



1st QUARTER
APRIL 2021



10th MOUNTAIN DIVISION FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the 10th Mountain Division Foundation is to honor and perpetuate the legacy of the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division past, present, and future by doing good works that exemplify the ideals by which they lived.

**SUPPORT YOUR FOREVER
FOUNDATION**

Donate online at

10thMountainFoundation.org

Foundation Board of Directors

Officers

Chairman: Trux Dole
President: Nancy Kramer
Executive VP: Steve Coffey
Treasurer: Joy Ellison

Directors

Jack Breeding
Bjorn Dahl
Robbi Farrow
Maj. Gen. Ret. Galen Jackman
David Little: Historian
Maj. Rich Piltingsrud
Paul Vertrees
Lt. Col. Ret. Joseph "Sepp" Scanlin
Sgt. Maj. Ret. Jim Redmore:
*President, National Association
of 10th Mountain Division*
Denise Taylor: *President,
Descendants Association*

The State of Your Foundation Forever

It gives me great pleasure to share with you that the state of Your Foundation Forever is strong! Even under the cloud of a pandemic, our grant, donation and special gift income doubled in 2020. Thank you to all of our 10th family and friends for your generous support of our Good Works! Your Foundation Forever is now fortunate to enter 2021 in a secure financial position. This is particularly important to our program teams and partners as many are recovering from negative program and financial impacts of COVID.

An example of our resiliency is demonstrated through the Good Works of our scholarship team led by Robbi Farrow. Diligent in their work, the team has just completed a thorough update of our annual scholarship offerings and improved access for applicants. Go to our [website](#) for more information and learn more about the Charles A. and Loyola M. Murphy Scholarship for 10th Mountain Division Military History on page two of this issue.



Foundation President Nancy Kramer and her husband Lynn displaying her father William "Rope-Sole" Robertson's 87-G field medic flag at the monument on top of Mt. Belvedere c.2009

Further good news is the exciting addition of the "Good Works" newsletter to our marketing tool kit. Amy Dougherty, our talented Administrative Director, led the development of this new dynamic newsletter featuring special 10th stories while sharing our ever growing educational, outdoor experience and 10th Mountain Division branded product offerings. Amy – thank you!

Check out the inaugural issue of our "Good Works" Feb. 2021 [newsletter](#) on our website. Then [sign up](#) to receive future issues. Share the newsletter with others who may be interested in learning more about Your Foundation Forever!

As the first quarter of 2021 comes to an end, many of us can see more "light at the end of the COVID tunnel." I remain hopeful, yet understand there will be lingering signs of the pandemic over the next months. One of these lingering signs will be our second year to present the 10th Mountain Division's Annual Memorial Day celebration in a virtual format. Look for information on this virtual ceremony in the upcoming Good Works newsletter May 1.

Sempre Avanti,

Nancy Kramer, President

Spotlight: Jonathan Carroll, 2020 Charles A. and Loyola M. Murphy Scholarship Recipient

Jonathan Carroll is a PhD candidate and Dr. David L. Chapman Research Fellow at Texas A&M University. Originally from County Kildare and a former



Jonathan Carroll

officer in the Irish Army, Jonathan now fondly refers to himself as an Irish Texan.

In his letter of support for Jonathan's application, Texas A&M Professor of History Brian McAllister praised Jonathan's important research on the 10th Mountain Division's role in the controversial Somalia Intervention. McAllister will supervise Jonathan's dissertation "God's Work in Hell: Intervening in Somali, 1992-1995; the first multinational, multi-archival study of the Somalia military interventions."

"My research objective is to produce an operational exploration of the *complete* Somalian intervention. This broad-based study may resituate the debate as to the utility of military interventions in instances of civil collapse," Jonathan said.

The Gift of Education

The Tenth Mountain Division Foundation, Inc. was originally founded in 1958 under the name 10th Mountain Division War Memorial Foundation, Inc. by a group of dedicated veterans. Their mission was to raise funds to erect a monument in honor of their brother soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives during WWII conflicts.



Charles A. and Loyola M. Murphy

The stunning result of the first Foundation Directors' efforts is the monument at the top of Tennessee Pass on Highway 24 in Colorado. For over 60 years the monument and surrounding grounds have become a special place for 10th Mountain Division veterans and their families as well as the general public to visit for reflection, reconciliation, and to honor those who have and continue to serve our country.

Mission accomplished and with a surplus of funds, the original Board of Directors invited a new group of veteran leaders to consider realigning the organization to establish a scholarship pro-

gram. Education of young people was upheld as a fundamental value and top priority for these veterans. Today, the program has grown to be multifaceted with undergraduate, graduate and community college scholarships.

In 2016 the 10th Mountain Division Foundation announced the establishment of the Charles A. and Loyola M. Murphy Scholarship for the Study of 10th Mountain Division Military History. This new addition to the Foundation's scholarship lineup was created through a defining partnership and generous gift provided by the family of WWII Charles A. Murphy (86-I) to endow the scholarship.

This \$5,000 scholarship, granted once per recipient, celebrates the devotion to education that Charles Murphy and his wife Loyola lived following his return from Italy and his 31 years of teaching and coaching. Charles A. "Charlie" Murphy (1924-2012) served in World War II in the 86th Regiment, Company I, 10th Mountain Division.

The man known affectionately as "Rock" was a retired teacher and coach at both the high school and college levels. Charlie never lost his connection with the 10th and served as secretary of the Metro New York Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division Association in the 1990s and 2000s.

Scholarship Opportunity! Apply by April 15

The Foundation provides undergraduate and graduate level scholarships to 10th Mountain Division Descendants. See our [website](https://www.10thmountainfoundation.org) for details.