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Summer 2021 Presidents Letter

Greetings Fellow Descendants and Friends,

I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying family and friends this summer. Some of our descendant chapters are starting to have events:

- My local Rocky Mountain chapter is hosting their first event in over a year with a picnic in my back yard, August 14th. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again!
- Joe Cianchetti, Director of the Upstate New York chapter, hosted a luncheon on June 19th. Retired Professor Dan Clayton gave a talk on WWII from the perspective of the GI. Harold McAfee 85-L, 86-A and Albert Soria 87-L were among those in attendance!
- The Armadillo chapter is hosting a mini reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 22-24th. Karen LaNoue has some fun things planned and hopefully there will be a few Vets in attendance. Contact Karen for more info at 501-472-4588 or at <u>karencase0303@gmail.com</u>.
- On April 27th, many of you were on the zoom event, "Who Has 10th Information and Where?" put on by the Rocky Mountain chapter in conjunction with the 10th Mountain Division Resource Center. Once again, it was well attended and received. It's incredible to see such great participation from our 10th Mountain Descendants members for these events.

It is our goal to put on more events like these. If you have ideas, let us know or feel free to put one together in your chapter. We can help get the word out.

For those of you who are not sure who to donate your 10th Mountain Veterans memorabilia to, I hope you will consider the 10th Mountain Division Resource Center or other museums. I have attached a comprehensive Donation Guide put together by Keli Schmid of the Resource Center. So, no matter where you live there are any number of places to donate your photos, letters, and other artifacts. *We* cannot preserve them the way the library and museums can. Unfortunately, we cannot be sure that our descendants will hold them as dear as we do and may never make them a part of history. So, please, if you haven't already, consider sitting down and going through your Vet's 10th Mountain items and donate now!

New Italy trip dates:Pre-trip to Normandy:May 31 – June 04, 2022Main trip:June 04 – June 19, 2022Florence and Hill TownsJune 04 – June 13, 2022We are following the same trip plan as in 2020. Details coming out in the Fall

 Don't forget to check out our sister organizations websites to see what's going on with them:

 10thmtndivassoc.org

 10thmountainfoundation.org

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or ideas for your descendant's organization. I love hearing from you! Your Voice Matters and your membership makes a difference!

Always Forward! Denies Taul Denise Taylor President



10th Mountain Division Donation Guide

This donation guide was created to raise awareness about 10th-Mountain-Division-related museums and organizations and to help families and veterans determine where to donate 10th Mountain Division items.

The 10th Mountain Division Resource Center – now overseen by the 10th Mountain Division Foundation – originated in 1987 when the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division designated Denver Public Library and History Colorado as joint repositories of historical materials from the 10th Mountain Division in World War II. Denver Public Library is the first designated destination for letters, photos, maps, movies, artwork, diaries, journals, manuals, books or booklets (any two-dimensional item of graphic, photographic or written nature). History Colorado is the first designated destination for artifacts including uniforms, skiing and climbing gear, weaponry, camping, and other types of equipment. However, there is no shortage of 10th items out there that are outside the Resource Center's scope and mission. While it is safest to first ask the 10th Mountain Division Resource Center if they're interested in an item, please feel free to pursue options listed here if they are not.

If you have many items, it is helpful to make an itemized list of everything. With photographs, it is useful if the person donating them could provide dates and especially identification of any of the people in the photographs. We often get Camp Hale photos and simply have to guess that they are either 1943 or 1944, for example.

For more information, contact Keli Schmid (720-865-1812, kschmid@denverlibrary.org)

10th Mountain Division Resource Center

Denver Public Library

Type of items desired: letters, photos, maps, home movies, artwork, diaries, journals, manuals, books or booklets. Additional Guidelines: we prefer original materials rather than copies if at all possible (exceptions being discharge papers and military orders.) Book collections or other published materials can be accepted if they are significant for use in the reference collection. If we already have copies, books will be returned to the donors or placed in our annual book sale.

Contact: Keli Schmid Shipping Address: 10 W. 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, CO 80204-2731 Phone: 720-865-1812 Email: kschmid@denverlibrary.org Website: <u>history.denverlibrary.org/research/10th-mountain-division</u>

History Colorado

Type of items desired: History Colorado is home to a large collection of 10th Mountain Division artifacts including uniforms, skiing and climbing gear, weaponry, camping and other types of equipment, military patches,

commemorative memorabilia, and even an M29 "weasel" military vehicle. The collection is accessible online at <u>www.h-co.org/collections</u>. If a donation would duplicate existing objects in our collection, we can make recommendations for other institutions in need of original artifacts.

