Reflecting on the Year so Far

As I enter the second half of my first year as your President, I have reflected on those things that were meant to be and what incredible things have happened during these challenging times of COVID-19 and economic uncertainty. Many of us would have recently returned from Italy where we would have celebrated the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. With the trip postponed, a small group of us enjoyed a virtual cooking class with our Italians friends at Borgo Pianello Hotel Resort. It was a grand time making fresh gnocchi and pesto while sipping good Italian wine and imagining the travel adventure that was meant to be. Yet it is those things that did happen over the past six months that, in spite of our pandemic-ridden world, are remarkable. We remain on track to perpetuate the legacy of the 10th! Even more remarkable are the dedicated people behind these happenings. Thank you to Trux Dole for his exemplary work on the new website, to Dave Little and Flint Whitlock for their unfailing commitment to honoring the fallen on Memorial Day, to Ben Anderson and Icelantic Skis for supporting our veteran winter adaptive sports programs, and to the leadership at History Colorado for their stewardship of the 10th Heritage. These recent happenings and the incredible people behind them inspire me to lean into the second half of this year with confidence that we will be strong, relevant, resourceful and resolute in meeting our mission...After all, WE ARE THE 10th!

Sempre Avanti,

Nancy Kramer, President

Foundation Website Reflects Our Evolution

We have worked hard over the past four years to update and reorganize your Foundation to meet my vision of increasing our relevance and impact through defined programs, improved connections and increased awareness.

All this work is in place, and we are seeing positive results. Program-related donations have increased, and we are helping more people via our partners’ programs.

However, our website needed to be updated to reflect these changes. Thanks to the generosity and commitment from Dave Richards, the CEO of RiseCX, we now have a brand new website for a fraction of the normal cost.

Our new site, 10thmountainfoundation.org, not only highlights what we do, but also can be more easily updated as we further evolve. That said, I am also grateful to Jen and Joe Neville and Tom Hames for their work on the original website and their support over the years.

Onward!

Trux Dole, Chairman
History Colorado Update

Dr. Chris Juergens, History Colorado’s New Anschutz Assistant Curator for Military History and Heritage

Dr. Chris Juergens grew up in Germany and Upstate New York. He earned a BA in History, Russian Area Studies, and Comparative Literature and an MA in History from Binghamton University.

At Florida State University, he earned his PhD with a dissertation about Hessian troops in the American War of Independence. Chris has presented his work based on research from both sides of the Atlantic at numerous national and international conferences.

A military historian by training, he has also worked on projects centered on the World Wars, and was a longtime volunteer assistant archivist and research mentor at the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience.

History Colorado recently announced the establishment of the Anschutz Assistant Curator of Military History and Heritage. This new position will allow for the inventorying and cataloging of the 10th Mountain Division Artifact Collection to be completed next year.

Upon completion of the 10th project, the staff will embark on updating the large non-10th Mountain military artifact collection. The primary office of the Curator of Military History and Heritage is at the History Colorado Center in downtown Denver. The History Colorado Curatorial Services and Collections professionals serve as stewards of the permanent collection, work to provide access to the state’s rich material heritage, and actively seek innovative ways to make history matter.

The 10th Mountain Division Foundation is grateful to the Anschutz Foundation and History Colorado’s Executive Director Steve Turner and his staff for creating this invaluable position and working partnership.

A Life of Legacies: Hugh Evans to be Inducted Into National Mining Hall of Fame

10th Mountain Division Foundation Director Emeritus, Hugh Evans, will be inducted into the National Mining Hall of Fame at the 33rd Annual National Mining Hall of Fame Induction Banquet in Denver, CO, on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows. Congratulations Hugh!

As a young man of 19, Evans first served his country as a member of the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army during World War II. This specialized mountain warfare unit trained at Camp Hale, CO, and claimed victories over German troops crucial to Italy’s liberation during World War II.

After the war, Evans attended the Colorado School of Mines, earning an Engineer of Mines degree and joined the Army Reserve. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. After serving his country, Evans built a 36-year career from grassroots exploration to large-scale mining operations that have become some of the world’s largest producers. Highlights include the discovery of a substantial uranium deposit on the Colorado plateau for Pacific Uranium, leading their stock price to increase 100-fold; for Utah International, Evans demonstrated the presence of enough coal near Farmington, NM, to justify building the Navajo Mine, Arizona Public Service Power Plant and the Navajo Dam on the San Juan River.

In Queensland, Australia, he led the development of the Blackwater Mine, one of the largest coal reserves in the world, launching Australia into the worldwide coal market. As Vice President of Coal Operations for the Atlantic Richfield Company, he led the design and development of Wyoming’s Black Thunder Mine and the planning and construction of the town of Wright, WY, and as Enoxy Coal President and CEO, Evans oversaw four joint venture mines with Island Creek Coal Company and Italian company, Italsider. Read more at the National Mining Hall of Fame.
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