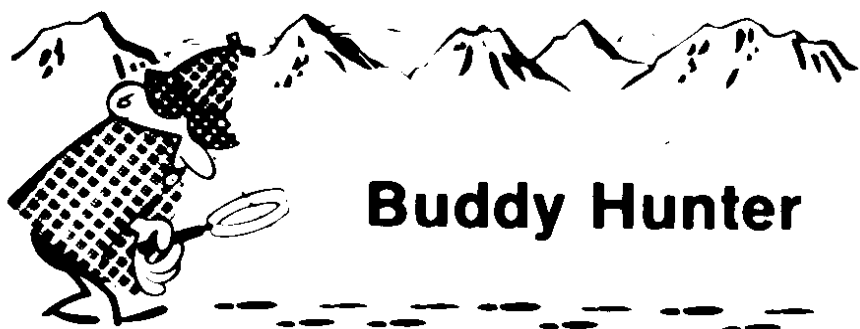
The Board passed the final 2011 budget with an approved invasion of corpus of \$4,000. Budgeted income is approximately \$78,000 with approved expendi-

tures of approximately \$82,000 (over-expenditure from amounts for special projects above).

The Governance Committee will be looking for a Director to fill the Secretary officer position. Jen Neville resigns as Secretary at the 2011 meeting, but will remain an active Director and be available to help train her successor. The Secretary attends the annual meeting and periodic Executive Committee conference calls, records and finalizes minutes, identifies and tracks tasks, and schedules Foundation events, as well as participating as an active, voting Director. We are looking for a dedicated individual with computer and communication skills. Volunteers and nominations can be forwarded to Gary Burton and Frankie Barr at the Foundation address or email [admin@10thmdf.org](mailto:admin@10thmdf.org).

For a copy of the minutes or budget, please contact Administrative Director Frankie Barr by phone, letter or email at the Foundation office. The next meeting will be held the third week of July, 2011; the offices in Denver will be the likely location.

Please remember "Your Foundation is Forever," and every little bit helps. When you can, give generously, consider establishing a bequest to the general Foundation Fund, and think about donating your WWII papers, memorabilia and equipment to the Resource Center ([www.10thmtndivassoc.org/resource](http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org/resource)). In addition to donations, the three organizations need your active participation to remain strong.



## Buddy Hunter

My sister and cousin are trying to locate anyone who might have known our Uncle, Lewis Francis Garrison, when he was serving in 86-B, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div, in Italy.

He was the brother of our fathers, and we are his closest surviving relatives. We know very little about him. When he was 20 years old he joined the Army and was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps at Empoli, Italy. On Mar. 12, 1945, he was assigned to Co. B as a replacement. He was killed in action on April 16, 1945.

He was an excellent artist and had several pictures strapped around his mid-section when he was killed. They all have three shrapnel holes through them. If you could provide any information about him, we would be very grateful.

Millicent Garrison McNearney  
1907 Paw Paw Pl, Trinity, FL 34655

Email [thomasmcnearney@aol.com](mailto:thomasmcnearney@aol.com); tel. #727.372.7213

(Ed. Note: In efforts to learn more, the writer has already been in touch with Archivist Dennis Hagen in Denver, and Co. B members and spouses. She has heard from Leo Earhart in South Dakota, who knew her Uncle briefly and was with him when he was killed, and from Alice Eastman (W 86-B, D) in Seattle, and looks forward to learning more as a result of this query.

Tech-4 Garrison had submitted some of his work to the original "Blizzard," and the family has letters of response from then-editor Dick Shea. He writes that "We didn't use them because of space limitations ...but "We'd like to see more of your stuff and get a chance to talk to you." In a P.S. Shea adds, "Keep your eyes open for mule cartoons." It may have been that suggestion that Garrison was working on when he was killed, since it is the subject of one of the cartoons found on him and returned to his family - See Page 16.)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Date	Chapter	Event/Location
Dec. 4, 2010	Southern California	Christmas party, El Adobe Restaurant, San Juan, Capistrano
Dec. 14	Northwest	Luncheon, Elk's Lodge, Millwackie, OR
Jan. 6, 2011	Ft. Drum	Chapter meeting, bowling alley, Ft. Drum
Jan 29	Northwest	Luncheon, Elk's Lodge, Millwackie, OR, 11:45 a.m.
Feb. 3	Ft. Drum	Chapter meeting, bowling alley, Ft. Drum
Feb. 9	Arizona	Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Scottsdale, AZ, 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 15-20	Rocky Mountain	Ski-In, Colorado
Feb. 18-20	Armadillo	Reunion, San Antonio, TX
March 5	EXCOM	Semi-Annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Apr. 30	Northwest	Pick 'n' Plant, U.S. 26, 9 a.m.
May 12	North Central	Reunion, Blackwoods Restaurant
June 3-4	IFMS	Mt. Mangart Ski Race, Slovenia
June 23	Midwest	Reunion, Paladine, IL
Sept. 20-23	IFMS	26th Congress, Garmisch - Partenkirchen, Germany