Contact: Chris Juergens Shipping Address: 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-866-3634 Email: chris.juergens@state.co.us Website: www.historycolorado.org

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HISTORY COLORADO



Additional Institutions (alphabetical order)

10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum

Type of items desired: WW2 and modern era items with direct connection to known 10th Mountain Division Soldiers. Includes physical artifacts, archival (paperwork) and photographs. We regret that we are not able to accept every donation as we must approve donations through the U.S. Army prior to final acceptance but we are always interested in learning more about 10th Mountain Division entities and the term of the term of the term.

Division artifacts and can make recommendations if we are not the right home for your item.

Contact: Sepp Scanlin, Museum Director; Kent Bolke, Museum Coordinator Shipping Address: Heritage Center, Bldg 10502, South Riva Ridge Loop, Fort Drum, NY 13602 Phone: Sepp Scanlin 315-774-0391; Kent Bolke (315) 774-0253 Email: joseph.e.scanlin2.civ@mail.mil; kent.a.bolke.civ@mail.mil Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday, closed Sundays and Federal Holidays Website: www.facebook.com/FortDrumMuseum Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FortDrumMuseum FLICKR: https://flickr.com/photos/climbtoglory/ Official Fort Drum page: https://home.army.mil/drum/index.php/about/10th-mountain-divisionfort-drum-museum

Broomfield Veterans Museum

Type of items desired: Colorado-related 10th Mountain Uniforms, Weapons, Documents & Equipment.

Contact: Elizabeth Boudoin, Curator Shipping Address: 12 Garden Center, Broomfield, CO 80020 Phone: (303) 460-6801 Email: curator@broomfieldveterans.org Website: www.broomfieldveterans.org

Colorado Snowsports Museum and Hall of Fame Type of items desired: Colorado-related 10th items.

Contact: Jennifer Mason; Dana Mathios Shipping Address: 231 S. Frontage Rd East, Vail, CO 81657 Phone: 970-476-1876 Email: museum@snowsportsmuseum.org Website: www.snowsportsmuseum.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/ColoradoSnowsportsMuseum Instagram: www.instagram.com/coloradosnowsportsmuseum/ Twitter: twitter.com/COSnowsportsMus

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Iola di Montese (Modena) Italy

Type of items desired: letters, maps, <u>diaries</u>, journals, manuals, personal items (please specify whether permission is granted to translate and publish diary excerpts on the museum website).

Contact: Andrea Gandolfi Shipping Address: Via Anna Frank n°3 40135 Bologna (Italy) Phone (in Italy): +39 347 6307355 Email: gandolfi.andrea@sulleormedeinostripadri.it Website: www.sulleormedeinostripadri.it

New England Ski Museum

Type of items desired: New Hampshire or East Coast-related 10th items.

Contact: Jeff Leich Shipping Address: P.O. Box 267, Franconia, NH 03580 Phone Number: 800-639-4181 Email: staff@skimuseum.org Website: www.skimuseum.org

Roberts Armory WWII Museum

(A division of Tenth Mountain Division Living History Group) Type of items desired: 10th related gear, clothing, finds, treasures, vehicles, and artillery.

Contact: Chuck Roberts Shipping Address: 2090 Brush Grove Road, Rochelle, Illinois 61068 Phone: 815-561-4451 Email: ccr@robertsarmory.com or ccr@robertsski.com Website: www.robertsarmory.com

Tenth Mountain Division Living History Display Group, Inc. Type of items desired: All 10th Mountain - Uniforms, Weapons, Documents & Equipment

Contact: David Little Shipping Address: 1198 Thornbury Place, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129 Phone: 303-263-6785 Email: tentha86@gmail.com Website: <u>www.tenthmountain.org</u>

For more information, contact Keli Schmid (720-865-1812, kschmid@denverlibrary.org)









Vermont Ski Museum Type of items desired: Vermont or East Coast-related 10th items.



Contact: Meredith Scott Shipping Address: P.O. Box 1511, Stowe VT 05672-1511 Phone: 802-253-9911 Email: info@vermontskimuseum.org Website: <u>www.vtssm.com</u>

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