**Barnhart, James A.** (87-B), 84, July 17, 2010, Riderwood, MD. He is survived by his wife Eleanor, a son, a daughter, 4 grandchildren, and predeceased by a son. He established a private physical therapy practice in Towson, and was chief of the physical therapy department of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center and on the faculty of the U. of MD. He enjoyed skiing, tennis, hiking and sailing, and was active in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

**Bartlett, Leo Carlton** (87-H), 88, August 24, 2010, Morrisville, VT. He was predeceased by his wife Ila and son Gregory. He was a highly skilled carpenter and stone mason, and his works can still be seen around the Stowe area. He ran both a gentleman's farm and a successful dairy operation before moving into partnership in the Curtis and Bedell construction company. A volunteer on the Mt. Mansfield Ski Patrol, he was an avid outdoorsman, sports fan, reader, and card player. Much of his gear is on display at the Vermont Ski Museum.

**Blanusa, Daniel** (86-HQ-3), 87, September 21, 2010, Puyallup, WA. He is survived by his son, 2 grandchildren and 2 brothers. He was wounded in Italy, losing his right leg. He opened Pacific Avenue Motors in Tacoma, WA, in 1956, and went to work at his car lot six days a week for 54 years. He loved working with the public, and was legendary in the car business. Dan enjoyed his corncob pipe, fishing, camping trips and being with family.

**Brown, Herbert C.** (87-E), 88, May 3, 2010, Seekonk, MA. He is survived by his wife Betty-Ann, 3 sons, a daughter, 2 stepdaughters, 10 grand- and 14 great-grandchildren. He had a 38-year career in the New England Telephone, Co., now Verizon. He was an accomplished tenor soloist in many area churches and sang in his church choir for many years. He was also on the board of health in his town.

**Byers, Richard S.**, 90, September 29, 2010, West Grove, PA. He is survived by a daughter, 2 sons, 5 grand- and 2 great-grandchildren, and predeceased by his wife Kitty (Perry). He taught and was a principal in several schools, retiring as Superintendent in the Rockville Centre

Union Free District. He was active in Kiwanis, Community Church of Great Neck, United Church of Rockville Centre, Boy Scouts of America and other groups, an avid vintage clock collector and craftsman, and enjoyed fishing, travel and family.

**Cook, Gerard L.** (87-E), 85, September 26, 2010. He is survived by his wife Marjorie, 2 daughters, a son and 5 grandchildren. He was active in the Sierra Nevada Chapter, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div Assn.

**Coop, Robert K. "Bob"** (87-B), 87, Sept. 22, 2010, Laurel, MT. He is survived by his wife Eleanor (Greening), 2 daughters, 4 grand- and 6 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He worked for the Billings Fire Department, then built a house in Joliet which was the scene of many family gatherings and featured his garden. He was active in Laurel Baptist Church and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn. Div. Assn.

**Damiani, Arthur E.** (87-E) 84, July, 2010, Farmington Hills, MI. He is survived by 3 sons, a daughter and many grandchildren. He was interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

**DePodwin, Horace John** (85-HQ-2), 87, October 5, 2010, Maplewood, NJ. He is survived by his wife Carolyn (Ohlander), 2 sons, a daughter & 6 grandchildren. He was manager, economic research, GE Corp, consultant to President John F. Kennedy on General Agreement on Tariffs & Trade, president of his economic studies firm and dean & provost, Rutgers University Graduate School of Management. A member of several boards of directors and New Jersey task forces and author of many publications, he also enjoyed skiing and craftsmanship.

**Donnelly, Howard C.** (87-L), 90, March 9, 2010, Edina, MN. He is survived by 2 daughters, 6 grand- and 12 great-grandchildren. He received a degree in hotel management from Cornell University, and was awarded the 1947 Schlitz Scholarship to the Swiss Hotel School in Lausanne. He spent many years managing hotels in Hawaii, was executive vice president and general manager of the Ilikai

Hotel, then formed his own restaurant company, International Innkeepers Inc., which opened the *Top of the I*. Howard knew every VIP who came to the hotel, but he also knew every maid, every front desk clerk and their families. He inspired great fidelity among those who worked for him, because he had done most of their jobs on his way up through the ranks.

**Earle, George F.** (87-HQ), 97, New Bedford, MA. He painted numerous scenes during operations of the 10<sup>th</sup> in Kiska, Italy. He coached skiing at Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, and taught architecture, art design and art history, and wrote extensively about the 10<sup>th</sup> and his field of expertise.

**Feely, James P.** (85-HQ-3) 95, June 13, 2010, Morris, IL. He is survived by his wife Marion, 2 daughters, 3 step-daughters, 3 grand, 7 step-grand-children, 6 great-grand and 10 step great-grandchildren. He had a career as a manager at Mars Candy Co. He enjoyed playing golf and traveling.

**Feltmeyer, Russell V.** (10-A-B), 85, June, 2010, Gaines Township, MI. He is survived by his wife Sybil, many step-children and grandchildren.

**Fisk, Eugene N.** (85-M), 88, October 25, 2010, Aurora, CO. He is survived by 2 daughters, a son, 4 grand- and 4 great-grandchildren, and predeceased by his wife Donna. After recommissioning in 1950, he served a total of 32 years active service, with additional combat assignments in Korea and Vietnam, and family-accompanied tours in 3 countries and 7 states, retiring as a Colonel, after which he sold real estate and managed rental units in the Denver area. The couple traveled extensively, and he enjoyed all outdoor activities, fishing, hunting, tennis, and golf, and taught his family to ski and love the outdoors.

**Gallant, Edgar** (85-E), June 23, 2010, Spencer, MA. He is survived by his wife Peggy, 4 sons, a daughter, 8 grand- and 8 great-grandchildren. He was employed as a lineman with the New England electric system for 34 years. He boxed at Camp Hale in the 10th and became division lightweight champion, receiving golden gloves title in Texas. In New England he continued boxing with a record of 28-5-1, as well as playing semi-pro football.

**Harris, SFC Todd M.** (1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 87<sup>th</sup> Inf Rgt, 1<sup>st</sup> BCT), 37, November 3, 2010, Badghis province, Afghanistan. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, mother & stepfather Edward Adams. A native of Tucson, AZ, he joined the Army in 1998, and had served at Ft Campbell, KY, Ft Bragg, NC, and already deployed twice to Iraq, to Suriname and to

Afghanistan. He was an indirect fire infantryman, and died from wounds sustained in a small arms attack.. Harris was a standout football player for Sahuaro HS, and was remembered for helping people and always having a smile.

**Harton, Cpl Joshua A.** 3d Bn, 6<sup>th</sup> Fld Arty, 1<sup>st</sup> BCT), 23, September 18, 2010, Kartar Khan, Afghanistan. A native of Bethlehem, PA, he is survived by his mother Ruth, father & sister. He joined the Army in 2007, served in Iraq, and deployed with 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team (BCT) as a cannon crewmember last April. He died as the result of wounds sustained in an ambush. He is remembered for his dry wit, was loyal and protective to friends, and had planned to go into law enforcement.

**Hillenbrand, Robert Ferdinand** (605-HQ), 84, July 24, 2009, Naperville, IL. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth (Jacobson), & a daughter. The couple were both teachers, and active in North Central Alumni and Community United Methodist Church.

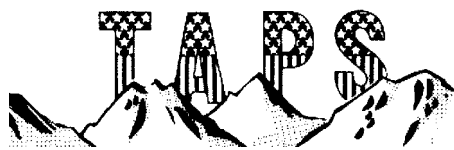
**Holeywell, Arnold Clark** (86-HQ), 87, September 9, 2010, Warrenton, VA. He is survived by his wife Lois, 2 sons and a daughter. He was Art Director of Time, Life Book series and Creative Director of Western Publishing Co. He did work for Field and Stream Magazine and the National Geographic. He made maps for John S.D. Eisenhower's book, "*So Far From God.*" Among many other works he was commissioned to do a pictorial battle map of the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion.

**Igleheart, William**, 89, October 23, 2010, Lebanon, NH. He is survived by 4 daughters, 12 grand- and 2 great-grandchildren, and predeceased by his wife Julia (Hackman). As a reservist he was called back for the Korean conflict, then continued his career at New York Life in New Jersey, moved to Chicago as a vice president at Chicago Title & Trust, returning to Connecticut for a position with Aetna Life & Casualty. The family enjoyed summer vacations in Vermont where he could indulge his love of the outdoors and sports, especially golf.

**Josephson, Raymond Carl** (87-H), 92, September 25, 2010, Farmington, CT. He is survived by his wife Eleanor "Korki" (Strom), 2 daughters, nieces and nephews. He worked for the Connecticut Dept. of Transportation. The couple built their home, enjoyed many pets and birds, and he was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and Grace Congregational Church.

**Ketchledge, Edwin H.**, 85, June 30, 2010, Potsdam, NY. He is survived by his wife Jean (Bevington), 2 daughters, a son,

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a grandson and many nieces and nephews. Dr. Ketchledge taught undergraduate courses at State University of NY (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY, recognized with the Distinguished Teaching Professor designation and a Lifetime Achievement Award, and served as director, Cranberry Lake Biological Station. He was active in many professional and civic organizations and enjoyed numerous outdoor activities.

**Kirspel, Sgt Michael D. Jr.** (3d Bn, 6<sup>th</sup> Fld Arty, 1<sup>st</sup> BCT), 23, October 27, 2010, Khwaja Kinti, Afghanistan. He is survived by his mother Dawn, father Michael Sr. & 2 brothers. He was a cannon crew member and died from wounds sustained in an IED attack. A native of Stanhope, NJ, he joined the Army in 2006, served at Ft Campbell, KY, and had served in Iraq twice before deploying again last spring. He loved fishing, hunting and camping, and had been looking forward to a cross country motorcycle trip.

**Moore, Calvin L.** (605-A), 87, June 10, 2010, Northville, MI. He is survived by his wife Gwen and 3 sons. The couple hosted a 10th reunion at the Grand Hotel, Mackinaw Island, MI.

**Newton, Carl F.** (86-C)), 85, July 20, 2010, Chenango Bridge, NY. He is survived by his wife Marge. He was athletic director at Chenango Valley HS, and was first physical education teacher, coaching the first track, football and skiing teams, and was recognized by the district with a Distinguished Service Award.

**Owen, Charles James "Jim" Jr.** (85-HQ-2, E), 84, September 16, 2010, Wayland, MA. He is survived by his wife Janet W., 2 sons, a daughter & 4 granddaughters. He served as chief engineer and senior partner for The Architects Collaborative. He founded the Wayland Ski Club, which taught many people to ski at Mainstone Farm, and was a member of the USSA, USEASA and National Ski Patrol and was instrumental with the Wayland High School Ski Team. The couple were members of the Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue League, Presbyterian Church in Sudbury, Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

**Paranzino, SGT Michael F.** (1st Sqdn, 71st Cav Rgt, 1st BCT), 22, November 5, 2010, Kandahar, Afghanistan. He is survived by his wife Lindsey, 2 sons, and parents Melane and Francis of Middletown, RI. A cavalry scout, he had been home on leave two weeks before he

died of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an IED. He joined the Army in 2007 after exploring other career options, and had served in Iraq. "He took pride in the responsibility he had for the other guys," his father said. "When he made sergeant, I asked how it felt. And he said, 'Well, can you imagine being in charge of a bunch of crazy teenagers with guns?' So even at 22, he had that parental attitude."

**Perrault, Paul "Joe"** (126-D), 85, July 29, 2010, Ishpeming, WI. He is survived by his wife Barbara, 2 daughters, a son, 8 grand- and 6 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He worked for the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., retiring from the Empire Mine as assistant General Foreman. He was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame, and U.P. Sports Hall of Fame, and a member of the Ishpeming Knights of Columbus and Elks Club. He was a two-time Olympian ski jumper, in St. Moritz, Switzerland, and Oslo, Norway. He played the trumpet with several bands and was an avid golfer, bowler and outdoorsman.

**Peterson, Dean Frederick** (85-C) 85, August 19, 2010, Boulder, CO. He is survived by 2 daughters, a son, 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild, and predeceased by a month by his wife Radiance "Rae" (Erickson). Dean was a representative for Kroehler Furniture. In addition to skiing, free time was spent playing tennis, fishing, motorcycle riding, backpacking, traveling in their motor home, and family skiing trips and picnics.

**Raabe, Max Hartwell** (86-MED-HQ) 91, October 1, 2010, Denver, CO. He is survived by his wife Maryjane (Halter), a daughter, 2 sons – all active 10th Mtn Div Descendants – & 2 grandsons. He served as a dentist in Italy, then joined his father to practice dentistry in Denver for the remainder of his 60-year career, before retiring at age 85. He served on the Executive Committee of the Tenth Mountain Division Foundation, spearheading a Foundation program that gave inner city, underprivileged children the opportunity to learn to ski and experience the Rocky Mountains, often a life-changing experience for them. In 1969 he helped plan one of the early Return to Italy trips. He was also a civil rights activist in the 1960s and co-founder of an organization serving low-income older patients.

**Rodegard, Olaf** (87-C), 99, August 12, 2010, Nesbyen, Norway, where he was born in 1911. He is survived by his wife, Mari, and 2 daughters. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1929 to North Dakota, MN, then Portland, OR, where he worked in the timber industry and began a career as a ski instructor at Mt. Hood. An early member of the 87th at Ft. Lewis, WA, he

was recognized as an expert skier, and served as instructor at Ft. Lewis, Camp Hale and Camp McCoy, MI. He accompanied the 10th to Italy, but came down with a fever and spent several months in the hospital. He met Mari on a return trip to Norway and returned there in 1966.

**Sadell, SFC Charles M.** (1<sup>st</sup> Sqdn, 71<sup>st</sup> Cav Rgt, 1<sup>st</sup> BCT), 34, October 24, 2010, Bethesda, MD. He is survived by his wife Kristin Dawn (McMillan) & 2 sons of Weston, MO, his mother, grandparents, 2 sisters and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He had sustained wounds Oct. 5 in an improvised explosive device (IED) attack near Arif Kala, Afghanistan, was being treated at the National Naval Medical Center. An intelligence analyst, he deployed last spring. He joined the Army in 1995 and had served at 3 U.S. posts, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Kosovo and Iraq before Ft. Drum. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish, and enjoyed playing poker, and golfing.

**Sisneros, George S.** (604-FA), 92, October 13, 2010, Arabela, NM. He is survived by his wife Rosemary, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 10 grandsons, 9 grand-daughters and 12 great-grandchildren. He was a president of the board of directors of the Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative in Artesia, the board at Otero County Electric Co-operative in Cloudcroft, and the Roswell Evening Optimist Club. He was a member of New Mexico Wool Growers and a Knight of Columbus, chairman, Lincoln County Republican party and attended St. John's, Roswell.

**Smith, Gordon** (85-K), 85, August 5, 2010, Portland, OR. He is survived by 3 sons, 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; his wife Joyce died one day after his death. The couple were longtime residents of Colusa and had recently moved to the Portland area. She was an Army nurse for several years. They were members of Trinity United Methodist Church, Colusa VFW Post 2441 and supporters of CRMC Foundation.

**Springer, PFC Clinton E., II** (2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 22d Inf Rgt, 1<sup>st</sup> BCT), 24, September 24, 2010, Kabul, Afghanistan. He is survived by his mother Kathleen Lumsden and father Clinton, and one brother. A native of Sanford, ME, he joined the Army in early 2009, left in early 2010 on his first deployment. The cause of his death is under investigation. He enjoyed scuba diving, riding four-wheelers and other activities with his father and friends.

**Treuer, Allan J.** (87-C), 96, June 12, 2010, Seattle, WA. He is survived by a daughter, Christin, 2 grandchildren, longtime friend Barbara Blethen, and was predeceased by his wife Jean (Branchflower), wife Phyllis, and a son. His overseas serv-

ice included North Africa, Italy, Southern France invasion, and the Battle of the Bulge. He was owner of North Star Ice Equipment Company which supplies over 100 states and countries. He and his family were generous donors to Children's Hospital, University of Washington Medical School. He also made major gifts to the University School of Urban Horticulture and its Library's Northwest Collection.

**Tulley, Raymond D.**, 87, July 17, 2010, Methuen, NJ. He is survived by his wife Anna (Manzi), 10 sons, 3 daughters, 29 grand- and 2 great-grandchildren & many nieces & nephews. He was an attorney and worked for the Manzi Electrical Corporation. He was an avid reader of literature and history and loved working in his yard and home.

**Wesson, George Frye Jr.**, 89, September 6, 2010, Rutland, VT. He is survived by 4 daughters, a son, 7 grand- and 3 great-grandchildren, and predeceased by his wife Nancy (Raymond). He was engineering supervisor for building and construction at Killington Ski Resort, first Ski Patrol director and a ski patrol director at Mount Mansfield, Sugarbush Resort and Thunder Mountain. He belonged to the National Ski Patrol System, served as Northern Vermont Region director, was a founder of the Professional Ski Patrollers Assn. He contributed to the New England Ski Museum and the Vermont Ski Museum. He was active in Boy Scouting, a Mason and past master of the Stowe F&AM Lodge, trustee of Stowe Community Church, and member, Grace Congregational, United Church of Christ.

**Whipple, SPC Blake D.** (693d Engr Co, 7<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn, 10<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Bde), 21, November 5, 2010, Ghazni province, Afghanistan. He is survived by his mother Kimberly, father David and 2 older brothers. A native of Williamsville, NY, he was a combat engineer and died in an IED attack. He enjoyed playing baseball, football, hockey and video games, and loved rock music; he attended area colleges before joining the Army, and deployed last May; he had a two-week leave at home in September. "We knew Blake had a very dangerous job," his father said. "He always kind of downplayed the danger, probably because he didn't want us to worry ... We are very proud of our son."

**Woodworth, William A. "Bill"** (87-HQ-1), 85, May 31, 2010, Rensselaer, IN. Survivors include one son, 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren. He worked in the insurance business over 30 years and was an auctioneer and state representative. He was a stained glass artist and made all windows at the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer, and had served as president of the 10<sup>th</sup> Assn Midwest Chapter.



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A **FOLDED**, yellowed piece of copy paper with a depiction of a 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain soldier is the inheritance of the family of Tech-4 Lewis Francis Garrison. Sketched in pencil, the trooper—laden with ammo, K-rats and his own gear (today's overloaded soldiers can sympathize)—is slogging through mud puddles up a mountain in Italy. Referring to the Division's famous mules, none of which is in sight to help out, he lets out a cry of disgust, but keeps going. The sketch was found strapped around Garrison's waist. Three holes in the paper mark the artillery shrapnel that hit him, including one right through the soldier's helmet. To learn more, see "Bud-Hunter," Page 13.

**PERSONAL COMMUNICATION** has always been important to soldiers on the battlefield. In World War II that generally meant heavily-censored letters that took days, if not weeks, to reach their destination. Today's men and women of the 10<sup>th</sup> have a number of much faster, more personal means of staying in touch with home. Advances in electronics mean face-to-face conversations via Skype on computers, cell phones, and the several social networking sites. For SGT Michael D. Kirspel Jr., right, it was Myspace.com that helped him reach out from the battlefields of Afghanistan to family and friends. When he was killed, his father Michael Sr. turned to his own Facebook site to post a tribute to his son.



Facebook was also one of the sites of choice for SFC Todd M. Harris, below, whose 482 "friends" read about his work, off-duty activities, and the death in October of medic Calvin Harrison. On November 1<sup>st</sup> Todd wrote, "Ran a 42.1 K marathon on Thursday, even worse it is on a treadmill. Not too many places to run around Afghanistan without your kit on. At least I get a cool t-shirt out of it." Three days later a friend wrote, "I wish you were running this marathon today."

Harris was killed November 3d; Kirspel had died a week before (see TAPS). It's a new age, a new warfare, but the soldiers of the 10<sup>th</sup> keep on giving...



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